

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, October 24, 2021

You know that he appeared in order to take away sins,  
and in him there is no sin.

**1 John 3:5**

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

### Greeting and Blessing\*

### Responsive Reading\*

Psalm 121 (p. 831)

I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
where does my help come from?

**My help comes from the LORD,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot slip—  
he who watches over you will not slumber;

**indeed, he who watches over Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The LORD watches over you—  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

**the sun will not harm you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

The LORD will keep you from all harm—  
he will watch over your life;

**the LORD will watch over your coming and going  
both now and forevermore.**

\* *Congregation is requested to stand, if able.*

***Fairest Lord Jesus***

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine. Amen.

**Congregational Confession of Sin**

**Leader:** Heavenly Father, we come before you with guilt and shame as we consider how we have offended you by our sinful actions, our hurtful words, and our disgraceful thoughts.

**All:** While we know that we are free from the bondage of sin, we have often chosen to live as slaves to sin, returning to destructive habits and adopting our old ways of thinking.

**Leader:** We repent and are sincerely sorry for our sins. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, for the sake of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Enable us to receive and rest in the truth that we have been justified by faith and have peace with you through him.

**All:** Give us a growing desire to joyfully serve you and one another as we follow after our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

**Private Confession of Our Sins**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Jeremiah 31:33-34

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

## ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading\*

Zechariah 3

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 80

### *Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee*

Lord, with glowing heart I'd praise thee  
For the bliss thy love bestows,  
For the pard'ning grace that saves me,  
And the peace that from it flows.  
Help, O God, my weak endeavor;  
This dull soul to rapture raise:  
Thou must light the flame, or never  
Can my love be warmed to praise.

Praise, my soul, the God that sought thee,  
Wretched wand'rer far astray;  
Found thee lost, and kindly brought thee  
From the paths of death away.  
Praise, with love's devoutest feeling,  
Him who saw thy guilt-born fear,  
And, the light of hope revealing,  
Bade the blood-stained cross appear.

Praise thy Savior God that drew thee  
To that cross, new life to give,  
Held a blood-sealed pardon to thee,  
Bade thee look to him and live.  
Praise the grace whose threats alarmed thee,  
Roused thee from thy fatal ease;  
Praise the grace whose promise warmed thee,  
Praise the grace that whispered peace.

Lord, this bosom's ardent feeling  
Vainly would my lips express:  
Low before thy footstool kneeling,  
Deign thy suppliant's pray'r to bless.  
Let thy love, my soul's chief treasure,  
Love's pure flame within me raise;  
And, since words can never measure,  
Let my life show forth thy praise. Amen.

## Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q. 101.** *For what do we pray in the first petition?*

**A.** In the first petition, which is, “Hallowed be thy Name,” we pray that God would enable us, and others, to glorify him in all the means by which he makes himself known, and that he would arrange all things to his own glory.

**Q. 102.** *For what do we pray in the second petition?*

**A.** In the second petition, which is, “Thy kingdom come,” we pray that Satan’s kingdom may be destroyed, and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced, ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it, and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.

**Q. 103.** *For what do we pray in the third petition?*

**A.** In the third petition, which is, “Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven,” we pray that God, by his grace, would make us able and willing to know, obey, and submit to his will in all things, as the angels do in heaven.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

### Doxology\*

Hymn 735

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.

### Lord’s Prayer\*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

# THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Second Reading\*

Romans 3:9-31

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [from Psalm 47])

Hymn 73

## *Rejoice, All People, Homage Give*

Rejoice, all people, homage give,  
to God with voice of triumph sing;  
He rules us in dread majesty,  
The great, the universal King.

He puts the nations under us  
And makes us all triumphant stand;  
He gives us for our heritage  
His promised rest, a goodly land.

God has ascended with a shout,  
Jehovah with the trumpet's sound;  
Sing praise to God our King, sing praise,  
Yes, let his glorious praise abound.

Our God is King of all the earth,  
With thoughtful heart his praise make known;  
O'er all the nations God does reign,  
Exalted on his holy throne.

To praise and serve our cov'nant God  
The princes of the earth draw nigh;  
All kingly pow'rs belong to him,  
He is exalted, God Most High. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“Not Guilty!”  
John 18:38 - 19:6

## **GOD'S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE**

Hymn of Thanksgiving\*

Hymn 461

### *Not What My Hands Have Done*

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul;  
Not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.  
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;  
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.

Thy work alone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;  
Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace within.  
Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to thee,  
Can rid me of this dark unrest, and set my spirit free.

Thy grace alone, O God, to me can pardon speak;  
Thy pow'r alone, O Son of God, can this sore bondage break.  
No other work, save thine, no other blood will do;  
No strength, save that which is divine, can bear me safely through.

I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love divine;  
And with unfalt'ring lip and heart, I call this Savior mine.  
His cross dispels each doubt; I bury in his tomb  
Each thought of unbelief and fear, each ling'ring shade of gloom.

I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might;  
He calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my light.  
'Tis he who saveth me, and freely pardon gives;  
I love because he loveth me, I live because he lives. Amen.

## **Benediction\***

### **Congregational Benediction Response\***

(Hymn 115, verse 5)

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father,  
Praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit,  
Three in One,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.

# SERMON NOTES

“Not Guilty!”  
John 18:38 - 19:6

1. We are guilty.  
Mark 14:61-64; John 19:7  
Romans 5:12  
Romans 3:23
2. Jesus was not guilty.  
1 John 3:5  
Hebrews 4:15
3. By faith in Jesus, we are pronounced not guilty.  
Romans 3:25

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# HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

*The daily reading schedule follows the One Year Bible Reading Plan.*

## **Monday, October 25**

Scripture: Jeremiah 48:1 - 49:22; 2 Timothy 4:1-22; Psalm 95:1 - 96:13; Prov. 26:9-12

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 12

Pray for: Our federal, state, and local government leaders.

## **Tuesday, October 26**

Scripture: Jeremiah 49:23 - 50:46; Titus 1:1-16; Psalm 97:1 - 98:9; Proverbs 26:13-16

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 18

Pray for: Our military, police, fire, and medical personnel.

## **Wednesday, October 27**

Scripture: Jeremiah 51:1-53; Titus 2:1-15; Psalm 99:1-9; Proverbs 26:17

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 19

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.  
The churches in Cuba and persecuted Christians.

## **Thursday, October 28**

Scripture: Jeremiah 51:54 - 52:34; Titus 3:1-15; Psalm 100:1-5; Proverbs 26:18-19

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 20

Pray for: Our Elders, Deacons, Women's Ministry, & the PCA.

## **Friday, October 29**

Scripture: Lamentations 1:1 - 2:22; Philemon 1:1-25; Psalm 101:1-8; Proverbs 26:20

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 21

Pray for: Our members who have ongoing health care needs.  
Our pregnant mom.

## **Saturday, October 30**

Scripture: Lamentations 3:1-66; Hebrews 1:1-14; Psalm 102:1-28; Proverbs 26:21-22

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 22

Pray for: The preaching and for our Sunday School teachers.

## **Sunday, October 31**

Scripture: Lamentations 4:1 - 5:22; Hebrews 2:1-18; Psalm 103:1-22; Proverbs 26:23

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 23

Pray for: Our worship this morning.

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*Pray for our missionaries. Their prayer requests are sent out through the Prayer Chain and their newsletters are published in Grace Notes as they become available.*

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## LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

During the Jewish and Roman trials of Jesus, one contrast that is consistently repeated is the sinfulness of his accusers and the guiltlessness of Christ. He is the Spotless Lamb who is betrayed into the hands of sinful men. The reason for this emphasis is to show by what means we receive pardon as sinners. We all stand guilty before God, deserving his just judgment and wrath. But Christ, the perfectly obedient Son, suffered in our place—the just for the unjust to bring us to God. Sinclair Ferguson writes:

Without knowing it, the religious leaders, Pilate, Herod, and Barabbas were all a part of a tapestry of grace which God was weaving for sinners. Jesus was not dying for his own crimes, but for the crimes of others; not for his own sins, but the sins of others. He did not die for himself; he died for us!

1. Review last week's sermon text from John 18:28-38. How did Jesus explain the difference between Pilate's kingdom (the kingdom of the world) and his Kingdom (the Kingdom of God)? How would you characterize the differences between these two kingdoms and how should the differences influence how you live?
2. Why do you think it is significant that Pontius Pilate is named in both the *Nicene Creed* and the *Apostles' Creed*?
3. How does Jesus' arrest and his trials before the Jewish and Roman leaders reveal humanity's depravity? What does the Apostle Paul teach about our depravity in Romans 3:9-20? Do you see evidence of this in your life and in the lives of others?
4. Why is it significant that in the sermon passage, Pilate said three times, "I find no guilt in him" when referring to Jesus? What do passages such as Hebrews 10:1-18 and Luke 4:16-21 reveal about Christ's sinlessness and his ability to save sinners? How might this strengthen your sense of assurance of salvation?
5. In preparation for next Sunday, read John 19:7-16. Why did the Jewish religious leaders want Jesus to be crucified? How did their sinful intentions reveal that what they meant for evil, God meant for the good of his elect?

# Rejoice, All People, Homage Give

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*Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy. Ps. 47:1*

1. Re - joice, all peo - ple, hom - age give, to God with voice of tri - umph sing;  
2. He puts the na - tions un - der us and makes us all tri - um - phant stand;  
3. God has as - cend - ed with a shout, Je - ho - vah with the trum - pet's sound;  
4. Our God is King of all the earth, with thought - ful heart his praise make known;  
5. To praise and serve our cov - nant God the princ - es of the earth draw nigh;

he rules us in dread maj - es - ty, the great, the u - ni - ver - sal King.  
he gives us for our her - i - tage his prom - ised rest, a good - ly land.  
• sing praise to God our King, sing praise, yes, let his glo - rious praise a - bound.  
o'er all the na - tions God does reign, ex - alt - ed on his ho - ly throne.  
all king - ly pow'rs be - long to him, he is ex - alt - ed, God Most High.

From Psalm 47  
*The Psalter*, 1912; alt. 1990, mod.

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*Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789