

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, November 14, 2021

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood...
to him be glory and power forever and ever!

Revelation 1:5-6

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 2 (p. 785)

Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One.

“Let us break their chains,” they say, “and throw off their fetters.”

The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them.

Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, “I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have become your father.

“Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.

“You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.”

Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.

Serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling.

Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do, if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief, spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly fore'er we adore him. Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: We praise you, our God and King, because you are holy and good. Your unfailing love is as vast as the heavens; your faithfulness reaches beyond the clouds.

All: We confess that though you have been faithful, we have been unfaithful. We have sinned against you by breaking your commandments and by not doing the good works that bring you glory and honor.

Leader: Forgive us, we pray. Apart from Christ we could never stand in your presence. Yet in him you have called us to draw near, and so we boldly approach your throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

All: Thank you for the assurance we have of forgiveness through the blood of our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Colossians 3:12-14

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Genesis 22:1-14

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

(printed on p.12)

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy
That calls me as I am.
For hands that should discard me
Hold wounds which tell me, "Come!"
Beneath the cross of Jesus
My unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus,
His family is my own—
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams,
Now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor
The ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus
See the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus,
The path before the crown—
We follow in His footsteps
Where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us
To be His perfect bride!
Beneath the cross of Jesus
We will gladly live our lives. Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 106. *For what do we pray in the sixth petition?*

A. In the sixth petition, which is, “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,” we pray that God would either keep us from being tempted to sin, or support and deliver us when we are tempted.

Q. 107. *What does the conclusion of the Lord’s Prayer teach us?*

A. The conclusion of the Lord’s Prayer, which is, “For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen,” teaches us to take our encouragement in prayer from God only, and in our prayers to praise him, ascribing kingdom, power, and glory to him; and in testimony of our desire and assurance to be heard, we say, “Amen.”

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

Gloria Patri*

Hymn 734

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*

Revelation 5

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [from Psalm 13])

Hymn 641

How Long Wilt Thou Forget Me

How long wilt thou forget me,
O Lord, thou God of grace?
How long shall fears beset me,
While darkness hides thy face?
How long shall griefs distress me
And turn my day to night?
How long shall foes oppress me
And triumph in their might?

O Lord my God, behold me,
And hear my earnest cries;
Lest sleep of death enfold me,
Enlighten thou mine eyes;
Lest now my foe insulting
Should boast of his success,
And enemies exulting
Rejoice in my distress.

But I with expectation
Have on thy grace relied;
My heart in thy salvation
Shall still with joy confide;
And I with voice of singing
Will praise the Lord above,
Who, richest bounties bringing,
Has dealt with me in love. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Clayton Willis

“Jesus Is Crucified”
John 19:16-22

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 172

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior’s name!
He has hushed the law’s loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai’s flame:
He has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies,
Called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
He has washed us with his blood, he presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation threaten hard to bear us down!
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqu’ror’s crown:
He who washed us with his blood soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy’s store;
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more:
He who washed us with his blood has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;
Here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky:
“You have washed us with your blood; you are worthy, Lamb of God!” 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

“Jesus Is Crucified”
John 19:16-22

1. John presents Jesus as our Priest and Sacrifice. (vv. 17-18)
2. John presents Jesus as our King. (vv. 19-22)

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, November 15

Scripture: Ezekiel 31:1 - 32:32; Hebrews 12:14-29; Ps. 113:1 - 114:8; Prov. 27:18-20

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 15

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

Tuesday, November 16

Scripture: Ezekiel 33:1 - 34:31; Hebrews 13:1-25; Psalm 115:1-18; Proverbs 27:21-22

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 36

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

Wednesday, November 17

Scripture: Ezekiel 35:1 - 36:38; James 1:1-18; Psalm 116:1-19; Proverbs 27:23-27

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 37

Pray for: Our covenant children, and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in the Czech Republic and persecuted Christians.

Thursday, November 18

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1 - 38:23; James 1:19 - 2:17; Psalm 117:1-2; Proverbs 28:1

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 38

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

Friday, November 19

Scripture: Ezekiel 39:1 - 40:27; James 2:18 - 3:18; Psalm 118:1-18; Proverbs 28:2

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 39

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

Our pregnant mom.

Saturday, November 20

Scripture: Ezekiel 40:28 - 41:26; James 4:1-17; Psalm 118:19-29; Proverbs 28:3-5

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 40

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

Sunday, November 21

Scripture: Ezekiel 42:1 - 43:27; James 5:1-20; Psalm 119:1-16; Proverbs 28:6-7

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 41

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

It is interesting to note that all four gospel accounts give little attention to the mechanics, or step-by-step procedure, of Jesus' crucifixion. They simply state something like, "There they crucified him." Maybe this is because the original audience knew full well the details of crucifixion, so the writers didn't think it necessary to include those details. For whatever reason, the Holy Spirit did not see it necessary to have those details included in Scripture. We can infer from this that what was recorded ought to be the focus of our attention. All four gospel accounts of Jesus' crucifixion are taken up with the purpose of his crucifixion, rather than the mechanics of it.

R.C. Sproul, in his commentary on John, helps us see this in John's account of Jesus' death:

Jesus was concerned about purpose. The significance of His entire life came down to this moment. When He said, "It is finished," [*tetelestai*] He was saying not just that His life was over but that His mission had been fulfilled. His purpose in coming to earth and going to the cross was accomplished.

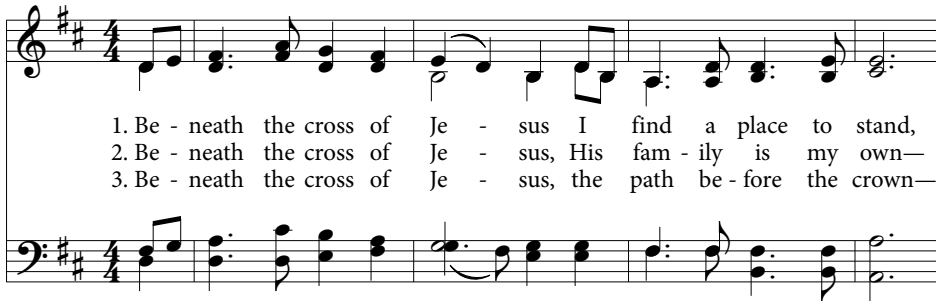
Tetelestai was also sometimes used in the commercial arena in the Greek world. It was stamped on a purchase or written on a receipt, because it meant "paid in full." Jesus said: "I've done it all. I've drunk the cup to its dregs. The sin debt of My people has been paid in full."

With nothing left to do, Jesus "gave up His spirit." He had said, "I lay down My life that I may take it again" (10:17b). When His mission was accomplished, when the atonement was complete, Jesus made the decision to die.

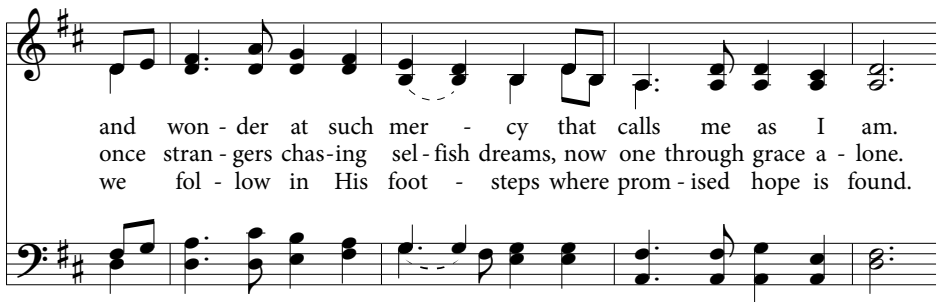
1. What are some reasons you can think of for not including the gory details of Jesus' crucifixion?
2. Read Matthew 27:32-54; Mark 15:21-39; Luke 23:26-49. How do these accounts present the same event from different perspectives? What does each account focus on?
3. List how each of the crucifixion accounts present Jesus as willingly delivering himself up as a sacrifice.
4. List how each of the crucifixion accounts present Jesus as fulfilling the mission given to him by his heavenly Father.
5. List how each of the crucifixion accounts present Jesus as King.

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross... Colossians 1:19-20



1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I find a place to stand,
2. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, His fam - ily is my own—
3. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, the path be - fore the crown—



and won - der at such mer - cy that calls me as I am.
once stran - gers chas - ing sel - fish dreams, now one through grace a - lone.
we fol - low in His foot - steps where prom - ised hope is found.



For hands that should dis - card me hold wounds which tell me, "Come!"
How could I now dis - hon - or the ones that You have loved?
How great the joy be - fore us to be His per - fect bride!



Be - neath the cross of Je - sus my un - wor - thy soul is won.
Be - neath the cross of Je - sus see the chil - dren called by God.
Be - neath the cross of Je - sus we will glad - ly live our lives.

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