# **WORSHIP SERVICE**

Sunday, March 28, 2021

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Zechariah 9:9

#### **Prelude**

Welcome and Announcements

# **ENTERING INTO WORSHIP**

### **Greeting and Blessing\***

#### **Responsive Reading\***

Psalm 84 (p. 814)

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty!

My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young—

a place near your altar, O LORD Almighty, my King and my God.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.

As they pass through the Valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools.

They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.

Hear my prayer, O LORD God Almighty; listen to me, O God of Jacob.

Look upon our shield, O God; look with favor on your anointed one.

Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor;

no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.

O LORD Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you.

<sup>\*</sup> Congregation is requested to stand, if able.

# All Glory, Laud, and Honor

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring! Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; Our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present: To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; To thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!
All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring! 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: Our sins and failures weigh heavy on our hearts, and we feel how our fellowship with you has suffered.

**Leader:** Forgive us and restore us, we pray, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who loves us and gave himself for us. Thank you for the sign and seal of your covenant love in the Table that is set before us.

All: All praise, honor, glory, and power be to you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. 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\* Exodus 33:12-23

#### **Congregational Response**

Hymn 237 (also printed on pg. 10)

### Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
O Savior meek, pursue your road
With palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, your triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The winged squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
To see th'approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Your last and fiercest strife is nigh; The Father on his sapphire throne Expects his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
Bow your meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, your pow'r and reign. Amen.

#### The Nicene Creed (p. 846)

#### Confession of Faith

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of his Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,

begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;

by whom all things were made;

who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,

and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;

and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son;

who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;

who spoke by the prophets;

and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;

we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;

and we look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

Gloria Patri\* 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\* John 13:21 – 14:14

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month)

(sung to This Is My Father's World)

#### The LORD Said to My Lord

The LORD said to my Lord:

"Sit here at My right hand
Until I make Your enemies
A footstool for Your feet."

The LORD from Zion sends
Your scepter in its strength,

"With mighty power show Your rule
Among Your enemies."

Your people freely come
Throughout Your day of pow'r;
From morning's dawn, in holy robes,
Your youth are like the dew.
The LORD has sworn an oath,
And will not change His mind:
"In th'order of Melchizedek,
You ever are a priest."

The Lord at Your right hand
Will shatter kings in wrath.
Among the nations He will judge,
And fill them with their dead.
Yes, He will smite and crush
Chief men in many lands.
And from the wayside brook He'll drink,
And therefore lift His head. Amen.

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

Sermon Pastor Ben Muresan

"Gone, But Not Absent" John 14:7-14

# Celebration of the Lord's Supper

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

## Hymn of Thanksgiving\*

Hymn 535

### O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward,
To thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Spread his praise from shore to shore;
How he loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, nevermore;
How he watches o'er his loved ones,
Died to call them all his own;
How for them he intercedeth,
Watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best: 'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'Tis a haven sweet of rest. O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me; And it lifts me up to glory, For it lifts me up to thee. Amen.

#### Benediction\*

# **Congregational Benediction Response\***

May the peace of God, our heav'nly Father, And the grace of Christ, the risen Son, And the fellowship of God, the Spirit Keep our hearts and minds within his love.

And to him he praise for his glorious reign;
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—
Christ eternal, the King of kings.

May this peace which passes understanding, And this grace which makes us what we are, And this fellowship of his communion, Make us one in spirit and in heart.

And to him be praise for his glorious reign;
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—Christ eternal, the King of kings. Amen.

# **SERMON NOTES**

# "Gone, But Not Absent" John 14:7-14

1.	Believe that Jesus reveals God because he is God (vv. 7-11).			
	Exodus 33:18 John 1:18; 6:37-40			
2.	e that Jesus continues his ministry on Earth through his people (v. 12).			
	John 14:16-17			
3.	Pray with confidence knowing that every prayer is heard and answered (vv. 13-14).			
	2 Corinthians 12:7-9 James 5:16			

# Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!



Henry H. Milman, 1827; alt. Mod.

ST. DROSTANE L.M. John Bacchus Dykes, 1862

# **EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE**

#### Prelude

# **Greeting and Call to Worship\***

Psalm 145:1-7

**Leader:** I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

All: One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness. They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness. The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

Hymn\*

"O Father, You Are Sovereign" Hymn 75

# **Congregational Confession of Sin**

Heavenly Father, we confess that we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep, each of us going our own way and seeking our own path. We have rebelled against your wisdom and sought after foolishness. We have rejected your fatherly commands and have done what is right in our own eyes. Forgive us, we pray, and cause us to walk in your ways. Give us a growing desire to joyfully serve you and one another as we follow after our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

# **Assurance of Forgiveness**

1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Hymn** "God, Be Merciful to Me" Hymn 486

Scripture Reading\* 2 Samuel 7

**Hymn** "God, in the Gospel of His Son" Hymn 141

Prayer

Sermon "The Holy One Will Not See Corruption" Rudy Manrique
Psalm 16

Hymn\* "To You, O Lord, I Fly" Hymn 692

Benediction\*

Congregational Benediction Response\*

(Sung to STUTTGART [Hymn 5])

Honor, glory, might, and merit, be to God and God alone! Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One in Three and Three in One. Amen.

# **HOME WORSHIP GUIDE**

The daily reading schedule follows the One Year Bible Reading Plan. Use our church directory to pray for an individual or family each day.

#### Monday, March 29

Scripture: Deuteronomy 11:1 - 12:32; Luke 8:22-39; Psalm 70:1-5; Proverbs 12:4

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 15 Pray for: Our federal, state, and local government leaders.

#### Tuesday, March 30

Scripture: Deuteronomy 13:1 - 15:23; Luke 8:40 - 9:6; Psalm 71:1-24; Proverbs 12:5-7

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 52 Pray for: Our military, police, fire, and medical personnel.

#### Wednesday, March 31

Scripture: Deuteronomy 16:1 - 17:20; Luke 9:7-27; Psalm 72:1-20; Proverbs 12:8-9

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 53

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in Benin and persecuted Christians.

#### Thursday, April 1

Scripture: Deuteronomy 18:1 - 20:20; Luke 9:28-50; Psalm 73:1-28; Proverbs 12:10

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 54

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

#### Friday, April 2

Scripture: Deuteronomy 21:1 - 22:30; Luke 9:51 - 10:12; Psalm 74:1-23; Prov. 12:11

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 55 Pray for: Our members who have ongoing health needs.

#### Saturday, April 3

Scripture: Deuteronomy 23:1 - 25:19; Luke 10:13-37; Psalm 75:1-10; Prov. 12:12-14

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 56 Pray for: The preaching and for our Sunday School teachers.

#### Sunday, April 4

Scripture: Deut. 26:1 - 27:26; Luke 10:38 - 11:13; Psalm 76:1-12; Prov. 12:15-17

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 57

Pray for: Our worship this morning.

# MISSIONS CORNER

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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