

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, September 20, 2020

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 41 (p. 800)

TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A PSALM OF DAVID.

Blessed is he who has regard for the weak; the LORD delivers him in times of trouble.

The LORD will protect him and preserve his life;

he will bless him in the land and not surrender him to the desire of his foes.

The LORD will sustain him on his sickbed and restore him from his bed of illness.

I said, "O LORD, have mercy on me; heal me, for I have sinned against you."

My enemies say of me in malice, "When will he die and his name perish?"

Whenever one comes to see me, he speaks falsely, while his heart gathers slander;

then he goes out and spreads it abroad.

All my enemies whisper together against me; they imagine the worst for me, saying,

"A vile disease has beset him; he will never get up from the place where he lies."

Even my close friend, whom I trusted, he who shared my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.

But you, O LORD, have mercy on me; raise me up, that I may repay them.

I know that you are pleased with me, for my enemy does not triumph over me.

In my integrity you uphold me and set me in your presence forever.

Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

Amen and Amen.

Hymn of Preparation

Hymn 55

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that we may go in.
*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood! To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.
*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he has done!*

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.
*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he has done! Amen.*

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out our transgressions. Wash away all our iniquity and cleanse us from our sins.

All: For we know our transgressions, and our sins are always before us. Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

Leader: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time we were conceived. Cleanse us, and we will be clean; wash us, and we will be whiter than snow. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and grant us steadfast obedience.

All: We ask all this through the merit and mediation of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

First Reading

Psalms 118

Congregational Response

(also printed on p. 5)

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; he must hold me fast.
He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

Those he saves are his delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; his promises shall last;
Bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.
He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; he will hold me fast.
Raised with him to endless life, he will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last!
He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast. Amen.

Q. 79. *Which is the tenth commandment?*

A. The tenth commandment is, “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

Q. 80. *What is required in the tenth commandment?*

A. The tenth commandment requires full contentment with our own condition, with a right and loving frame of spirit toward our neighbor, and all that is his.

Q. 81. *What is forbidden in the tenth commandment?*

A. The tenth commandment forbids all discontentment with our own estate, envying or grieving at the good of our neighbor, and all inordinate motions and affections to anything that is his.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

Doxology

Hymn 731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. 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 11:38 - 12:11

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [from Psalm 84])

Hymn 371

O Lord of Hosts, How Lovely

O Lord of Hosts, how lovely the place where thou dost dwell!
Thy tabernacles holy in pleasantness excel.
My soul is longing, fainting, Jehovah’s courts to see;
My heart and flesh are crying, O living God, for thee.

Blest who thy house inhabit, they ever give thee praise;
Blest all whom thou dost strengthen, who love the sacred ways.
So they from strength unwearied go forward unto strength,
Till they appear in Zion before the Lord at length.

O hear, Lord God of Jacob, to me an answer yield;
The face of thine anointed, behold, O God, our shield.
One day excels a thousand if spent thy courts within;
I’ll choose thy threshold, rather than dwell in tents of sin.

Our sun and shield, Jehovah, will grace and glory give;
No good will he deny them that uprightly do live.
O God of hosts, Jehovah, how blest is ev’ry one
Who confidence reposes on thee, O Lord, alone. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“The Triumphal Entry”
John 12:12-19

1. Jesus planned his triumphal entry into Jerusalem because he knew that the time had come for him to die for the sins of his people.

John 11:45-57
Mark 10:32-34
John 12:23

2. The crowds were wrong about Jesus because they did not understand that he had come to die for the sins of his people.

Psalm 118:25-26
Zechariah 9:9
John 12:37

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving

Hymn 235

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.

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.

He Will Hold Me Fast

The musical score is written in treble and bass clefs with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 3/2 time signature. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a guitar accompaniment line. Chords are indicated above the vocal line.

System 1: Chords: A, A/C#, D, D, E, A, A. Lyrics: 1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; When the tempt-er / 2. Those He saves are His de-light, Christ will hold me fast; Pre-cious in his / 3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; Just-ice has been

System 2: Chords: A/C#, D, D, E, A, F#m, E/G#, E, A, D. Lyrics: would pre-vail, He will hold me fast. I could nev-er keep my hold / ho-ly sight, He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His / sat-is-fied; He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end-less life,

System 3: Chords: D, C#, F#m, F#m, E/G#, E, A, D, D, E. Lyrics: Through life's fear-ful path; For my love is oft-en cold; He must hold me / Prom-is-es shall last; Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me / He will hold me fast 'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at

System 4: Chords: A, D, E, F#m, F#m, E/G#, A. Lyrics: fast. He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast; / fast. / last!

System 5: Chords: A, Bm7, A/C#, D, D, E, A. Lyrics: For my Sa-vior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

He Will Hold Me Fast

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LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem is a turning point in the gospel because it signals the last few days of Jesus' earthly life. All four evangelists spend a considerable amount of time on Jesus' ministry between his triumphal entry and his resurrection (Matthew 21-28; Mark 11-16; Luke 19-24; John 12-21). This is an indication from the Holy Spirit that the importance of Jesus' life and ministry can best be understood during the final week of his life. It was during this final week that Jesus "gave his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45) and was "raised for our justification" (Romans 4:25).

As we consider Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, we are reminded of Jesus' promise that he will return triumphantly in the Last Day. The difference will be that he will not come peacefully, but he will come to judge those who oppose him and usher in the new heavens and the new earth. We hear this promise at the end of the Book of Revelation as Jesus says, "Surely I am coming soon" (Revelation 22:20). And we as his Church say, "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!"

1. Read 2 Samuel 7:12-17; Isaiah 9:6-7; 11:1-10; and Psalm 110. What kind of Messiah do these passages describe? How does this help you understand the expectations that many first-century Jews had about the Messiah?
2. Read Matthew 21:1-7, which describes how Jesus planned his entry into Jerusalem. What does this passage reveal about his intentions? What did he want people to conclude about his identity?
3. What are some of the different views about Jesus in our society today? Why do you think there are so many different opinions about Jesus, and what do you think we as Christians should do to help people understand the truth about him?
4. What is the significance of what the crowds were shouting as Jesus entered into Jerusalem? Why does John cite Zechariah 9:9?
5. What are the practical implications for our lives as we consider Jesus' triumphal entry, especially as we consider the way Jesus was joyfully received into Jerusalem on Sunday and rejected just a few days later on Friday?

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, September 21

Scripture: Isaiah 37:1 – 38:22; Galatians 6:1-18; Psalm 65:1-13; Proverbs 23:24

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 21

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

Tuesday, September 22

Scripture: Isaiah 39:1 – 41:16; Ephesians 1:1-23; Psalm 66:1-20; Proverbs 23:25-28

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 104

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

Wednesday, September 23

Scripture: Isaiah 41:17 – 43:13; Ephesians 2:1-22; Psalm 67:1-7; Proverbs 23:29-35

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 105

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

Thursday, September 24

Scripture: Isaiah 43:14 - 45:10; Ephesians 3:1-21; Psalm 68:1-18; Proverbs 24:1-2

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 106

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

Friday, September 25

Scripture: Isaiah 45:11 - 48:11; Ephesians 4:1-16; Psalm 68:19-35; Proverbs 24:3-4

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 107

Pray for: Our members who have ongoing health needs.

Saturday, September 26

Scripture: Isaiah 48:12 - 50:11; Ephesians 4:17-32; Psalm 69:1-18; Proverbs 24:5-6

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 1

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

Sunday, September 27

Scripture: Isaiah 51:1 - 53:12; Ephesians 5:1-33; Psalm 69:19-36; Proverbs 24:7

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 2

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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