

May 3, 2020 ~ *Eastertide* ~

Home Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Bless the Lord, and forget not all His benefits,

Who forgives iniquity and heals our diseases,

Who redeems our lives from the pit,

Who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy,

Who satisfies us with good so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, Bless His Holy Name!

~Psalm 103

SONGS OF PRAISE *

Come, Thou Almighty King

Come Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing Help us to praise, Father all glorious, o'er all victorious Come and reign over us Ancient of Days

Come Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword Our prayer attend, come and Thy people bless, And give Thy Word success, Spirit of holiness, on us descend. Come Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear In this glad hour, Thou who almighty art, Now rule in ev'ry heart and ne'er from us depart Spirit of pow'r.

To Thee great One in Three eternal praises be Hence evermore Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see And to eternity love and adore

I Will Sing of the Mercies

Chorus:

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever I will sing I will sing I will sing I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever I will sing of the mercies of the Lord

With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness Thy faithfulness
With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness to all generations (chorus)
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INVOCATION *

CONFESSION OF SIN

Christ the righteous lamb died for us the unrighteous and the rebellious.

Forgive us for our willful forgetfulness of what you have done on our behalf.

The nations rage against your reign

And when we feel the heat of that rage we question our safety with you.

We have doubted the security of your deliverance, your words of assurance.

Gracious God, we appeal to your mercy.

Restore us to the secure hope we have in Christ and strengthen us for the work of glorifying you.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 103:8-12

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

PROFESSION OF FAITH *

Christian, how does our story begin?

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made, in him was life and the life was the light of men.

Did the Word remain in Heaven with God? The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

Who is the Word?

The Word is Jesus Christ, and though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Why did Christ do this?

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures. He was buried, and he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

-Adapted from John 1, Philippians 2, 1 Corinthians 15

PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION *

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

Chorus:

Hallelujah, my life is found in Jesus Christ Hallelujah for I am His and He is mine

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me (chorus)

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Saviour and my God
With Christ my Saviour and my God (chorus)

I bow before the cross of Christ
And marvel at this love divine
God's perfect Son was sacrificed
To make me righteous in God's eyes
This river's depths I cannot know
But I can glory in its flood
The Lord Most High has bowed down low
And poured on me His glorious love
And poured on me His glorious love (chorus)

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SCRIPTURE READING *

Genesis 34:1-31

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

SERMON

"The Heart of Murder" ~ Pastor Ian Hard https://www.ccpcanh.org/podcast/

- 1. Our Hearts Examined
 - a. Sinful
 - b. Mixed Motivations
 - c. Responding from Shame
- 2. Christ's Heart Examined
 - a. Sinless
 - b. Just
 - c. Enduring our Shame

It is Well

When peace like a river attendeth my way When sorrows like sea billows roll Whatever my lot Thou has taught me to say It is well it is well with my soul Chorus
It is well with my soul
It is well with my soul
It is well it is well with my soul

Though Satan should buffet though
Trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul (chorus)

My sin oh the bliss of this glorious thought My sin not in part but the whole Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more Praise the Lord praise the Lord O my soul (*chorus*) Words: Horatio Spafford; Music: Philip Bliss. Public Domain

CLOSING PRAYER*

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.