

October 18, 2020 At Home Bulletin

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Let us worship God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

We are new creations; the old has gone; the new has come! Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

Through us and through our worship may we announce the good news to all.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!

INVOCATION*

SONGS OF PRAISE*

O Worship the King (vv 1-5)

O worship the King all glorious above, O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love; Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space. His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, And dark is his path on the wings of the storm. The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old; Has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree, And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the light; It streams from the hill; it descends to the plain; And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, In you do we trust, nor find you to fail; Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end, Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

Hail to the Lord's Annointed

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son! Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free, To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong; To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong; To give them songs for sighting, their darkness turn to light, Whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight. He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth; And love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth; Before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go; And righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

O'er ev'ry foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest, From age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blessed; The tide of time shall never his covenant remove; His name shall stand forever - that name to us is Love. James Montgomery. © Public Domain

CONFESSION OF SIN

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

Lord we have turned away from you, our only hope.

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us, yet we act as if there is no reason for hope.

Your Son sacrificed for us, rose victorious over sin and death. Forgive us Lord for our cynicism, our doubt, and our hopelessness.

We confess that we find it easier to trust in our gadgets, our bank account, and our education than in the hope of the Eternal King.

We claim to have the hope of the gospel, but despair at the prospect of suffering and persecution.

Awake in us afresh a hopeful trust in you. You are our only hope for forgiveness and restoration.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Colossians 1:11-14

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

PROFESSION OF FAITH*

What shall we say in praise of our God? Holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!

Why should we praise our Lord?
Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.

Why should we praise the Son?

Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made us a kingdom and priests to our God, and we shall reign on the earth.

Why should we praise our God?

Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations! Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.

Based on Revelation 4:8 & 11. 5:9-10. 15:3-4

CHILDREN'S SERMON OFFERING OUR GIFTS

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*

Psalm 130 (From Depths of Woe)

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee

The voice of lamentation;

Lord, turn a gracious ear to me

And hear my supplication;

If Thou iniquities dost mark,

Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,

O who shall stand before Thee?

(Who shall stand before Thee?)

O who shall stand before Thee?

(Who shall stand before Thee?)

To wash away the crimson stain,

Grace, grace alone availeth;

Our works, alas! Are all in vain;

In much the best life faileth;

No man can glory in Thy sight,

All must alike confess Thy might,

And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)

And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord,

And not in mine own merit;

On Him my soul shall rest, His word

Upholds my fainting spirit;

His promised mercy is my fort,

My comfort and my sweet support;

I wait for it with patience(Wait for it with patience)

I wait for it with patience(Wait for it with patience)

What though I wait the live-long night,

And 'til the dawn appeareth,

My heart still trusteth in His might;

It doubteth not nor feareth:

Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed,

Ye of the Spirit born indeed;

And wait 'til God appeareth(Wait 'til God appeareth)

And wait 'til God appeareth(Wait 'til God appeareth)

Though great our sins and sore our woes

His grace much more aboundeth;

His helping love no limit knows,

Our upmost need it soundeth.

Our Shepherd good and true is He,

Who will at last His Israel free

From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow)

From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow)

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SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 11:1-19

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

SERMON

"What are you waiting for?"

~ Pastor Ian Hard

Outline

A Doubting Prophet

A Compassionate King

A Fickle Crowd

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen Public Domain

COMMUNION

If you are following along at home, please refrain from taking Communion as it is a form of worship meant to be celebrated in the physical presence of the body of Christ.

MERCY OFFERING

HYMN OF SENDING

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing Tune my heart to sing Thy grace Streams of mercy never ceasing Call for songs of loudest praise Teach me some melodious sonnet Sung by flaming tongues above Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I'm come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wand'ring from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy grace Lord like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above.

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BENEDICTION*