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At Home Bulletin

CALL TO WORSHIP

The LORD reigns, He is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed in majesty and is armed with strength.

The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved.

**Your throne was established long ago;
you are from all eternity.**

The seas have lifted up, O LORD, the seas have lifted up their voice;
the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.

**Mightier than the thunder of the great waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea - the LORD on high is mighty.**

Your statutes stand firm;
holiness adorns your house for endless days, O LORD.

Psalm 93

INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

This is My Father's World

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears,
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one.
Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901; Music: TERRA BEATA, Franklin Sheppard, 1915.

Psalm 92

Tune: Rejoice the Lord is King

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you; Seek and you shall find;
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you, allelu, alleluia.

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GOD'S LAW AND OUR CONFESSION

When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God. You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. Leviticus 19:9-11

Lord, let us consider the lilies and the sparrow.

For if you provide for such as these, then how can we doubt your care for us.

Yet we have taken control to meet our needs into our own hands,

instead of trusting in the hands that fashioned us and hold us in love.

We have sown much, reaping little, placing our wages in bags with holes.

Gracious Father you have given us all things for your own glory.

**Forgive us for thinking that the splendors that you have created
and blessed us with, are merely for our comfort.**

**Forgive us for placing our trust in our treasure,
whether enslaved to attaining it or retaining it.**

Lord, only in doing your will is their true joy and contentment.

Help us to obey you with all our heart, soul, mind, time, and treasure.

Give us the faith to obey you, O gracious God.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 1:4-8

In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?

Christ, as our Redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.

How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?

Christ executes the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by his word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

Christ executes the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.

How does Christ execute the office of a king?

Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A 21, 23-26

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

RECEPTION OF OFFERINGS

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.

SONG OF PREPARATION

The Feast

With wondering eyes, Lord we admire the feast prepared by grace;
Come, Lord, and set our souls on fire, and fill each heart with peace.
These emblems of thy precious love, by faith may we receive!
And with a solemn pleasure prove, we in thy name believe.

Refrain

We eat this bread, we drink this wine, come give yourself to us.

We know you're here, that's why we've come, to feast on thee with love.

No goodness of our own we bring; we're sinners vile and base;

Christ is our all; of Christ we sing, and long to see his face.

O may we each, with heart and tongue sing, "Worthy is the Lamb";

To him alone the praise belongs, and we'll adore his name. (*Refrain*)

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SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 13:11-18

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Beast and His Mark"

Pastor Ian Hard

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Gloria Patri

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.

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CELEBRATION OF 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

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God:
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down:
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts (1707, 1709); Music: Lowell Mason (1824)

Sermon NOTES: The Beast and His Mark