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At Home Bulletin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 97

INVOCATION

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 every heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three
eternal praises be, hence evermore.
His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore.

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Our God Reigns

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of Him,
Who brings good news, good news,
Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness:
Our god reigns, our god reigns!

Chorus:

Our God Reigns, our God Reigns
Our God Reigns, our God Reigns

He had no stately form, He had no majesty,
That we should be drawn to Him,
He was despised and we took no account of Him,
Yet now He reigns with the Most High. (*chorus*)

Out of the tomb He came with grace and majesty.
He is alive. He is alive.
God loves us so, see here His hands, His feet, His side...
Yes, we know, He is alive! (*chorus*)

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Psalm 31:1-16

Tune: All Glory Laud and Honor

GOD'S LAW AND OUR CONFESSION

Take care, lest you forget the covenant of the LORD your God,
which he made with you, and make a carved image, the form of anything
that the LORD your God has forbidden you. For the LORD your God
is a consuming fire, a jealous God. *Deuteronomy 4:23-24*

O Lord, you are our refuge and strength.

We confess that we have doubted your protection.

**We have believed earthly trials to be bigger
than your power, Almighty God.**

Forgive, us we pray O King.

**For we have trusted in our own strength,
our own defense, our own reputation,
instead of the vindication of being heirs with Christ.**

Hear our prayer.

**Make us into servants committed to your glory
and dependent on your mercy and strength
that we might serve and obey at all times.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Revelation 5:9-10

And they sang a new song, saying, “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 them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

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

Abide With Me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee,
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter’s power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heaven’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 13:1-10

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Counterfeit Kingdoms”

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.*

HYMN OF SENDING

My Hope is Built

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil. *[Refrain]*

His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay. *[Refrain]*

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found;
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne. *[Refrain]*

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Sermon NOTES: Counterfeit Kingdoms