

The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Eastertide May 10, 2020

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

-Romans 1:21-23

The glory of God shines, indeed, in all creatures on high and below, but never more brightly than in the cross.

—John Calvin

Jesus is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

-Hebrews 1:3

Dan Edwards

FIRST READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Taylor Brown

Isaiah 6:1-4

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.

This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

HYMN OF HOLINESS

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Who wert, and art and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see, Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
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Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826). Music: John B. Dykes (1823-1876).

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SECOND READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Isaiah 6:5-13

And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me." ⁹And he said, "Go, and say to this people:

"Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.' ¹⁰Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears. and understand with their hearts. and turn and be healed." 11 Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is a desolate waste, 12 and the LORD removes people far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land. 13 And though a tenth remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak, whose stump remains when it is felled." The holy seed is its stump.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Triune God,

We confess the hardness and coldness of our hearts towards you. We admit that we have often placed our confidence in ourselves and in our own righteousness.

We have esteemed ourselves as sufficient to keep your perfect law rather than placing our whole confidence in Christ and his sufficiency. For the law brings death while the Spirit brings life.
Forgive us for seeking our own glory, rather than that which comes through the work of Christ and the ministry of the Spirit.
Cause our hearts of stone to become hearts of flesh so that we may gaze upon the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ, in whose most holy name we pray. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

PRAYER FOR MERCY

"Trisagion"

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have Mercy, have mercy on us.

Words: Book of Common Prayer. Music: Fernando Ortega. CCLI 6485614.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

—2 Corinthians 3:16-18

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you forgiveness of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of His Holy Spirit.

HYMN OF GRACE

"Open Our Eyes"

When we see the risen Savior with the bread that he has blessed, He becomes the living Servant, heav'nly food for holy rest. Stay with us, for day is fading, feast with us, O secret King, Show to us how Scripture's story speaks of you in everything.

Do not our hearts burn now? For you're here in power.

Jesus, show yourself the Author and Perfecter of our faith, In your living and your dying, consummation of God's grace. From creation to the exile, incarnation to the grave, Resurrection to ascension; come, O Jesus, come to save.

Do not our hearts burn now? For you're here in power.

Chorus:

Open our eyes, shine on our sight, O risen Lord, reigning on high; Give us your life, bread from the skies; Lift up our hearts, open our eyes.

You're the Word that spoke creation, you're the end of Moses' Law, You're the goal of Abram's blessing, you're the King whom David saw; You're the Day the prophets longed for, you're the covenant of grace, You're the hero of the Scriptures, now we see you face to face.

Do not our hearts burn now? For you're here in power. (Chorus)

Jesus, show yourself the Prophet, Jesus, show yourself the King, Jesus, show yourself the Priest, all in all, and everything.

Words and Music: Bruce Benedict and Zachary Hicks. CCLI 7006727.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

Marty Crawford

"I Will Glory in My Redeemer" Emilie Alonso and Rick Barnes, duet

I will glory in my Redeemer,
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me;
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails,
And hung Him on that judgment tree.
I will glory in my Redeemer,
Who crushed the power of sin and death;
My only Savior before the holy Judge,
The Lamb who is my righteousness,
The Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer;
My life He bought, my love He owns.
I have no longings for another,
I'm satisfied in Him alone;
I will glory in my Redeemer,
His faithfulness my standing place,
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me,
My feet are firm, held by His grace,
My feet are firm, held by His grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer,
Who carries me on eagles' wings;
He crowns my life with lovingkindness,
His triumph song I'll ever sing;
I will glory in my Redeemer,
Who waits for me at gates of gold,
And when He calls me, it will be paradise,
His face forever to behold,
His face forever to behold.

Words and Music: Steve and Vikki Cook. CCLI 3337435.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!
Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MORNING PRAYERS

John James

John 12:36b-50

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. ³⁷Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, ³⁸so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

³⁹Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

40"He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them"

⁴¹Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. ⁴²Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

⁴⁴And Jesus cried out and said, "Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me. ⁴⁵And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. ⁴⁶I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. ⁴⁷If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. ⁴⁸The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day. ⁴⁹For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak. ⁵⁹And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me."

All flesh is like grass,
And all its glory is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the word of our God stands forever.

MESSAGE 11

"WHOSE GLORY DO YOU SEEK?"

John Fountain

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

This we pray in the name of the One who taught us to pray, saying:

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.

HYMN OF THE CROSS

"All Glory Be to Christ" to the tune of "Auld Lang Syne"

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive, Unless the Lord does raise the house in vain, its builders strive To You who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life? A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ.

Chorus:

All glory be to Christ our King, all glory be to Christ, His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ.

His will be done, His kingdom come, on earth as is above, Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love; Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price, We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ.

When on that day the Great I Am, the faithful and the true, The Lamb who was for sinners slain is making all things new; Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light, And we shall e're His people be, all glory be to Christ. (Chorus)

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These readings are provided as a personal, family, or group worship resource. Use them along with your worship guide as resources for readings, prayers, and hymns. The scripture readings are from Ligonier Ministries and are designed around a one-year cycle that will allow you to read through the New Testament or the entire Bible in 2020.

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