

# The Worship of God

October 4, 2009

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus! If you are a guest with us, please be sure to sign our Registry when it is passed during the service. Children are welcome in our worship. We have a nursery available for children 3 and under. Children 4 to 6 years of age will be dismissed to Godly Play prior to the sermon. Thank you for joining us today and may the Lord richly bless you.

## Song of Assembly<sup>1</sup>

### Almighty King

Strick

We will drink from Your fountain  
We will sing to our Lord  
We rejoice in Your goodness Almighty King

We will trust in You always  
We will live in Your Light  
We rejoice in Your goodness Almighty King

Sing Praise, sing praise  
To the Almighty King to the Almighty King (x2)

## Welcome and Preparation for Worship

“At least five times... the Faith has to all appearance gone to the dogs. In each of these five cases it was the dog that died.” - G.K. Chesterton

“...I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”  
- The Lord Jesus Christ

## Call to Worship<sup>2</sup>

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing! Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name! For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

## Hymn of Praise

### Praise Him! Praise Him!

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Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus our blessed redeemer!  
Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim!  
Hail Him! Hail Him! Highest archangels in glory;  
Strength and honor give to His holy name!  
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children,  
In His arms He carries them all day long.

*Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness;  
Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song!*

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus our blessed redeemer!  
For our sins He suffered and bled and died;  
He our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,  
Hail Him! Hail Him! Jesus, the Crucified.  
Sound His praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows,  
Love unbounded, wonderful deep, and strong!

*Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness;  
Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song!*

Christ is coming! Over the world victorious,  
Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong!

*Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness;  
Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song!*

## Confession of Faith

Ephesians 1:3-4; 7:8

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. 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.

## Father, Long Before Creation

Barnes

Father, long before creation  
Thou had'st chosen us in love,  
And that love so deep, so moving,  
Draws us close to Christ above.  
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us  
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.

God's compassion is my story,  
Is my boasting all the day;  
Mercy free and never failing  
Moves my will, directs my way.  
God so loved us, God so loved us  
That His only Son He gave.

Loving Father now before Thee  
We will ever praise Thy love,  
And our songs will sound unceasing  
'Til we reach our home above,  
Giving glory, giving glory  
To our God and to the Lamb  
Giving glory, giving glory  
To our God and to the Lamb.

## Call to Confession of Sin

Isaiah 1:18

Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

## Corporate Confession of Sin

Psalm 51:1-4

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment.

## Assurance of Pardon in Christ

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

## Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

### Forever

Tomlin

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord Our God and King,

**All: His love endures forever.**

Leader: For He is good, He is above all things,

**All: His love endures forever.**

**Sing Praise! Sing Praise!**

Leader: With a mighty hand and outstretched arm,

**All: His love endures forever.**

Leader: For the life that's been reborn,

**All: His love endures forever.**

**Sing praise! Sing praise!**

**Sing Praise! Sing praise!**

**Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,  
Forever God is with us, forever and ever, forever.**

Leader: From the rising to the setting sun,

**All: His love endures forever.**

Leader: By the grace of God we will carry on,

**All: His love endures forever.**

**Sing praise! Sing praise!**

**Sing praise! Sing praise!**

**Forever You are faithful, forever You are strong,  
Forever You are with us, forever and ever.**

### I Give You My Heart

Morgan

This is my desire, to honor You;  
Lord, with all my heart, I worship You;  
All I have within me, I give You praise;  
All that I adore is in You.

*Lord, I give You my heart, I give You my soul,  
I live for You alone;  
Every breath that I take, every moment I'm awake,  
Lord, have Your way in me.*

## Corporate Prayer

Ruling Elder Emory Ellis

## Offering

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<sup>2</sup> We believe that God always initiates with sinners, so we begin worship with his invitation and command to us to gather in His name.

**Mighty to Save                  Youth Praise Band**

Everyone needs compassion, a love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me.  
Everyone needs forgiveness the kindness of a Saviour,  
The Hope of nations.

Saviour, He can move the mountains;  
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save  
Forever, Author of salvation,  
He rose and conquered the grave;  
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures;  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow everything I believe in,  
Now I surrender.

Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King. Jesus!  
Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.

**Sermon<sup>3</sup>**

**Pastor Tommy Lee**

**There ARE Two Ways About It - Part II**  
What Will Your Life Be Like? - Psalm 1

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**A Word About Communion** - The bread and juice you see on the Communion table may not look like much to the casual observer. In fact, it is merely bread and juice. What makes this meal special is that the Lord Jesus Christ is spiritually present in a unique way. This sacrament is not something to be taken lightly but neither is it a time to be somber; rather, we should be filled with thankfulness and joy. Our Savior, out of His great mercy, bids His people to come to this meal. If you are a member of a church who embraces the Gospel of Jesus Christ and are at peace with your fellow Christians, we welcome you to this table. Come and consider with us our Lord's body and shed blood symbolized in the bread and juice. Rejoice with us in our union with Him and with each other as His Covenant people. For those not taking Communion today, we encourage you to carefully think on the prayers found in the section entitled: "Prayers for Those Not Communing", and we look forward to the day when you may join us in this meal.

**How Deep the Father's Love for Us                  Townend**

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders,  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in any thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer,  
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.

**Benediction<sup>4</sup>**

**Numbers 6:24-26**

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**We Are the Body of Christ**

**Hampton**

One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise You,  
We are the body of Christ.  
One goal, one vision, to see You exalted,  
We are the body of Christ.  
And to this we give our lives  
To see You glorified.

One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise You,  
We are the body of Christ.  
We are the body of Christ.

**Prayers of Meditation for Those Not Communing**

**Prayer for Those Searching for Truth**

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

**Prayer of Belief**

Heavenly Father, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through Your Son Jesus, I can be more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank You that He lived the life I should have lived, and paid the debt and punishment I owed. Receive me now for His sake. I turn from my sins and receive Him as Savior. Amen.

**Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin**

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

**Prayer of Commitment**

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

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<sup>4</sup> Just as God called us into His presence at the beginning, so now He commands His blessing upon us as we depart. We look up and extend our hands in a posture of thanksgiving as we receive this great gift. Our final response to God's assurance of His peace and presence upon those who are in Christ is a chorus of joyful song.

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<sup>3</sup> 4, 5, & 6 year-old children may be dismissed before the sermon to Godly Play in room 173.