

# The Worship of God

November 1, 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 may 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>

### Great God Who Saves

Story

Oh, the promises of God, the rock on which I stand,  
The truths to which I cling.  
His love that knows no bounds; He showers us with grace,  
Withholding no good thing.

When I stumble and my faith is small,  
I will call Your name, great God who saves.

And I would have despaired if I had not believed  
That You would come to me, great God who saves.  
And in my darkest hour, Your mercy and Your power  
Are reaching out to me, great God who saves.

Oh, the mystery of God, who holds all space and time,  
Yet knows my every need.  
The vastness of Your power, the strength You give the weak;  
I soar on eagle's wings.

And in my pain and in my need,  
You heard me calling out Your name.  
When I was blind and could not see,  
You stepped in and saved a wretch like me,  
And saved a wretch like me.  
Great God who saves.

## Welcome and Preparation for Worship

If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.  
- Jesus of Nazareth

The story we're called to tell and live and die by is one of risk confronted, death embraced. What's more, Jesus calls us to walk the narrow way, take up a cross with him, daily. It's terribly risky business. Ask that bright company of martyrs that quite recklessly parted with goods, security, and life itself, preferring to be faithful in death rather than safe in life.  
- William Willimon

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

Psalm 95:1-7

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

## Hymn of Praise

### Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

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 His name-I'm fixed upon it-name of God's redeeming love.

Hither to Thy love has blest me; Thou hast bro't me to this place;  
And I know Thy hand will bring me safely home by Thy good grace.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, 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, O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.

## Confession of Faith

Leader: Do you believe in God the Father?

**ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**ALL: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended to heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Leader: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**ALL: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

### Lord Most High

Harris/Sadler

From the ends of the earth (*Echo*)  
From the depths of the sea (*Echo*)  
From the heights of the heavens (*Echo*)  
Your name be praised

From the hearts of the weak (*Echo*)  
From the shouts of the strong (*Echo*)  
From the lips of all people (*Echo*)  
This song we raise Lord

Throughout the endless ages  
You will be crowned with praises  
Lord Most High  
Exalted in every nation  
Sovereign of all creation  
Lord Most High be magnified

## Call to Confession of Sin

Romans 12:9-13

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

## Corporate Confession of Sin

Lord God, we have given more weight to our successes and our happiness than to your will. We have eaten without a thought for the hungry. We have spoken without an effort to understand others. We have kept silent instead of telling the truth. We have judged others, forgetful that you alone are the judge. We have acted in accordance with our opinions rather than acting according to your commands. Within your church we have been slow to practice love of our neighbors. And in the world we have not been your faithful servants. Forgive us and help us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon in Christ

Romans 3:21-24

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it – the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

## Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

### Come Ye Sinners

Smith

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched,  
Weak and wounded, sick and sore.  
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,  
Full of pity joined with power.  
He is able, He is able;  
He is willing; Doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come and welcome;  
God's free bounty glorify:  
True belief and true repentance,  
Every grace that brings you nigh.  
Without money, without money  
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come ye weary, heavy laden,  
Bruised and broken by the fall.  
If you tarry till you're better,  
You will never come at all.  
Not the righteous, not the righteous;  
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger,  
Nor of fitness fondly dream.  
All the fitness He requireth  
Is to feel your need of Him.  
This He gives you, this He gives you,  
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended;  
Pleads the merit of His blood.  
Venture on Him; venture wholly,  
Let no other trust intrude.  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus  
Can do helpless sinners good.

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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.

### Knowing You

All I once held dear, built my life upon  
All this world reveres and wars to own,  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss,  
Spent and worthless now compared to this.

*Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You;  
There is no greater thing.  
You're my all, You're my rest,  
You're my joy, my righteousness;  
And I love You, Lord.*

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,  
To be found in You and known as Yours;  
To possess by faith what I could not earn,  
All surpassing gift of righteousness.

Oh to know the pow'r of Your risen life,  
And to know You in Your suffering,  
To become like You in Your death, my Lord,  
So with You to live and never die.

*Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You;  
There is no greater thing.  
You're my all, You're my rest,  
You're my joy, my righteousness;  
You're my all, You're my rest,  
You're my joy, my righteousness;  
You're my all, You're my rest,  
You're my joy, my righteousness;  
And I love You, Lord.*

### O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Francis

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;  
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.  
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Your love;  
Leading onward, leading homeward, to Thy glorious rest above.

*Oh the deep, deep love, all I need and trust  
Is the deep, deep love of Jesus.*

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread His praise from shore to shore;  
How He came to pay our ransom, through the saving cross He bore;  
How He watches o'er His loved ones, those He died to make His own;  
How for them He's interceding, pleading now before the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Far surpassing all the rest:  
It's an ocean full of blessing, in the midst of every test.  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Mighty Savior, precious Friend;  
You will bring us home to glory, where Your love will never end.

### Prayer of Petitions & Thanksgivings

### Offering

Kendrick

Sermon<sup>3</sup>

Pastor Tommy Lee

Series: "Come to me... and I will give you rest." (Matt. 11:28)

### XXXVI. The Committee for the Prevention of God Matthew 12:38-45

#### 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.

#### Search Me, Know Me

Rainey/Scott

Search me, know me;  
Try me and see  
Every worthless affection hidden in me;  
All I'm asking for is that you'd cleanse me, Lord.

Create in me a heart that's clean;  
Conquer the power of secret shame;  
Come wash away the guilty stain of all my sin.

Clothe me in robes of righteousness,  
Cover my nakedness with grace;  
All of my life before you now I humbly bring.

Benediction<sup>4</sup>

Psalm 60:8; 2 Corinthians 2:14

May the God who shouted, "Moab is my washbasin; upon Edom I toss my sandal; over Philistia I shout in triumph!," lead you to always triumph in Christ and spread through you everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of Him.

#### Behold, Bless the Lord

Unknown

May the Lord bless you out of Zion,  
He who made heaven and earth.

*Lift up (lift up) your hands (your hands)  
In the sanctuary, and bless the Lord.*

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

<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.