

The Worship of God

November 22, 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 Assembly¹

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

Traditional

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye,
To Canaan's fair and happy land where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day;
There God, the Son forever reigns and scatters night away.

*I am bound, I am bound,
I am bound for the Promised Land.
I am bound, I am bound,
I am bound for the Promised Land*

No chilling winds nor pois'nous breath can reach that healthful shore,
And sickness, sorrow, pain, and death are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blest?
When shall I see my Savior's face and in His bosom rest?

Welcome and Preparation for Worship

The sands of time are sinking, the dawn of heaven breaks;
The summer morn I've sighed for - the fair, sweet morn awakes:
Dark, dark had been the midnight but dayspring is at hand,
And glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

The king there in His beauty, without a veil is seen:
It were a well-spent journey, though seven deaths lay between:
The Lamb with His fair army, doth on Mount Zion stand,
And glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

O Christ, He is the fountain, the deep, sweet well of love!
The streams on earth I've tasted more deep I'll drink above:
There to an ocean fullness His mercy doth expand,
And glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

The bride eyes not her garment, but her dear Bridegroom's face;
I will not gaze at glory but on my King of grace.
Not at the crown He giveth but on His pierced hand;
The Lamb is all the glory of Emmanuel's land.

O I am my Beloved's and my Beloved is mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner into His house of wine
I stand upon His merit - I know no other stand,
Not e'en where glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

-Samuel Rutherford

Call to Worship²

Revelation 1:8,17-18

Let us remember the One who said, "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."... "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades."

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

Hymn of Praise

Holy, Holy, Holy

Dykes

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, 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,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

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.

You're Worthy of My Praise

Ruis

*I will give You all my worship,
I will give You all my praise.
You alone I long to worship,
You alone are worthy of my praise.*

I will worship (I will worship)
With all of my heart; (with all of my heart)
I will praise you (I will praise you)

With all of my strength. (with all of my strength)
I will seek you (I will seek you)
All of my days; (all of my days)
And I will follow, (I will follow)
Follow all of Your ways. (all Your ways)

I will bow down, (I will bow down)
And hail You as King; (and hail You as King)
I will serve you, (I will serve you)
Give You everything. (give You everything)
I will lift up, (I will lift up)
My eyes to Your throne; (my eyes to Your throne)
And I will trust You, (I will trust You)
I will trust You alone. (I'll trust You alone)

Call to Confession of Sin

Luke 10:25-28

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved You with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, You are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with You! Restore to us the joy of Your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let Your word abide with us until it has wrought in us Your holy will. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon in Christ

Psalms 103:11-12

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Wesley

Arise, my soul arise, shake off your guilty fears,
The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears.
Before the throne, my Surety stands,
Before the throne, my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

*Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul, arise!
Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul, arise,
Shake off your guilty fear and rise!*

He ever lives above for me to intercede,
His all redeeming love, His precious blood to plead,
His blood atoned for every race,
His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

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

Five bleeding wounds He bears received on Calvary,
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me,
“Forgive him, oh forgive”, they cry,
“Forgive him, oh forgive”, they cry,
“Nor let that ransomed sinner die”.

My God is reconciled, His pardoning voice I hear,
He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And “Father, Abba, Father” cry.

I Am the Lord Your God

When you pass through the waters I will be with you,
And the waves will not overcome you, do not fear.
For I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name you are mine.

*For I am the Lord Your God, (I am Lord your God)
I am the Lord your God, (I... Am)
The Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I am the Lord, (Do not fear.)
I am the Lord, (Do not fear.)
I am the Lord, (Do not fear.)
I am the Lord. (Do not fear.)*

When you pass through the fire you'll not be burned
And the flames will not consume you, do not fear.
For I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name you are mine.

Come, Worship the Lord

*Come, worship the Lord for we are His people,
The flock that He shepherds.
Alleluia!*

The Lord is God the mighty God,
The great King o'er all other gods.
He holds in His hands the depths of the earth
And the highest mountains as well.
He made the sea, it belongs to Him
The dry land too, was formed by His hand.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Offering

Sermon³

Pastor Tommy Lee

Unknown

It Is Well with My Soul

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”

*It is well, (it is well), with my soul, (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
Even so-it is well with my soul.

Benediction⁴

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.

Behold, Bless the Lord

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.*

Unknown

⁴ 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.

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