

Welcome to Worship

Sharing life in Christ with each other and our neighbors

June 13, 2021

O Worship the King (#2)

O worship the King all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might and sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In you do we trust nor find you to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,
Whom angels delight to worship above!
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,
In true adoration shall sing to your praise!

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Welcome & Announcements

Focus

We look today at a parable where a widow pleads for justice. She asks the judge again and again and receives no response. Why does she keep asking? Why does God want us to keep asking him?

Confession

(Reading Together)

God you hear us when we cry out to you. Yet how easily we give up on you. When your response doesn't come on our own terms - in our time and in our way - we think you have failed us. Forgive our lack of faith. Help us to recognize you at work even when you work in ways we don't expect.

Assurance of Pardon

People of God, listen to these words:

Though we may not recognize him, God is with us even now and forgives us. He is faithful!

We Greet Each Other

Scripture Reading: Luke 18: 1 - 8

Don't Be Afraid (#429)

Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,
my love is stronger than your fear.
Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,
And I have promised, promised to be always near.

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There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (#689)

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice,
Which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader
Than the measures of the mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
Make our love, O God, more faithful,
let us take you at your word,
and our lives will be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.

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Ten Thousand Reasons (#559)

Chorus
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship your holy name.

Verse 1

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship your holy name.

Verse 2

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing --
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship your holy name.

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come;
still my soul will sing Your praise unending--
ten thousand years and then forevermore!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship your holy name.

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Congregational Prayer

Message "Don't Lose Heart!"

Pastor Jonathan Owens

The Lord's Supper Litany:

Pastor: In the Lord's Supper, Christ offers his own crucified body and shed blood to his people, assuring them a share in his death and resurrection. By the Holy Spirit, he feeds us with his resurrection life and binds us to each other as we share one loaf and cup.

People: We receive this food gladly, believing, as we eat, that Jesus is our life-giving food and drink and that he will come again to call us to the wedding feast of the Lamb.

The Lord's Supper

The Apostles Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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. Amen.

Parting Blessing

Like a River Glorious (#699)

Verse 1

Like a river glorious
is God's perfect peace,
over all victorious
in its bright increase:
perfect yet still flowing
fuller every day;
perfect yet still growing
deeper all the way.

Chorus

Trusting in the Father,
hearts are fully blest,
finding as he promised,
perfect peace and rest.

Verse 2

Hidden in the hollow
of his mighty hand,
where no harm can follow,
in his strength we stand.
We may trust Him fully
All for us to do;
those who trust Him wholly
find Him wholly true.

Chorus

Trusting in the Father,
hearts are fully blest,
finding as He promised,
perfect peace and rest.

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