



The Lord's Day | May 2, 2021

Preparation

Gathering Song

Rejoice In All Your Works

Every mouth that cries for food, every lung that yearns for breath,
every eye that searches through the dark for light;
all creation looks to you for its breath and for its food;
from the goodness of your hand we're satisfied.

Chorus Oh rejoice in all your works, King of Heaven, King of Earth!
Every creature you have made declares your praise.
We rejoice in all you've made, God of all sustaining grace;
with the mountain, sky, and sea, we sing your praise.

Every tree that thirsts for rain, every bird that seeks its nest,
every heart that waits in hope to be made glad;
all creation looks to you for its breath and for its food;
from the goodness of your hand we're satisfied. *Chorus*

May the pond'rings of my heart and the song upon my lips
with the chorus of creation join in praise:
to the God who made all things, to the Spirit who sustains,
to the Son who over all creation reigns! *Chorus*

Call to Worship

Psalm 71:16-19

Leader: With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD I will come; I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.

All: O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.

Leader: Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens.

All: You who have done great things, O God, who is like you?

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn and Song of Adoration

And Can It Be

Hymn 455

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Refrain: Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis myst'ry all! Th'Immortal dies: who can explore his strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more. *Refrain*

He left his Father's throne above (so free, so infinite his grace!),
humbled Himself (so great His love!) and bled for all his chosen race!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me! *Refrain*

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed thee. *Refrain*

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own. *Refrain*

Christ Be All Around Me

As I rise, strength of God, go before me, lift me up;
as I wake, eyes of God, look upon, be my sight.

As I wait, heart of God, satisfy and sustain;
as I hear, voice of God, lead me on, be my guide, be my guide.

Chorus Above and below me, before and behind me:
 in ev'ry eye that sees me, Christ be all around me;
 above and below me, before and behind me;
 in ev'ry eye that sees me, Christ be all around me.

As I go, hand of God, my defense, by my side;
as I rest, Breath of God, fall upon, bring me peace, bring me peace. *Chorus*

Bridge Your life, your death, your blood was shed for ev'ry moment, ev'ry moment.

Bridge repeat twice; *Chorus*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 20:6-9

Leader: Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with the saving might of his right hand.

All: Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. They collapse and fall, but we rise and stand upright. O LORD, save the king! May he answer us when we call.

Church Life Announcements

Prayer for Offering

Doxology

Hymn 731

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Ron Aasland

Scripture Reading

Psalm 73

A Psalm of Asaph.

- 1 Truly God is good to Israel,
to those who are pure in heart.
- 2 But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled,
my steps had nearly slipped.
- 3 For I was envious of the arrogant
when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

- 4 For they have no pangs until death;
their bodies are fat and sleek.
- 5 They are not in trouble as others are;
they are not stricken like the rest of mankind.
- 6 Therefore pride is their necklace;
violence covers them as a garment.
- 7 Their eyes swell out through fatness;
their hearts overflow with follies.
- 8 They scoff and speak with malice;
loftily they threaten oppression.
- 9 They set their mouths against the heavens,
and their tongue struts through the earth.
- 10 Therefore his people turn back to them,
and find no fault in them.
- 11 And they say, "How can God know?
Is there knowledge in the Most High?"
- 12 Behold, these are the wicked;
always at ease, they increase in riches.
- 13 All in vain have I kept my heart clean
and washed my hands in innocence.
- 14 For all the day long I have been stricken
and rebuked every morning.
- 15 If I had said, "I will speak thus,"
I would have betrayed the generation of your children.

- 16 But when I thought how to understand this,
it seemed to me a wearisome task,
17 until I went into the sanctuary of God;
then I discerned their end.
- 18 Truly you set them in slippery places;
you make them fall to ruin.
- 19 How they are destroyed in a moment,
swept away utterly by terrors!
- 20 Like a dream when one awakes,
O Lord, when you rouse yourself, you despise them as phantoms.
- 21 When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart,

- 22 I was brutish and ignorant;
I was like a beast toward you.
- 23 Nevertheless, I am continually with you;
you hold my right hand.
- 24 You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will receive me to glory.
- 25 Whom have I in heaven but you?
And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.
- 26 My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
- 27 For behold, those who are far from you shall perish;
you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you.
- 28 But for me it is good to be near God;
I have made the Lord God my refuge,
that I may tell of all your works.

Sermon

“The Sanctuary of God”

Doug Domin

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall 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.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Communion Hymn

Jesus Paid It All

Hymn 308

I hear the Savior say, "Your strength indeed is small,
child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all."

Refrain Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;
sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find your power, and yours alone,
can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone. *Refrain*

For nothing good have I whereby thy grace to claim —
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's lamb. *Refrain*

And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat. *Refrain*

Gloria Patri

Hymn 735

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

Benediction

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The Psalms for May 2-8

The Pilgrim Psalms: Set 2

All of life is to be lived in worship to the Lord. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 10:31, “So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all for the glory of God.” From the most important thing to the most seemingly mundane thing we do each day, we are to do it in worship to God and for His glory. Because worship is so important the Lord set apart one very special day, the Lord’s Day, when God’s people are to gather locally in what Jesus taught was God’s House which was to be a place of prayer for all nations. These Pilgrim Psalms we find in the Psalms are songs sung as worshipers ascended up to Jerusalem to worship God at the Temple. The actual service of corporate worship is prescribed by God with biblical elements of singing, prayer, an offering, prayers of confession of sin, the reading of God’s Word, sacraments, and preaching. These songs of worship remind us of the importance of preparation. Lord’s Day worship begins well in advance of our 8:30 am or 11:00 am worship service—where we are often hustling to get to on time. Reading and meditating on these Psalms in advance of Sunday can help put us in a better mindset of worship as we approach the Lord’s Day. These “Pilgrim Psalms” encourage us to lift up our hearts to the Lord to rely on His power and trusting in His goodness to bless us as the Creator of Heaven and Earth.

Sunday – Psalm 127: If God is not in what we do and we rely on our power, not God’s, all human effort is worthless. (ESV Study Bible Psalm 127)

Monday – Psalm 128: A continuation of the themes in Psalm 127. The family, as the basic building block of life, needs the blessing of God to prosper.

Tuesday – Psalm 129: A Psalm descriptive of the suffering of God’s people. The wicked are never victorious because God cuts the “cords of the wicked” and puts to shame those who hate the Lord and His people.

Wednesday – Psalm 131: This short but intimate Psalm expresses deep trust in God’s power and providence as it speaks of our limits and weaknesses. Our hope is only in the Lord.

Thursday – Psalm 133: An expression of the blessing of unity among God’s people as they worship the Lord with one voice and sing His praises while ascending to Jerusalem to worship.

Friday – Psalm 134: This Psalm is at the end of these Songs of Ascents. It can be interpreted as a final blessing on the departing worshipers, asking for the Maker of Heaven and Earth to bless His people.

Saturday – Psalm 73: The problem of thinking the things of this world will satisfy our deepest longings and needs. Everything changes when we enter into the presence of God.

Psalm 73 Sermon Questions

1. Can you share an experience when you felt as though you almost had fallen away from the faith as Asaph shares in verse 2?
2. Asaph is able to look back at his attitude and mindset because he entered into the “sanctuary of God.” What did he discover about himself? Can you make a list of what tempted him to come to such a place spiritually? Can you reflect on your own heart about how you may have been tempted to fall away?
3. Why do you think the Psalm begins with, “Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart”? Being pure in heart seems to go against everything in verses 3-16. What one thing may he have realized as he went through this journey?
4. Asaph had moments of almost convincing himself that personal holiness didn’t matter. How do we know it does? Is living for the glory of God alone really something done in vain? How might you make more progress to that end?
5. Entering into the Worship of God completely transformed Asaph’s world and life view. He realized it was “good to be near God” and to have the “Lord God my refuge.” Can you share how your perspective changed when you encountered God in worship?
6. Asaph even described himself as being “embittered” and “brutish and ignorant” before God. Do you have that kind of bold confession of sin when you see yourself as you really are, apart from the insight the Holy Spirit gives to you in worship?