



Christ Presbyterian Church

May 24, 2020

Morning Worship Service

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The Prelude

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

You may use the following song for quiet reflection as you prepare to worship.

<https://youtu.be/Zz4LBjysReA>

Call to Worship

Romans 11: 33, 36 and Revelation 7: 1

(If you are with your whole family, the fathers may read the part of “pastor” and let the family respond as the congregation. If you are on your own, simply read the words out loud and reflect on their meaning as you speak.)

Pastor: Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever.

Congregation: Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And with your spirit.

Pastor: Let us worship God.

The Hymn of Praise

Holy, Holy, Holy

<https://youtu.be/YIHD40CZY34>

The Invocation

from The Book of Common Prayer, 1979

(you may use the attached prayer to ask the Lord’s presence as you worship Him)

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker 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 into hell.**

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into 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.

*This refers to the realm of the dead, not the place of eternal punishment. **This refers to the universal Church, throughout all time and in all places.

New Testament Lesson

Romans 12: 9-21

Confession of Sin

Hebrews 10: 30-31

“For we know him who said, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay.” And again, “The Lord will judge his people.” ³¹It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”

(This confession reminds us that it is the Lord who avenges evil. Take a moment and confess your thoughts and actions of vengeance. Confess your failure to believe God to make all things right)

Silent Confession

Prayer of Confession

Taken from Psalm 51: 1-4, 11-13, 15

“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. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. Amen.”

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 130: 3-4

“If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.”

(Unless God would be merciful, none of us could stand before him. But, an important part of God's character is his mercy. He does not treat us as our sins deserve. If you trust in Jesus Christ, as the means through which God extends mercy and grace; your sins are forgiven- through the blood of Christ.)

The Hymn of Response

Abide with Me

<https://christpresauburn.org/sermons/hymn-abide-with-me/>

The Offertory Prayer

Holy God! Again you have supplied our needs and brought us to worship you. Again we have resisted your grace and treasured the gifts over the giver. Merciful Father, we now come to give what has been given to us, to sow in a kingdom where moth and rust do not destroy. With a glad and cheerful heart, let us give. Amen.

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

After worship, feel free to send a check to P.O. Box 2016 Auburn, AL. 36831 or you may go to this link and give online. <https://christpresauburn.org/online-giving/>

Pastoral Prayer

(Follow this link to our pastoral prayer and the sermon.)

<https://christpresauburn.org/sermons/an-imprecatory-psalm-god-assures-injustice/>

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 58

The Hymn of Response

Psalm 91, Trinity Psalter

<https://christpresauburn.org/sermons/psalm-psalm-91-from-the-trinity-psalter/>

Benediction

Hebrews 13: 20-21

“Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.”

Doxology

<https://christpresauburn.org/sermons/hymn-doxology/>

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

Sermon Outline

Main idea- God, the righteous, answers injustice.

1) The Accusation- (v1-5)

2) The Prayer- (v6-9)

A. God will bring justice to the wicked-

B. God is setting up his kingdom-

C. Our prayers should reflect these truths-

3) The Response- (v10-11)

Hymn lyrics

The Prelude

1. *Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.*
2. *King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood;
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.*

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

3. *Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its wings on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.*
4. *At His feet the six-winged seraph,
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord Most High!*

The Hymn of Praise

1. *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!*

2. *Holy, holy, holy!
All the saints adore thee.
Casting down their golden crown
Around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim
Falling down before thee
Who wert and art and
Evermore shall be.*

Holy, Holy, Holy

3. *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 power, in love and purity*

4. *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*

The Hymn of Response

Abide with Me

1. *Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

2. *Thou on my head in early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee,
On to the close, Lord, abide with me.*

3. *I need Thy presence every passing hour.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.*

4. *I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness.
Where is thy sting, death? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.*

5. *Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.*

Trinity Psalter

Psalm 91

HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7.D.
Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855

1. ¹Who with God Most High finds shel - ter in th'Al-might - y's shad - ow hides.
 2. God's own truth, your shield and buck - ler; ⁵you will fear no ill by night,
 3. ⁹You have made the LORD your ref - uge, God Most High your dwell - ing - place;
 4. ¹³You shall tram - ple ser - pents, li - ons, tread on all your dead - ly foes.

²To the LORD I'll say, "My Ref - uge!" In my God my trust a - bides.
 nor the shafts in day - light fly - ing, ⁶nor dis - ease that shuns the light,
¹⁰noth - ing e - vil shall be - fall you; in your tent no scourge you'll face.
¹⁴For his love to me I'll save him, keep him, for my name he knows;

³From the fowl - er's snare he'll save you, from the dead - ly pes - ti - lence;
 nor the plague that wastes at noon - day. ⁷At your side ten thou - sand fall;
¹¹He will an - gels charge to keep you, guard you well in all your ways.
¹⁵when he calls me I will an - swer, save and hon - or him will I.

⁴cov - er you with out - spread pin - ions, make his wings your con - fi - dence.
⁸you will on - ly see this judg - ment which re - wards the wick - ed all.
¹²In their hands they will up - hold you, lest your foot a stone should graze.
¹⁶I will show him my sal - va - tion, with long life will sat - is - fy.