

May 12, 2024 At Home Bulletin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 30

INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

How Great Thou Art!

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder -Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee -How great Thou art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee -How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

When thru the woods and forest glades I wander, And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees, When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze,

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing He bled and died to take away my sin!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation, And take me home – what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration And there proclaim: "My God! How great Thou art!"

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Psalm 113

Tune: Take My Life and Let it Be

GOD'S LAW AND OUR CONFESSION

"Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.' But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one." *Matthew 5:33-37*

Lord of all the earth, strong and mighty above all.

We confess that we have believed ourselves strong, ignoring your help we so desperately need. We have ignored the warnings of your word and strayed into battle unawares.

Forgives us our sins.

Forgive us for trusting untrue truths.

Forgive us for offering rags for righteousness.

Forgive us for denying the peace of your gospel
by failing to proclaim the good news to ourselves and others.

Forgive us for thinking we can save ourselves.

Forgive us for trusting our words and denying the power of your Word.

We cry out for your forgiveness.

We claim the white robes that are ours in Christ. Guard our hearts and keep us from sin; help us stand firm for you. From Ephesians 6

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Christians, what do you believe?

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.

Apostles Creed

CHILDREN'S SERMON

James 1:27

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

RECEPTION OF OFFERINGS

PRAYER

Heavenly Father who gives good gifts,

We thank you for mothers and the gift of motherhood.

We pray that we would honor our mothers,

and ask your help for mothers to fulfill their calling.

Forgive us for not honoring our mothers.

Forgive us for not honoring those you have not called to be mothers.

We lament a world that does not see children as your gift.

We cry out over the injustice of abortion.

We lament with those who yearn to have children.

We lament over infertility and miscarriage.

We mourn with those that have lost children.

O Lord, hear our cry.

Lord, we long for healing.

Heal the broken of body, heart, and spirit.

Repair rifts between mothers and children.

Make your church a place of healing, safety, and love.

We long for the day when you make all things new.

Until that day may we find our rest and relief in your loving embrace.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day, by his love and pow'r controlling all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour, so that all may see I triumph only through his pow'r.

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything, that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea; him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.

May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win, and may they forget the channel, seeing only him.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 7:18-35

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Of Doubts and Dirges"

Pastor Ian Hard

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Gloria Patri

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.

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CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

If you are following along at home, please refrain from taking Communion as it is a form of worship meant to be celebrated in the physical presence of the body of Christ.

HYMN OF SENDING

Days of Elijah

These are the days of Elijah declaring the Word of the Lord, And these are the days of Your servant, Moses, righteousness being restored; And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword, Still we are the voice in the desert crying: "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

Chorus:

Behold, He comes riding on the clouds, Shining like the sun at the trumpet call. So lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee, And out of Zion's Hill salvation comes.

And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh. And these are the days of Your servant, David, re-building a temple of praise.

And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in the world. And we are the laborers in Your vineyard Declaring the Word of the Lord. *Chorus*CCLI Song #1537904. © 1996 Daybreak Music, Ltd. Robin Mark. For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use. All rightsReserved.www.ccli.com, CCLI License #1843136.

BENEDICTION

Sermon NOTES: Of Doubts and Dirges