

**Order of Worship**  
**Morning Worship**  
**March 28, 2021**

**Call to Worship:** Psalm 46:8-11

**Hymn #2 – O Worship the King**

<sup>1</sup>O worship the King all-glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;  
our shield and Defender, the Ancient of  
Days,  
pavilioned in splendor and girded with  
praise.

<sup>2</sup>O tell of his might, O 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.

<sup>3</sup>The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;  
has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

<sup>4</sup>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 distils in the dew and the rain.

<sup>5</sup>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!

<sup>6</sup>O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!  
While angels delight to hymn you above,  
the humbler creation, though feeble their  
lays,  
with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

**Invocation**

**Confession of Sin:** (from Psalm 130)

Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope. My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning. Let Israel hope in the LORD: for with the LORD there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon:** I Peter 2:24

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 16:13-28

**Doxology:**

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.

**Responsive Reading of the Psalms: Psalm 73, pp. 811-12**

Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart.

**But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold.**

For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

**They have no struggles; their bodies are healthy and strong.**

They are free from the burdens common to man; they are not plagued by human ills.

**Therefore pride is their necklace; they clothe themselves with violence.**

From their callous hearts comes iniquity; the evil conceits of their minds know no limits.

**They scoff, and speak with malice; in their arrogance they threaten oppression.**

Their mouths lay claim to heaven, and their tongues take possession of the earth.

**Therefore their people turn to them and drink up waters in abundance.**

They say, "How can God know? Does the Most High have knowledge?"

**This is what the wicked are like—always carefree, they increase in wealth.**

Surely in vain have I kept my heart pure; in vain have I washed my hands in innocence.

**All day long I have been plagued; I have been punished every morning.**

If I had said, "I will speak thus," I would have betrayed your children.

**When I tried to understand all this, it was oppressive to me,**

till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny.

**Surely you place them on slippery ground; you cast them down to ruin.**

How suddenly are they destroyed, completely swept away by terrors!

**As a dream when one awakes, so when you arise, O Lord, you will despise them as fantasies.**

When my heart was grieved and my spirit embittered,

**I was senseless and ignorant; I was a brute beast before you.**

Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand.

**You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory.**

Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

**My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.**

Those who are far from you will perish; you destroy all who are unfaithful to you.

**But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign LORD my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds.**

### **Hymn #609 – Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me?**

<sup>1</sup>Why should cross and trial grieve me?  
Christ is near with his cheer;  
never will he leave me.  
Who can rob me of the heaven  
that God's Son for my own  
to my faith hath given?

<sup>2</sup>God oft gives me days of gladness;  
shall I grieve if he give  
seasons, too, of sadness?  
God is good and tempers ever  
all my ill, and he will  
wholly leave me never.

<sup>3</sup>Death cannot destroy forever;  
from our fears, cares, and tears  
it will us deliver.  
It will close life's mournful story,  
make a way that we may  
enter heav'nly glory.

<sup>4</sup>Lord, my Shepherd, take me to thee.  
Thou art mine; I was thine,  
even ere I knew thee.  
I am thine, for thou hast bought me;  
lost I stood, but thy blood  
free salvation brought me.

<sup>5</sup>Thou art mine; I love and own thee.  
Light of joy, ne'er shall I  
from my heart dethrone thee.

Savior, let me soon behold thee  
face to face; may thy grace  
evermore enfold me!

### **Pastoral Prayer**

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

### **Hymn #144 – Father of Mercies, in Your Word**

<sup>1</sup>Father of mercies, in your Word  
what endless glory shines;  
forever be your name adored  
for these celestial lines.

<sup>4</sup>O may these heav'nly pages be  
my ever-dear delight;  
and still new beauties may I see,  
and still increasing light.

<sup>2</sup>Here may the wretched sons of want  
exhaustless riches find;  
riches above what earth can grant  
and lasting as the mind.

<sup>5</sup>Divine Instructor, gracious Lord,  
O be forever near;  
teach me to love your sacred Word,  
and view my Savior there.

<sup>3</sup>Here the Redeemer's welcome voice  
spreads heav'nly peace around;  
and life and everlasting joys  
attend the blissful sound.

### **Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed**

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 Ghost,  
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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
The holy catholic church;  
The communion of Saints;  
The forgiveness of sins;  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting.  
Amen.

**Scripture Reading:** Exodus 9:1-7

**Title:** To Say Nothing of the Camel

**Sermon Outline**

I. Conflict Defined (1-3a)

A. Pharaoh's hand

B. The Lord's hand

II. Cattle Divided (3b-5)

A. Egypt's cattle

B. Israel's cattle

III. Consequences Denied (6-7)

A. Death

B. Decision

## Hymn #590 – Jesus, Master, Whose I Am

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, Master, whose I am,  
purchased thine alone to be  
by thy blood, O spotless Lamb,  
shed so willingly for me,  
let my heart be all thine own,  
let me live to thee alone.

<sup>2</sup>Jesus, Master, I am thine:  
keep me faithful, keep me near;  
let thy presence in me shine  
all my homeward way to cheer.  
Jesus, at thy feet I fall,  
O be thou my all in all.

<sup>3</sup>Jesus, Master, whom I serve,  
though so feebly and so ill,  
strengthen hand and heart and nerve  
all thy bidding to fulfil.  
Open thou mine eyes to see  
all the work thou hast for me.

<sup>4</sup>Lord, thou needest not, I know,  
service such as I can bring;  
yet I long to prove and show  
full allegiance to my King.  
Thou an honor art to me:  
let me be a praise to thee.

## Benediction

### The Response of God's People Sung:

*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.*

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