

Order of Worship
Morning Worship
April 18, 2021

Call to Worship: Psalm 47:5-7

Hymn #166 – Wondrous King, All-Glorious

¹ Wondrous King, all-glorious,
sov'reign Lord victorious,
oh, receive our praise with favor!
From thee welled God's kindness
tho' we in our blindness
strayed from thee, our blessed Savior.
Strengthen thou, help us now;
let our tongues be singing,
thee our praises bringing.

² Heavens, spread the story
of our Maker's glory,
all the pomp of earth obscuring.
Sun, thy rays be sending,
thy bright beams expending,
light to all the earth assuring.
Moon and star, praise afar
him who glorious made you;
the vast heavens aid you.

³ O my soul, rejoicing,
sing, thy praises voicing,
sing, with hymns of faith adore him!
All who here have being,
shout, your voices freeing,
bow down in the dust before him.
He is God Sabaoth;
praise alone the Savior,
here and there for ever.

⁴ Hallelujahs render
to the Lord most tender,
ye who know and love the Savior.
Hallelujahs sing ye,
ye redeemed, oh, bring ye
hearts that yield him glad behavior.
Blest are ye endlessly;
sinless there for ever,
ye shall laud him ever.

Invocation

Confession of Sin: (from Psalm 51)

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest. Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: I Timothy 1:15

Scripture Reading: Matthew 18:1-14

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 77, pp. 812-13

I cried out to God for help; I cried out to God to hear me.

**When I was in distress, I sought the Lord; at night I stretched out untiring hands
and my soul refused to be comforted.**

I remembered you, O God, and I groaned; I mused, and my spirit grew faint.

You kept my eyes from closing; I was too troubled to speak.

I thought about the former days, the years of long ago;

I remembered my songs in the night. My heart mused and my spirit inquired:

“Will the Lord reject forever? Will he never show his favor again?”

“Has his unfailing love vanished forever? Has his promise failed for all time?”

“Has God forgotten to be merciful? Has he in anger withheld his compassion?”

Then I thought, “To this I will appeal: the years of the right hand of the Most High.”

I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.

I will meditate on all your works and consider all your mighty deeds.

Your ways, O God, are holy. What god is so great as our God?

You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples.

With your mighty arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

The waters saw you, O God, the waters saw you and writhed; the very depths were convulsed.

The clouds poured down water, the skies resounded with thunder; your arrows flashed back and forth.

Your thunder was heard in the whirlwind, your lightning lit up the world; the earth trembled and quaked.

Your path led through the sea, your way through the mighty waters, though your footprints were not seen.

You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Hymn #38 – Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

¹ Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of
Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we
praise.

³ Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their
sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

² Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in
might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring
above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness
and love.

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 #308 – Jesus Paid It All

¹ I hear the Savior say,
"Your strength indeed is small,
child of weakness, watch and pray,
find in me your all in all."
Jesus paid it all,
all to him I owe;
sin had left a crimson stain,
he washed it white as snow.

² Lord, now indeed I find
your power, and yours alone,
can change the leper's spots,
and melt the heart of stone.
Jesus paid it all,
all to him I owe;
sin had left a crimson stain,
he washed it white as snow.

³ For nothing good have I
whereby thy grace to claim —
I'll wash my garments white
in the blood of Calv'ry's lamb.
Jesus paid it all,
all to him I owe;
sin had left a crimson stain,
he washed it white as snow.

⁴ And when, before the throne,
I stand in him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save,"
my lips shall still repeat.
Jesus paid it all,
all to him I owe;
sin had left a crimson stain,
he washed it white as snow.

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 9:13-35

Title: Hail Hammering Hard Hearts

Sermon Outline

I. Targeting the Heart (13-19)

A. The Lord's supremacy

B. The Lord's reputation

II. Differences of Hearts (20-26)

A. God's people in Egypt

B. God's people in Goshen

III. Hardening other Hearts (27-35)

A. Pharaoh's admission

B. Pharaoh's authority

Hymn #472 – Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched

¹ Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,
weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
full of pity joined with pow'r:
he is able,
he is able,
he is able,
he is willing; doubt no more;
he is willing; doubt no more.

² Come, ye needy, come and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
true belief and true repentance,
ev'ry grace that brings you nigh,
without money,
without money,
without money,
come to Jesus Christ and buy;
come to Jesus Christ and buy.

³ Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
bruised and broken by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better,
you will never come at all:
not the righteous,
not the righteous,
not the righteous—
sinners Jesus came to call;
sinners Jesus came to call.

⁴ Let not conscience make you linger,
nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth
is to feel your need of him;
this he gives you,
this he gives you,
this he gives you;
'tis the Spirit's rising beam;
'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

⁵ Lo! th'incarnate God, ascended,
pleads the merit of his blood;
venture on him, venture wholly,
let no other trust intrude:
none but Jesus,
none but Jesus,
none but Jesus
can do helpless sinners good,
can do helpless sinners good.

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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