

Order of Worship
Morning Worship
April 25, 2021

Call to Worship: Psalm 48:1-2

Hymn #73 – Rejoice, All People, Homage Give

¹ Rejoice, all people, homage give,
to God with voice of triumph sing;
he rules us in dread majesty,
the great, the universal king.

⁴ Our God is King of all the earth,
with thoughtful heart his praise make known,
o'er all the nations God does reign,
exalted on his holy throne.

² He puts nations under us
and makes us all triumphant stand;
he gives us for our heritage
his promised rest, a goodly land.

⁵ To praise and serve our cov'nant God
the princes of the earth draw nigh;
all kingly pow'rs belong to him,
he is exalted, God Most High.

³ God has ascended with a shout,
Jehovah with the trumpet's sound;
sing praise to God our King, sing praise,
yes, let his glorious praise abound.

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: Psalm 32:1-5

Scripture Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

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 80, pp. 813-14

Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock;

you who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.

Awaken your might; come and save us.

Restore us, O God; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.

O LORD God Almighty, how long will your anger smolder against the prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.

You have made us a source of contention to our neighbors, and our enemies mock us.

Restore us, O God Almighty; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.

You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

You cleared the ground for it, and it took root and filled the land.

The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches.

It sent out its boughs to the Sea, its shoots as far as the River.

Why have you broken down its walls so that all who pass by pick its grapes?

Boars from the forest ravage it and the creatures of the field feed on it.

Return to us, O God Almighty! Look down from heaven and see!

Watch over this vine, the root your right hand has planted, the son you have raised up for yourself.

Your vine is cut down, it is burned with fire; at your rebuke your people perish.

Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have raised up for yourself.

Then we will not turn away from you; revive us, and we will call on your name.

Restore us, O LORD God Almighty; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.

Hymn #349 – O Thou Who the Shepherd of Israel Art

¹ O thou who the Shepherd of Israel art,
give ear to our pray'r and thy favor impart;
thou leader of Joseph, thou guide of his way,
'mid cherubim dwelling, thy glory display.

² In Ephraim's, Manasseh's and Benjamin's
sight,
O come thou and save us; awake in thy might.
O God, give us favor, restore to thy grace;
and then we shall live in the light of thy face.

³ From Egypt's dark border a vine thou didst
take;
destroying the heathen didst room for it make.
Where planted it grew at thy sov'reign
command,
with roots deeply set and boughs filling the
land.

⁴ The axe hews it down; it is burned in the fire;
they perish, rebuked in thy terrible ire.
O lay then thy hand on the Man of thy might,
The Son of Man made to stand strong in thy
sight.

⁵ No more shall we wander, delighting in
shame;
revive us, O Lord, we will call on thy name.
O Lord God of hosts, us restore to thy grace,
and then we shall live in the light of thy face.

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 #251 – Beneath the Cross of Jesus

¹ Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty Rock
within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness,
a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noon-tide heat
and the burden of the day.

² Upon the cross of Jesus
mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One
who suffered there for me:
and from my stricken heart with tears
two wonders I confess,
the wonders of redeeming love
and my unworthiness.

³ I take, O cross, thy shadow
for my abiding place:
I ask no other sunshine than
the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by,
to know no gain nor loss;
my sinful self my only shame,
my glory all the cross.

Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed

I believe in one God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
Begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
Very God of very God,
Begotten, not made,
Being of one substance with the Father,
By whom all things were made;
Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven,
And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
And was made man,
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
And ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead:
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost,
The Lord and giver of life,
Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,
Who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe in one catholic and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the Resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Scripture Reading: Exodus 10:1-20

Title: Are Locusts that Bad?

Sermon Outline

I. Plague Generations (1-6)

A. Son's sons

B. Father's fathers

II. Plague Grandstanding (7-11)

A. Severity

B. Suspicion

III. Plague Gloom (12-20)

A. Darkness

B. Death

Hymn #706 – Jesus Lives, and So Shall I

¹ Jesus lives, and so shall I.
Death! thy sting is gone forever!
He who deigned for me to die,
lives, the bands of death to sever.
He shall raise me from the dust:
Jesus is my hope and trust.

² Jesus lives, and reigns supreme;
and, his kingdom still remaining,
I shall also be with him,
ever living, ever reigning.
God has promised; be it must:
Jesus is my hope and trust.

³ Jesus lives, and by his grace,
vict'ry o'er my passions giving,
I will cleanse my heart and ways,
ever to his glory living.
Me he raises from the dust:
Jesus is my hope and trust.

⁴ Jesus lives! I know full well
naught from him my heart can sever,
life nor death nor pow'rs of hell,
joy nor grief, henceforth forever.
None of all his saints is lost:
Jesus is my hope and trust.

⁵ Jesus lives and death is now
but my entrance into glory.
Courage, then, my soul, for thou
hast a crown of life before thee;
thou shalt find thy hopes were just:
Jesus is the Christian's trust.

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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