

Order of Worship
Morning Worship
May 2, 2021

Call to Worship: Psalm 48:10-11

Hymn #101 – Come, Thou Almighty King

¹ Come, thou Almighty King,
help us thy name to sing,
help us to praise.
Father, all glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

² Come, thou Incarnate Word,
gird on thy mighty sword,
our prayer attend.
Come, and thy people bless,
and give thy Word success;
Spirit of holiness,
on us descend.

³ Come, Holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art,
now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.

⁴ To the great One in Three
eternal praises be,
hence evermore.
His sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore.

Invocation

Confession of Sin: (from Daniel 9)

O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments; We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments:

Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to us. O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee. To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him; Neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from us. Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary, for the Lord's sake. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy people that are called by thy name.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 103:10-12

Scripture Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

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.

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 #382 – God Himself Is with Us

¹ God himself is with us:
let us now adore him,
and with awe appear before him.
God is in his temple -
all within keep silence,
prostrate lie with deepest rev'rence.
Him alone God we own,
him, our God and Savior;
praise his name forever.

³ O thou fount of blessing,
purify my spirit;
trusting only in thy merit,
like the holy angels
who behold thy glory,
may I ceaselessly adore thee,
and in all, great and small,
seek to do most nearly
what thou lovest dearly.

² God himself is with us:
hear the harps resounding!
See the crowds the throne surrounding!
"Holy, holy, holy" -
hear the hymn ascending,
angels, saints, their voices blending!
Bow thine ear to us here:
hear, O Christ, the praises
that thy church now raises.

Scripture Reading: Exodus 10:21-29

Title: Darkness is as Light

Sermon Outline

I. Lord of Darkness (21-23)

A. The extent of darkness

B. The nature of darkness

II. Lord over Darkness (24-26)

A. Pharaoh's demand

B. Moses' determination

III. Lord despite Darkness (27-29)

A. Pharaoh's tantrum

B. Moses' affirmation

Hymn #426 – "Till He Come"!

¹ "Till he come!" O let the words
linger on the trembling chords;
let the little while between
in their golden light be seen;
let us think how heav'n and home
lie beyond that "Till he come."

² When the weary ones we love
enter on their rest above,
seems the earth so poor and vast,
all our life-joy overcast?
Hush, be ev'ry murmur dumb:
it is only till he come.

³ Clouds and conflicts round us press:
would we have one sorrow less?
All the sharpness of the cross,
all that tells the world is loss,
death and darkness, and the tomb,
Only whisper "Till he come."

⁴ See, the feast of love is spread,
drink the wine, and break the bread:
sweet memorials, till the Lord
call us round his heav'nly board;
some from earth, from glory some,
severed only till he come.

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.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Hymn #64 – God, the Lord, a King Remaineth

¹ God, the Lord, a King remaineth,
robed in his own glorious light;
God hath robed him and he reigneth;
he hath girded him with might.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
God is King in depth and height.

² In her everlasting station
earth is poised, to swerve no more;
thou hast laid thy throne's foundation
from all time where thought can soar.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Lord, thou art for evermore.

³ Lord, the water-floods have lifted,
ocean floods have lift their roar;
now they pause where they have drifted,
now they burst upon the shore.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
For the ocean's sounding store.

⁴ With all tones of waters blending,
glorious is the breaking deep;
glorious, beauteous without ending,
God who reigns on heav'n's high steep.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Songs of ocean never sleep.

⁵ Lord, the words thy lips are telling
are the perfect verity:
of thine high eternal dwelling
holiness shall inmate be.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Pure is all that lives with thee.

Benediction

The Response of God's People Sung:

#730, vv. 1/2

*May the grace of Christ our Savior and the Father's boundless love, with the Holy Spirit's favor,
rest upon us from above. / Thus may we abide in union with each other and the Lord, and
possess, in sweet communion, joys which earth cannot afford.*