



The Order of Celebration and Worship of God

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 24, 2020

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come— this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Greeting and Call To Worship

Leader: May the grace and peace from Jesus Christ, our Lord, be with you!

People: *And also with you!*

Leader: Sisters and brothers in Christ, in this most holy season, when our Savior, Jesus Christ, passed from death to life,

People: *We gather with the church throughout the world in vigil and prayer.*

Leader: This is the Passover of Jesus Christ: Through light and the Word, through water and the bread and wine, we recall Christ's death and resurrection,

People: *We share Christ's triumph over sin and death, and with invincible hope we await Christ's coming again.*

Leader: Hear the Word of God: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

People: *In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.*

Leader: The light shines in the darkness,

People: *And the darkness has not overcome it!*

—based on John 1:1, 4-5, NRSV

Opening Hymn | Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Words by Robert Robinson, 1758; Music is traditional American melody

*Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I've come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.*

*O, to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

People: *Amen.*

All Singing: *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.*

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: *The Name of the Lord be praised!*

Hymn of Worship | King of Saints

Taken From Gadsby Hymnal #857; Words by Joseph Hart (1712-1768), music by Clint Wells (2004)

*Jesus Christ, God's holy lamb,
We will laud thy lovely name;
We were saved by God's decree,
And all our debt was paid by thee.*

*Thou has washed us in thy blood,
Made us kings and priests to God;
Take this tribute of the poor;
Less we can't, we can't give more.*

*Souls redeemed, your voices raise,
Sing your dear Redeemer's praise;
Worthy thou of love and laud,
King of saints, incarnate God.*

*Righteous are thy ways and true;
Endless honors are thy due;
Grace and glory in thee shine;
Matchless mercy, love divine.*

*We for whom thou once was slain,
We thy ransomed sinner train,
In this one request agree,
"Spirit make us more like thee."*

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

People: *Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired;
new love where we have turned hard-hearted;
forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded;
and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where
we are prisoners of ourselves.*

Please take a moment for silent confession.

Leader: To all and to each,
on his community and on his friends,
where regret is real,
Jesus pronounces his pardon
and grants us the right to begin again.

People: *Thanks be to God! Amen.*

Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Leader: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Parents may take children 3-5 (pre-Kindergarten) to Redeemer Kids at this time.

New Testament Reading | 1 Peter 4.12-14, 5.6-11

[12] Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. [13] But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. [14] If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

[6] Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, [7] casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. [8] Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. [9] Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. [10] And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. [11] To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn of Worship | Isaiah 43 (I Am the LORD Your God)

Author unknown

*When you pass through the waters, I will be with you
And the waves will not overcome you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name, you are Mine.*

*For I am the LORD your God (I am the LORD your God),
I am the LORD your God (I am),
The Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
For I am the LORD your God (I am the LORD your God),
I am the LORD your God (I am),
The Holy One of Israel, your Savior.*

*I am the LORD (do not fear).
I am the LORD (do not fear).
I am the LORD (do not fear).
I am the LORD (do not fear).*

*When you walk through the fire, you'll not be burned,
And the flames will not consume you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name, you are Mine.*

—continued—

*For I am the LORD your God (I am the LORD your God),
I am the LORD your God (I am),
The Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
For I am the LORD your God (I am the LORD your God),
I am the LORD your God (I am),
The Holy One of Israel, your Savior.*

*You are the LORD (I'll not fear).
You are the LORD (I'll not fear).
You are the LORD (I'll not fear).
You are the LORD (I'll not fear).
You are the LORD.*

Psalm | Psalm 68.1-10, 33-35

Leader: God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered;
People: *And those who hate him shall flee before him!*
Leader: As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away;
People: *As wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God!*
Leader: But the righteous shall be glad;
People: *They shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!*
Leader: Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
People: *Lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;*
Leader: His name is the LORD;
People: *Exult before him!*
Leader: Father of the fatherless and protector of widows
People: *Is God in his holy habitation.*
Leader: God settles the solitary in a home;
People: *He leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.*
Leader: O God, when you went out before your people,
People: *When you marched through the wilderness,* Selah
Leader: The earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain,
People: *Before God, the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.*
Leader: Rain in abundance, O God, you shed abroad;
People: *You restored your inheritance as it languished;*
Leader: Your flock found a dwelling in it;
People: *In your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.*

Leader: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God;
People: *Sing praises to the Lord,* Selah
Leader: To him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;
People: *Behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.*
Leader: Ascribe power to God,
People: *Whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies.*
Leader: Awesome is God from his sanctuary;
People: *The God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people.*
All: *Blessed be God!*

Sermon Text | John 17:1-11

[1] When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, [2] since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. [3] And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. [4] I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. [5] And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

[6] "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. [7] Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. [8] For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. [9] I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. [10] All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. [11] And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

Sermon Notes

Confession of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

—from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

Prayers of the People, Concluded with the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who 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 and ever. Amen.

The Holy Communion

(For those watching at home, I encourage you to take this time to watch and pray with us. Remember this all along: Jesus is not more present with us who are gathered than he is with you at home! The Lord's Supper is a sign and seal of his blessing to us, and a great gift, but it does not mean you are missing out on his presence or his blessing. We all participate by faith in Christ whether physically receiving the Supper or not.)

Prayer of Dedication

Leader: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: *We lift them up to the Lord!*

Leader: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God!

People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise!*

Leader: It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

People: *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest!*

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Leader: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

Leader: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.

People: *Therefore, let us keep the feast.*

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God.

The Feast

Communion Hymn | Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Words by Henry Lyte, 1824

*Jesus, I my cross have taken, All to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition, All I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own.*

*Let the world despise and leave me, They have left my Savior too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me, Thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while Thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might.
Foes may hate and friends disown me, Show Thy face and all is bright.*

*Man may trouble and distress me, 'Twill but drive me to Thy breast.
Life with trials hard may press me, Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me, While Thy love is left to me.
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me, Were that joy unmixed with Thee.*

*Go, then, earthly fame and treasure, Come disaster, scorn and pain.
In Thy service, pain is pleasure, With Thy favor, loss is gain.
I have called Thee Abba Father, I have stayed my heart on Thee.
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather, All must work for good to me.*

Soul, then know thy full salvation, Rise o'er sin and fear and care.

*Joy to find in every station, Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee! Think what Father's smiles are thine!
Think that Jesus died to win thee! Child of heaven, canst thou repine?*

*Haste thee on from grace to glory, Armed by faith, and winged in prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee, God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days!
Hope shall change to glad fruition, Faith to sight, and prayer to praise!*

Concluding Prayer

One More Hymn and the Offering | The Lamb has Overcome

Words and music by Luke Morton, 2011

*The Lamb has overcome, the Lamb has overcome,
The battle's done and the victory is won, For the Lamb has overcome!*

*No grave could hold him down, no grave could hold him down,
Up from the ground, "He is risen!" was the sound, No grave could hold him down.*

*At God's right hand is he, at God's right hand is he,
Our Perfect Plea as he lives to intercede, At God's right hand is he.*

*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Glory be unto his name! (2x)*

*The table now is spread, the table now is spread,
This wine and bread, broken body and blood shed, The table now is spread.*

*The day is drawing near, the day is drawing near,
He shall appear and will wipe away each tear, The day is drawing near.*

*The Lamb has overcome, the Lamb has overcome,
The battle's done and the victory is won, For the Lamb has overcome!*

Benediction & Dismissal

Leader: Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

—Ephesians 3:20-21

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Announcements

Small Group Meetings:

Small groups are an important part of our ministry at Redeemer. They offer opportunities to deepen relationships and to love, serve, and pray for one another and our city. If you are interested in joining a group, please email Ben Wheeler: ben@redeemertyler.com.

Monthly Youth Meeting:

All junior high and high school students are invited to join us on the third Sunday of the month for a time of fellowship, dinner, and Bible Study.

Bible and Book Studies:

- Men's study meets over breakfast, 7:00 am on Fridays. Contact Konrad Kern (714-658-4972).
- Women's Bible study (Galatians) meets 11:00 am on Friday mornings.
- Women's book study is reading one book per month and then discussing it on first Fridays in place of the weekly Bible study. They will be discussing *When Helping Hurts* by Fikkert and Corbett on June 5th. Contact Patti Babin (361-215-0065) for information on either of these women's groups.

Prayer Suggestions:

Topic: needs of our city.

- Monday
That God's Kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically in our schools.
- Tuesday
That God's Kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically in city, state, and local government, and justice systems.
- Wednesday
That God's Kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically in local law enforcement, emergency response personnel, and hospitals.
- Thursday
That God's Kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically amongst our immigrant, economically disadvantaged, and minority populations. See Deuteronomy 10.17-19.
- Friday
That God's Kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically for a unity within our churches and between our churches in the cause of Christ.
- Saturday
That God's Kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically that the gospel would be proclaimed throughout our city's churches.