



The Order of Celebration and Worship of God

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 24, 2021

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.

Opening Prayer

Greeting and Call To Worship

Leader: The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;

People: *For he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.*

Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?

People: *Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.*

—Psalm 24.1-4

Opening Hymn | When Morning Gilds the Skies

Translated from German by Edward Caswall (1853), Music by Joseph Barby (1868)

*When morning gilds the skies,
My heart awaking cries, may Jesus Christ be praised.
Alike at work and prayer
To Jesus I repair: may Jesus Christ be praised.*

*Does sadness fill my mind?
A solace here I find, may Jesus Christ be praised.
Or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this: may Jesus Christ be praised.*

*In heav'n's eternal bliss
The loveliest strain is this: may Jesus Christ be praised.
The pow'rs of darkness fear,
When this sweet chant they hear: may Jesus Christ be praised.*

*Let earth's wide circle round
In joyful notes resound: may Jesus Christ be praised.
Let air and sea and sky,*

From depth to height, reply, may Jesus Christ be praised.

*Be this, while life is mine,
My canticle divine: may Jesus Christ be praised.
Be this th'eternal song,
Through all the ages on: may Jesus Christ be praised.*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

All Singing: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.*

Leader: Praise the Lord!

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

Hymn of Worship | O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

Words by Charles Wesley (1739), music by Carl Glaser (1784-1829)

*O for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.*

*STRIKE THIS ONE: My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of thy name.*

*Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.*

*He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.*

*He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.*

*Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.*

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

People: *Almighty and merciful God,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much
the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.*

*O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare those who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared to the world
in Christ Jesus, our Lord.
And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,
that we may live a holy, just, and humble life
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.*

Please take a moment for silent confession.

Leader: The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
As a father has compassion for his children,
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.
For he knows how we were made;
he remembers that we are dust.
But the steadfast love of the LORD is from
everlasting to everlasting
on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.

People: *Thanks be to God!*

— Psalm 103.8, 13-14, 17-18

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.

Gospel Reading | Mark 1.14-20

[14] Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, [15] and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

[16] Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. [17] And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." [18] And immediately they left their nets and followed him. [19] And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. [20] And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

Hymn of Worship | Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

Words by Edward Hopper, 1871; music by Isaac Wardell and Joseph Pensak

*Jesus, Savior, pilot me
Over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll,
Hiding rock and treacherous shoal.
Chart and compass come from Thee;
Savior, pilot me.*

*Though the sea be smooth and bright,
Sparkling with the stars of night,
And my ship's path be ablaze
With the light of halcyon days,
Still I know my need of Thee;
Savior, pilot me.*

*As a mother stills her child,
Thou canst hush the ocean wild;
Boisterous waves obey Thy will,
When Thou sayest to them, "Be still!"
Wondrous Sovereign of the sea,
Savior, pilot me.*

*When at last I near the shore,
And the fearful breakers roar
'Twi'x me and the peaceful rest,
Then, while leaning on Thy breast,
May I hear Thee say to me,
"I will pilot thee."*

Psalm | Psalm 62.5-12

Leader: For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,

People: *For my hope is from him.*

Leader: He only is my rock and my salvation,

People: *My fortress; I shall not be shaken.*

Leader: On God rests my salvation and my glory;

People: *My mighty rock, my refuge is God.*

Leader: Trust in him at all times, O people;

People: *Pour out your heart before him;*

Leader: God is a refuge for us.

People: *Those of low estate are but a breath;*

Leader: Those of high estate are a delusion;

People: *In the balances they go up;*

Leader: They are together lighter than a breath.

People: *Put no trust in extortion;*

Leader: Set no vain hopes on robbery;

People: *If riches increase, set not your heart on them.*

Leader: Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this:

People: *That power belongs to God,*

Leader: And that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love.

People: *For you will render to a man according to his work.*

Ministry of the Word | To Give It All Away

Rev. Benjamin Wheeler

Sermon Text | Exodus 20:1–21

[1] And God spoke all these words, saying, [2] "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

[3] "You shall have no other gods before me.

[4] "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. [5] You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, [6] but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

[7] "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

[8] "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. [9] Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, [10] but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. [11] For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

[12] "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

[13] "You shall not murder.

[14] "You shall not commit adultery.

[15] "You shall not steal.

[16] "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

[17] "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

[18] Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off [19] and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die." [20] Moses said to the people, "Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin." [21] The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

Sermon Notes

Confession of Faith

*This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand,
and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast:
that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared first to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God.*

—based on Matthew 16.16; Mark 16.9; John 20.28; 1 Corinthians 15.1-6; Revelation 22.13

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.

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: *Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

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 | Narrow Little Road

Words and music by Mo Leverett (1995)

*I believe in the love of God
It is an orphan's wildest dream
It is a narrow little road
It is an ever-widening desert stream*

*Oh I, and I
I will leave this road
For the narrow*

*It is portrayed in the bread and wine
Let it fortify my bones
It is more than just a sign
It is the fountain from that desert stone*

*It is the path where the humble go
It is the narrow not the broad
It is the pathway down the hill
To the graveyard of the living God*

*The love of God is the hymn of hope
Let the needy join the throng
Let the widow hear and cope
Let the crippled rise to sing this song*

Concluding Prayer

One More Hymn and the Offering | Father, Long Before Creation

Words from a Chinese Hymn, translated by Francis Johnson; Music by Andrew Osenga (2005)

*Father, long before creation
Thou hadst chosen us in love,
And that love so deep, so moving,
Draws us close to Christ above.
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.*

*Though the world may change its fashion,
Yet our God is e'er the same;
His compassion and His covenant
Through all ages will remain.
God's own children, God's own children
Must forever praise His name.*

*God's compassion is my story,
Is my boasting all the day;
Mercy free and never failing
Moves my will, directs my way.*

*God so loved us, God so loved us
That His only Son He gave.*

*Loving Father now before Thee
We will ever praise Thy love,
And our songs will sound unceasing
'Til we reach our home above,
Giving glory, giving glory
To our God and to the Lamb;
Giving glory, giving glory
To our God and to the Lamb.*

Benediction & Dismissal

Leader: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: *Amen!*

—Romans 15:13

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Announcements

Church Ministry Opportunities:

- Alpha will begin again in February!
- *Alpha begins with prayer.* Please be in prayer about who you can invite to Alpha, that people will respond favorably to the invitations, and that God will be at work in Alpha. Pray we will see the opportunities before us.
- If you want to volunteer, we need a host home and people to bring food each week. Email Ben for info.

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. They are studying the gospel of Luke. Contact Konrad Kern (714-658-4972).
- The women's group is studying the gospel of Matthew on Friday mornings. Contact Patti Babin (361-215-0065) for information.

Prayer Suggestions:

Topic: global and local missions

- Monday
Richey and Keli Goodrich (India): for Richey's preaching and teaching; for gospel awakening to occur among the 10 million unreached Ansari people of India.
- Tuesday
Robert and Debbie Hale: translation work in French-speaking Africa.
- Wednesday
Nate Hill, John Tyler High School Young Life; Mentoring Alliance (includes The Gospel Village, Rose City Summer Camps, and The Boys and Girls Club).
- Thursday
Rev. Robbie Mills, Pastor of New City Fellowship, a church working among immigrants in East Dallas. Rev. Jahaziel Cantu, Pastor of El Buen Pastor, a Hispanic church plant in Richardson. Rev. Caleb Dunn with Cristo Rey PCA, a Hispanic church in Dallas.
- Friday
Promise Academy's financial and prayer support; Highway 80 Rescue Mission and their work to build a residential facility here in Tyler; PATH, Crisis Pregnancy Center, other ministries in town.
- Saturday
Pray that unity will grow among the churches in our city so we may care for people, evangelize, and make disciples.