



The Order of Celebration and Worship of God

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 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.

Opening Prayer

Greeting and Call To Worship

Leader: All who thirst, come to the water.

Come, all who are weary;

come, all who yearn for forgiveness.

The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us,

and our gracious and holy God beckons and blesses us.

Drink deeply of these living waters.

People: *Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.*

Opening Hymn | O God Beyond All Praising

Words by Michael Perry (1982), music by Gustav Holst (1918)

*O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.*

*Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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 | 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.*

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

People: *O God of shalom,
we have built up walls to protect ourselves from our enemies,
but those walls also shut us off from receiving your love.
Break down those walls.
Help us to see that the way to your heart
is through the reconciliation of our own hearts with our enemies.
Bless them and us,
that we may come to grow in love for each other and for you,
through Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Please take a moment for silent confession.

Leader: Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over the transgression
of the remnant of your possession?
He does not retain his anger forever,
because he delights in showing clemency.
He will again have compassion upon us;
he will tread our iniquities under foot.
You will cast all our sins
into the depths of the sea.
You will show faithfulness to Jacob
and unswerving loyalty to Abraham,
as you have sworn to our ancestors
from the days of old.

People: *Thanks be to God!*

—Micah 7:18-20

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.

New Testament Reading | I Thessalonians 2.1-8

[1] For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. [2] But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. [3] For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, [4] but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. [5] For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. [6] Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. [7] But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. [8] So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

Hymn of Worship | Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven

Words by Henry F. Lyte (1834), music by John Goss (1869)

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me, his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
Praise the everlasting King.*

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;

*Praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
Glorious in his faithfulness.*

*Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
Widely as his mercy goes.*

*Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
But while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
Praise the High Eternal One.*

*Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
Praise with us the God of grace.*

Psalm | Psalm 90.1-6, 13-17

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

People: *Before the mountains were brought forth,*

Leader: Or ever you had formed the earth and the world,

People: *From everlasting to everlasting you are God.*

Leader: You return man to dust

People: *And say, "Return, O children of man!"*

Leader: For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past,

People: *Or as a watch in the night.*

Leader: You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream,

People: *Like grass that is renewed in the morning:*

Leader: In the morning it flourishes and is renewed;

People: *In the evening it fades and withers.*

Leader: Return, O LORD! How long?

People: *Have pity on your servants!*

Leader: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

People: *That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.*

Leader: Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,

People: *And for as many years as we have seen evil.*

Leader: Let your work be shown to your servants,

People: *And your glorious power to their children.*

Leader: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,

People: *And establish the work of our hands upon us;*

Leader: Yes, establish the work of our hands!

Ministry of the Word | Let Us Sing to the LORD!

Rev. Benjamin Wheeler

Sermon Text | Exodus 15

- [1] Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying,
"I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.
- [2] The LORD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation;
this is my God, and I will praise him,
my father's God, and I will exalt him.
- [3] The LORD is a man of war;
the LORD is his name.
- [4] "Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea,
and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.
- [5] The floods covered them;
they went down into the depths like a stone.
- [6] Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,
your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.
- [7] In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries;
you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble.
- [8] At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up;
the floods stood up in a heap;
the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.
- [9] The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake,
I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them.
I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.'
- [10] You blew with your wind; the sea covered them;
they sank like lead in the mighty waters.
- [11] "Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?
- [12] You stretched out your right hand;
the earth swallowed them.
- [13] "You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed;
you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.
- [14] The peoples have heard; they tremble;
pangs have seized the inhabitants of Philistia.
- [15] Now are the chiefs of Edom dismayed;
trembling seizes the leaders of Moab;
all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away.
- [16] Terror and dread fall upon them;
because of the greatness of your arm, they are still as a stone,
till your people, O LORD, pass by,
till the people pass by whom you have purchased.
- [17] You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain,
the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode,

the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.
[18] The LORD will reign forever and ever.”

[19] For when the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his horsemen went into the sea, the LORD brought back the waters of the sea upon them, but the people of Israel walked on dry ground in the midst of the sea. [20] Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and dancing. [21] And Miriam sang to them:

“Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.”

[22] Then Moses made Israel set out from the Red Sea, and they went into the wilderness of Shur. They went three days in the wilderness and found no water. [23] When they came to Marah, they could not drink the water of Marah because it was bitter; therefore it was named Marah. [24] And the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “What shall we drink?” [25] And he cried to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a log, and he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet.

There the LORD made for them a statute and a rule, and there he tested them, [26] saying, “If you will diligently listen to the voice of the LORD your God, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, your healer.”

[27] Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees, and they encamped there by the water.

Sermon Notes

Confession of Faith

*I am called Christian
because by faith I am a member of Christ
and so I share in his anointing.
I am anointed
to confess his name,
to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks,
to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil
in this life,
and afterward to reign with Christ
over all creation
for all eternity.
We call him "our Lord"
because—
not with gold or silver,
but with his precious blood—
he has set us free
from sin and from the tyranny of the devil,
and has bought us,
body and soul,
to be his very own.*

—from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A's 32, 34

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 | 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!*

Concluding Prayer

One More Hymn and the Offering | This is My Father's World

By Maltie D. Babcock, 1901

*This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas -- His hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.*

*This is my Father's world! O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!*

Benediction & Dismissal

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with all of you.

People: *Amen!*

— 2 Corinthians 13:13

Announcements

A Beautiful Orthodoxy:

All are invited to join us at 9:15 Sunday mornings! This class focuses on the basics of our beliefs, seeking to understand *and apply* what our confession of faith teaches about God and his gracious work in this world. You could think of this class as a Greatest Hits of Reformed Theology. We will be meeting until November 22.

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: our church and mission

- Monday
That God would prepare us to be his ambassadors, welcoming to those who visit and reaching out to friends and neighbors and those in need; for healthy marriages and families.
- Tuesday
For authentic community, healthy small groups, deep friendships.
- Wednesday
That we would grow in prayer; for God to bless our corporate worship.
- Thursday
Physical and material needs of the body; that we would see opportunities to love and serve the destitute, ill, imprisoned, orphaned, and widowed.
- Friday
Passion for ministry; Sabbath rest; discernment.
- Saturday
Perspective, faith, contentment.