



Worship Order

April 28, 2024

"In quietness and in trust shall be your strength."

Isaiah 30:15

The Prelude

The Welcome and The Call to Preparation

The Lord is in his holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before him.
(Habakkuk 2:20)

The Word

The Call to Worship*

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!

To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be
blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!

(Revelation 4:8; 5:13)

The Prayer of Invocation*

The Hymn of Praise*

Hymn #9 “All You That Fear Jehovah's Name”

The Confession of Sin

Lord, you are our Father and we are but dust and filth; you are our Creator, and we are the work of your hands; you are our Shepherd, we are your flock; you are our Redeemer, we are the people that you have purchased; you are our God, we are your inheritance. Therefore, do not be angry with us to correct us in your fury. No longer remember our iniquity to punish it, but chastise us gently in your kindness. Your wrath is kindled because of our demerits; but remember that your name has been pronounced over us and that we bear your mark and standard. And continue, rather, the work that you have begun in us by your grace, that all the earth might know that you are our God and our Savior. Amen.

[John Calvin]

The Assurance of Pardon

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.
(Ephesians 2:4-6)

The Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 68:16-23

Why do you look with hatred, O many-peaked mountain,
at the mount that God desired for his abode,
yes, where the LORD will dwell forever?
The chariots of God are twice ten thousand,
thousands upon thousands;
the Lord is among them; Sinai is now in the sanctuary.
You ascended on high,
leading a host of captives in your train
and receiving gifts among men,
even among the rebellious, that the LORD God may dwell there.

Blessed be the Lord,
who daily bears us up;
God is our salvation. *Selah*

Our God is a God of salvation,
and to GOD, the Lord, belong deliverances from death.
But God will strike the heads of his enemies,
the hairy crown of him who walks in his guilty ways.

The Lord said,
“I will bring them back from Bashan,
I will bring them back from the depths of the sea,
that you may strike your feet in their blood,
that the tongues of your dogs may have their portion from the foe.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Offertory Text and Prayer

Let us worship the Lord together through the giving of our tithes and offerings.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

(Psalm 100:4)

The Psalm of Thanksgiving (to be sung during the offering)

Psalm 92 “It’s Good to Thank the LORD”

(to the tune of “Rejoice, the LORD Is King”)

It’s good to thank the LORD,
To praise Your name, Most High;
To tell Your love at dawn,
Your faithfulness by night
With ten-stringed lyre,
Resounding music played upon the harp and lyre.

Your deeds, LORD, made me glad;
I’ll sing of what You’ve done.
How great Your works, O LORD,
How deep Your thoughts each one.
A senseless man
Devoid of knowledge, this truth will not understand:

All sinners grow like grass,
the wicked multiply;
And yet they’ll be destroyed,
But, LORD, You stay on high.
Your foes, LORD, fall;
Your foes will perish, evil doers scattered all.

You’ve poured oil on my head,
Like oxen I’m made strong.
I’ve seen and heard the fate
Of those who’ve done me wrong.
Like thriving palm
The righteous grows, like cedars tall in Lebanon.

Those planted by the LORD
Will in God’s courts be seen;
When old they’ll still bear fruit
And flourish fresh and green,
And this proclaim –
How upright is the LORD, my rock, no wrong in Him!

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The House of Prayer

Leader: We come to you, O God, offering praise to you.

Congregation: For you daily bear us up.

Leader: We bless you, O God.

Congregation: For you are the God of our salvation.

Leader: We lift up your glorious name O God.

Congregation: For to you belong deliverances from death.

(Leader Continues in Prayer)

The Hymn of Preparation*

Hymn #25 "O Light That Knew No Dawn"

The Word Preached

Pastor Adam Parker

Sermon Text: Matthew 22:23-33

Sermon Title: *"The Sadducees Were Sad You See"*

Matthew 22:23-33

- ²³ The same day Sadducees came to him, who say that there is no resurrection, and they asked him a question,
- ²⁴ saying, "Teacher, Moses said, 'If a man dies having no children, his brother must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother.'
- ²⁵ Now there were seven brothers among us. The first married and died, and having no offspring left his wife to his brother.
- ²⁶ So too the second and third, down to the seventh.
- ²⁷ After them all, the woman died.
- ²⁸ In the resurrection, therefore, of the seven, whose wife will she be? For they all had her."
- ²⁹ But Jesus answered them, "You are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God.
- ³⁰ For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.
- ³¹ And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God:
- ³² 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not God of the dead, but of the living."
- ³³ And when the crowd heard it, they were astonished at his teaching.

Sermon Notes

Main Point: If we know the Scriptures, then we know that the resurrection is a very real comfort.

Outline:

1. The Correction of the Scriptures

2. The Comfort of the Resurrection

Next Week: "The Great Commandment" (*Matthew 22:34-40*)

The Sacrament

The Confession of Faith

The 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 Spirit,
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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Fencing of the Table

You are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table if you are a member in good standing of this or another Bible-believing, gospel-preaching church. We also welcome children who have been admitted to the table by the elders of their church.

**GLUTEN-FREE BREAD IN THE CENTER OF TRAY
PURPLE CUP = WINE / CLEAR CUP = JUICE**

The Giving of the Bread and Cup

The Communion Hymn

Hymn #252 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

The Gloria Patri* (Hymn #735)

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.

The Benediction*



For Family Worship Week of April 28

As your family takes time to worship privately this week, we hope that the following prompts will be helpful to you. They are designed, in the first three days of the week, to help you reflect on the past Sunday's sermon. The next two are designed to turn your eyes toward the coming Sunday's sermon text. Please turn to the "House of Prayer" section of the bulletin for subjects to pray over this week.

Day 1

Past Sunday's Text: Matthew 22:23-33

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Matthew 22:29
- Meditation: In our last Scripture passage, the Sadducees presented Jesus with a story about the complexity of the resurrection. They wanted to know, if the resurrection was really true, how could God possibly sort out the complicated history of a woman who had been married many times? The unspoken aspect of their question seemed to be that this is just too complicated for God to sort out; therefore, there must be no resurrection. In verse 29, what two things does Jesus say that the Sadducees are wrong about? How can we as Christians make sure that we know the power of God? How can we make sure that we know the Scriptures?
- Close in Prayer

Day 2

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Matthew 22:29-30
- Meditation: Yesterday, Jesus said the Sadducees didn't understand the power of God, or the Scriptures. Today he moves a step further and makes a positive statement. What does he say in verse 30? What do you think he means that there will not be marriage in the resurrection? How does this prove the question of the Sadducees to have the wrong premise? If you are currently married, or if you have been married before, or if you marry some day how might Jesus' teaching here affect how you think about your husband or wife?
- Close in Prayer

Day 3

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Matthew 22:30-33
- Meditation: At the end of Jesus' answer to the Sadducees he is showing them that they don't understand the resurrection. What did Jesus tell them they didn't understand in verse 30? Now in verse 31-32 what is Jesus' second argument here that proves the resurrection is real? Jesus is arguing here that since we know that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob died before Moses' day... and since God spoke of them in the present tense hundreds of years later in Exodus 3:6, then it stands to reason that God spoke of them as still living. Therefore, there is a life after death, and Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are still alive. How ought you to live, knowing that death is not the end?
- Close in Prayer

Day 4

Next Sunday's Text: Matthew 23:34-40

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Matthew 22:35
- Meditation: It is possible that the Pharisees were pleased to hear that Jesus had "silenced the Sadducees" since they were their theological rivals. What was the major view that separated the Sadducees and the Pharisees? [Sadducees didn't believe in the resurrection, and the Pharisees did]. It is also possible that the Pharisees had reasons to be displeased that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees. Why might they have been displeased? It's pretty easy to get wrapped up in caring more about winning than being right. What can happen if we care more about winning than about what is true? How can we be people of truth who care more about truth than we do about winning arguments?
- Close in Prayer

Day 5

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Matthew 22:36
- Meditation: The questioner here assumes that there is one commandment that has significance over the others. Why do you think this lawyer asks this question? [hint: look at verse 35 again] Even though the man is testing Jesus, Jesus still takes the question seriously. We'll look at his answer next week. Think of the meaning of this question, though: what does it mean for us as Christians to know that there is a "great" and "first" commandment? Even if we fail to keep this great commandment, whom do we know who has kept it, and why does that give us hope?
- Close in Prayer