

Worship Order May 12, 2024

Those that care not for the word are strangers to the Spirit, and they that care not for the Spirit never make a right use of the word. The word is nothing without the Spirit, and only animated and quickened by Him. The Spirit and the word are like the veins and arteries in the body that give life to the whole. And therefore, where the word is most revealed, there is most of the Spirit.

Richard Sibbes

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*

Leader: Let everyone who is godly offer prayer to the Lord at a time when he may be found.

Congregation: Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you do I pray.

(Psalm 32:6; Psalm 5:2)

The Prayer of Invocation*

The Hymn of Praise*

Hymn #92 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

The Confession of Sin

"Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge unto You that we were conceived in unrighteousness, and are full of sin and transgression in all our life. We do not fully believe Your Word nor follow Your holy commandments. Remember Your goodness, we humbly ask You, and for the sake of Your Name, be gracious unto us, and forgive us our iniquity which, alas, is great.

"Beneath the cross of Christ, we come to know that ours is the guilt, but Yours the forgiveness; ours the condemnation, but Yours the gift of justification; ours the bondage, yet Yours the freedom of adoption and new obedience. Even the faith by which we profess our dear Savior's sacrifice was itself won for us by His death. Therefore, we cry out to You in sorrow for our sins and in thanksgiving for Your gift. Give us the grace, we pray, to receive again this word of the cross, which alone can refresh us on our pilgrim way, and send us out again into the world."

[Strasbourg Liturgy of 1539]

^{*} directs the congregation to stand

The Assurance of Pardon

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20)

The Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 69:1-13

Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to my neck.

I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold;

I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me.

I am weary with my crying out; my throat is parched.

My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God.

More in number than the hairs of my head are those who hate me without cause;

mighty are those who would destroy me, those who attack me with lies.

What I did not steal must I now restore?

O God, you know my folly;

the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you.

Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me, O Lord GoD of hosts;

let not those who seek you be brought to dishonor through me, O God of Israel.

For it is for your sake that I have borne reproach, that dishonor has covered my face.

I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my mother's sons.

For zeal for your house has consumed me,

and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

When I wept and humbled my soul with fasting, it became my reproach.

When I made sackcloth my clothing,

I became a byword to them.

I am the talk of those who sit in the gate, and the drunkards make songs about me.

But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD.

At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of your steadfast love answer me in your saving faithfulness.

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.

And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever toward Israel."

And all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid. (Ezra 3:11)

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

Psalm 110D "The Lord Said to My Lord"

(to the tune of "This is My Father's World")

The LORD said to my Lord:

"Sit here at My right hand
Until I make Your enemies
A footstool for Your feet."
The LORD from Zion sends
Your scepter in its strength,

"With mighty power show Your rule
Among Your enemies."

Your people freely come
Throughout Your day of pow'r;
From morning's dawn, in holy robes,
Your youth are like the dew.
The LORD has sworn an oath,
And will not change His mind:
"In th'order of Melchizedek,
You ever are a priest."

(continued)

The Lord at Your right hand
Will shatter kings in wrath.
Among the nations He will judge,
And fill them with their dead.
Yes, He will smite and crush
Chief men in many lands.
And from the wayside brook He'll drink,
And therefore lift His head.

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The House of Prayer

Leader: We know, O God, that we can cry out to you from the darkest pit.

Congregation: Answer us when we cry, O Lord.

Leader: You rescue your people from threats and troubles, from worries

and distress.

Congregation: Answer us when we cry, O Lord.

Leader: There is none like you, O God, mighty to save.

Congregation: Answer us when we cry, O Lord.

(Leader Continues in Prayer)

The Hymn of Preparation*

Hymn #59 "Forever Settled in the Heavens"

The Word Preached

Pastor Adam Parker

Sermon Text: Matthew 22:41-46

Sermon Title: "David's Lord is David's Son"

Matthew 22:41-46

- Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question,
- saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David."
- ⁴³ He said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,
- "The Lord said to my Lord,
 "Sit at my right hand,
 until I put your enemies under your feet"?
- ⁴⁵ If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?"
- ⁴⁶ And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Sermon Notes

Main Point: Jesus is greater than his own Father, David.

Outline:

1. David's Son

2. David's Lord

The Sacrament

The Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in the holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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 #424 "Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless"

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*

Adult Sunday School

The Belgic Confession Article 15: Original Sin

We believe that through the disobedience of Adam original sin is extended to all mankind,⁽¹⁾ which is a corruption of the whole nature and an hereditary disease, wherewith infants themselves are infected even in their mother's womb,⁽²⁾ and which produceth in man all sorts of sin, being in him as a root thereof;⁽³⁾ and therefore is so vile and abominable in the sight of God that it is sufficient to condemn all mankind.⁽⁴⁾ Nor is it by any means abolished or done away by baptism; since sin always issues forth from this woeful source as water from a fountain; notwithstanding it is not imputed to the children of God unto condemnation, but by His grace and mercy is forgiven them. Not that they should rest securely in sin, but that a sense of this corruption should make believers often to sigh, desiring to be delivered from this body of death.⁽⁵⁾ Wherefore we reject the error of the Pelagians, who assert that sin proceeds only from imitation.⁽⁶⁾

⁽¹⁾ Rom. 5:12, 13; Ps. 51:7; Rom. 3:10; Gen. 6:3; John 3:6; Job 14:4

⁽²⁾ Isa. 48:8; Psalm 58:3; 1 Kings 14:9-13

⁽³⁾ Gal. 5:19; Rom. 7:8, 10, 13, 17–18, 20, 23

⁽⁴⁾ Eph. 2:3, 5 Rom. 11:32.

⁽⁵⁾ Rom. 7:18, 24 Rom. 6:2

⁽⁶⁾ Rom. 5:14

For Family Worship Week of May 12

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 22:41-46

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Psalm 110:4 and Genesis 14:18-20
- Meditation: What two major things do we learn about Melchizedek from Genesis 14:18-20? Melchizedek is both a kind and a priest. However, he also seems to have a special knowledge of the will of God, which would make him a prophet. Why is a king who is also a prophet and a priest to be preferred? In light of what we've seen of Melchizedek, what might it mean that Jesus is a priest in the order of Melchizedek?
- Close in Prayer

Day 2

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Matthew 22:41-44
- Meditation: In Jesus' debate with the Pharisees, he goes on the
 offensive and asks them a question, pointing to Psalm 110. What is
 the main question he wants them to answer for him? After what
 we've seen from Psalm 110, what does it mean that Jesus believes
 Psalm 110 is talking about him?
- Close in Prayer

Day 3

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Matthew 22:43-46
- Meditation: David is often remembered by the Jews as the greatest king that Israel ever had. Given what Jesus has to say in these passages, what are some reasons from Scripture why we would see that Christ is superior to David? What is our only reasonable response to the superiority of Christ?
- · Close in Prayer

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Matthew 23:1-3
- Meditation: Jesus describes the scribes and Pharisees as sitting on Moses' seat. On Sunday, Pastor Parker will talk about what that has been understood to mean. But look at verse 3: what is the primary complaint that Jesus has about the practices of the religious leaders? As Christians, there are certainly times when we "preach but do not practice." How can we be careful to avoid doing this? What would it take for more Christians to be known as people who practice what they preach?
- Close in Prayer

Day 5

- Open in Prayer
- Read: Matthew 23:2-4
- Meditation: Jesus says more about his concern with the scribes and Pharisees. It isn't only that they are hypocrites, but what does he say that they do to people? [lay burdens on their shoulders] One form of preaching that burdens people is preaching the law without preaching the good news of Christ. Why might it be a burden to be told that you have broken God's law and that the solution is to double down on your moral behavior and more scrupulous living. Why do you think Jesus hates this kind of preaching?
- Close in Prayer