

Worshiping Christ, The Righteous One!

APRIL 25, 2021
10:30 AM

PRELUDE *Fugue in E Flat Major* (ST. ANNE) J. S. Bach

Dennis Bergin, organ

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

Isaac Watts 1674-1748

WELCOME

Reverend David Barnes, Associate Pastor

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

Kyrstan Brantley, Virginia McGuigan, flute; Carrie Smith, piano

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night;
Day spring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return till thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

***GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP** Psalm 5:8-12

Brett Frey, Seminary Intern

Pastor: Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.

People: For there is no truth in their mouth; their inmost self is destruction; their throat is an open grave; they flatter with their tongue.

Pastor: Make them bear their guilt, O God: let them fall by their own counsels.

People: Because of the abundance of their transgressions cast them out, for they have rebelled against you.

Pastor: But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you.

All: For you bless the righteous, O LORD; you cover him with favor as with a shield.

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O Jehovah, Hear My Words

Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my sighing. Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray. Ps. 5:1, 2

Dm A Dm A⁷ Dm A Dm A⁷ Dm A

1. O Je - ho - vah, hear my words, to my thoughts at - ten - tive be;
 2. Thou, Je - ho - vah, art a God who de - light - est not in sin;
 3. In the ful - ness of thy grace to thy house I will re - pair;
 4. False and faith - less are my foes, in their mouth no truth is found;
 5. O let all that trust thy care ev - er glad and joy - ful be;

Dm A Dm A⁷ Dm A Dm F Edim Dm A⁷ Dm

hear my cry, my King, my God, I will make my prayer to thee.
 e - vil shall not dwell with thee, nor the proud thy fa - vor win.
 • bow - ing toward thy ho - ly place, in thy fear to wor - ship there.
 dead - ly are the words they speak, all their thoughts with sin a - bound.
 let them joy who love thy name, safe - ly guard - ed, Lord, by thee.

F⁷ B^b F B^b Edim F C⁷ F Dm A Dm C F E⁷ Am

With the morn - ing light, O Lord, thou shalt hear my voice a - rise,
 E - vil - do - ers thou dost hate, ly - ing tongues thou wilt de - feat;
 • Lead me in thy righ - teous - ness, let my foes as - sail in vain;
 Bring, O God, their plans to naught, hold them guilt - y in thy sight,
 For a bless - ing from thy store to the righ - teous thou wilt yield;

and ex - pec - tant I will bring prayer as morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 God ab - hors the man who loves vi - o - lence and base de - ceit.
 • lest my feet be turned a - side, make thy way be - fore me plain.
 for a - gainst thee and thy law they have set them - selves to fight.
 thou wilt com - pass him a - bout with thy fa - vor as a shield.

Chords: Bb, F, Dm, Gm, A, Dm, A7, Dm, A7, Dm 7

Psalm 5
The Psalter, 1912

ABERYSTWYTH 7.7.7.D.
 Joseph Parry, 1879

***WE INVOKE HIS PRESENCE**

GOD EXPOSES OUR NEED Matthew 6:19-21

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Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

CHRIST PROVIDES FOR OUR NEED Matthew 5:10-12

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

***WE REJOICE IN OUR REDEEMER, GREATEST TREASURE!**

Peter Lilley, guitar; Matt Brantley, bass; Rod Cunningham, keyboard; Greg Wagener, drums

My Worth Is Not in What I Own



- [1. My worth is not in what I own; not in the strength of flesh and
- [2. My worth is not in skill or name; in win or lose, in pride or
- [3. As sum - mer flowers we fade and die; Fame, youth and beau - ty hur - ry
- [4. I will not boast in wealth or might, or hu - man wis - dom's fleet - ing
- [5. Two won - ders here that I con - fess: My worth and my un - worth - i -



- [bone. But in the cost - ly wounds of love at the cross.
- [shame. But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.
- [by. But life e - ter - nal calls to us at the cross.
- [light. But I will boast in know - ing Christ at the cross.
- [ness. My va - lue fixed - my ran - som paid at the cross.

Refrain



I re-joyce in my Re - deem - er - Great - est trea - sure, Well - spring



of my soul. I will trust in Him, no oth - er; my soul is



sa - tis - fied in Him a - lone.

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***GOD REVEALS, HIS WORD IS NOT BOUND!** 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Pastor: Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal.

People: But the word of God is not bound!

Pastor: Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. The saying is trustworthy, for:

People: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

***OUR HEARTS CONFESS HIM KING OF GLORY NOW!**

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At the Name of Jesus

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow ... and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Phil. 2:10, 11

1. At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow,
2. At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight,
3. Hum - bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name
4. In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
5. Broth - ers, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,

ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now.
all the an - gel fac - es, all the hosts of light,
• from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true:
with his Fa - ther's glo - ry, with his an - gel train;

'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,
thrones and dom - i - na - tions, stars up - on their way,
• faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour:
for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,

who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
 all the heav'n - ly or - ders in their great ar - ray.
 • brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed.
 let his will en - fold you in its light and pow'r.
 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

Caroline M. Noel, 1870; alt.

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 Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925

WE INVOKE HIS HELP Psalm 4:1

Brett Frey, Seminary Intern

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD!

Almighty God, Your Word is Cast

1. Al - might - y God, your word is cast like seed in - to the ground;
 2. Let not the foe of Christ and man this ho - ly seed re - move,
 3. Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy,
 4. Oft as the pre - cious seed is sown, your quick-'ning grace be - stow,

now let the dew of heav'n de - scend, and righ - teous fruits a - bound.
 but give it root in ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.
 but let it yield a hun - dred - fold the fruits of peace and joy.
 that all whose souls the truth re - ceive, its sav - ing pow'r may know.

Words: John Cawood, 1819; Music: ST. ANNE, Attr. To William Croft 1678-1727

GOD PROCLAIMS HIS WORD Reverend David Barnes, Associate Pastor
SERMON SERIES “Acts”
SCRIPTURE TEXT Acts 21:37-22:29
SERMON TITLE *Bold Though Bound*

³⁷ As Paul was about to be brought into the barracks, he said to the tribune, “May I say something to you?” And he said, “Do you know Greek? ³⁸ Are you not the Egyptian, then, who recently stirred up a revolt and led the four thousand men of the Assassins out into the wilderness?” ³⁹ Paul replied, “I am a Jew, from Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of no obscure city. I beg you, permit me to speak to the people.” ⁴⁰ And when he had given him permission, Paul, standing on the steps, motioned with his hand to the people. And when there was a great hush, he addressed them in the Hebrew language, saying:

22 “Brothers and fathers, hear the defense that I now make before you.”

² And when they heard that he was addressing them in the Hebrew language, they became even more quiet. And he said:

³ “I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city, educated at the feet of Gamaliel according to the strict manner of the law of our fathers, being zealous for God as all of you are this day. ⁴ I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering to prison both men and women, ⁵ as the high priest and the whole council of elders can bear me witness. From them I received letters to the brothers, and I journeyed toward Damascus to take those also who were there and bring them in bonds to Jerusalem to be punished.

⁶ “As I was on my way and drew near to Damascus, about noon a great light from heaven suddenly shone around me. ⁷ And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?’ ⁸ And I answered, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ And he said to me, ‘I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting.’ ⁹ Now those who were with me saw the light but did not understand the voice of the one who was speaking to me. ¹⁰ And I said, ‘What shall I do, Lord?’ And the Lord said to me, ‘Rise, and go into Damascus, and there you will be told all that is appointed for you to do.’ ¹¹ And since I could not see because of the brightness of that light, I was led by the hand by those who were with me, and came into Damascus.

¹² “And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, well spoken of by all the Jews who lived there, ¹³ came to me, and standing by me said to me, ‘Brother Saul, receive your sight.’ And at that very hour I received my sight and saw him. ¹⁴ And he said, ‘The God of our fathers appointed you to know his will, to see the Righteous One and to hear a voice from his mouth; ¹⁵ for you will be a witness for him to everyone of what you have seen and heard. ¹⁶ And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.’

¹⁷ “When I had returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, I fell into a trance
¹⁸ and saw him saying to me, ‘Make haste and get out of Jerusalem quickly, because they will not accept your testimony about me.’¹⁹ And I said, ‘Lord, they themselves know that in one synagogue after another I imprisoned and beat those who believed in you.²⁰ And when the blood of Stephen your witness was being shed, I myself was standing by and approving and watching over the garments of those who killed him.’²¹ And he said to me, ‘Go, for I will send you far away to the Gentiles.’”

²² Up to this word they listened to him. Then they raised their voices and said, “Away with such a fellow from the earth! For he should not be allowed to live.”²³ And as they were shouting and throwing off their cloaks and flinging dust into the air,²⁴ the tribune ordered him to be brought into the barracks, saying that he should be examined by flogging, to find out why they were shouting against him like this.²⁵ But when they had stretched him out for the whips, Paul said to the centurion who was standing by, “Is it lawful for you to flog a man who is a Roman citizen and un-condemned?”²⁶ When the centurion heard this, he went to the tribune and said to him, “What are you about to do? For this man is a Roman citizen.”²⁷ So the tribune came and said to him, “Tell me, are you a Roman citizen?” And he said, “Yes.”²⁸ The tribune answered, “I bought this citizenship for a large sum.” Paul said, “But I am a citizen by birth.”²⁹ So those who were about to examine him withdrew from him immediately, and the tribune also was afraid, for he realized that Paul was a Roman citizen and that he had bound him.

***FROM COWARDICE DEFEND US, FROM LETHARGY AWAKE!** *Facing a Task Unfinished*

Facing a task unfinished, that drives us to our knees.
A need that, undiminished, rebukes our slothful ease.
We, who rejoice to know Thee, renew before Thy throne
The solemn pledge we owe Thee to go and make Thee known.

Where other lords beside Thee hold their unhindered sway;
Where forces that defied Thee, defy Thee still today.
With none to heed their crying for life, and love, and light,
Unnumbered souls are dying and pass into the night.

We bear the torch that, flaming, fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming that Jesus died and rose.
Ours is the same commission, the same glad message ours;
Fired by the same ambition, to Thee we yield our powers.

O Father who sustained them, O Spirit who inspired,
Savior, whose love constrained them to toil with zeal untired.
From cowardice defend us, from lethargy awake!
Forth on Thine errands send us to labour for Thy sake.
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***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *Reprise: Facing a Task Unfinished*

