

Order for the Celebration & Worship of God

March 11, 2018

It is clear that however we define a miracle we must place the alleged miracles of today in a different class, or category, from those recorded in the Scriptures. No one is bringing something out of nothing these days—unless it is the currency produced by the federal government!
~ R.C. Sproul

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Words: Charles Wesley. Music: Kevin Twit.

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice, in my behalf appears;
Before the throne my Surety stands! Before the throne my Surety stands!
My name is written on His hands!

**Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise; Arise, my soul, arise!
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise; Arise, my soul, arise!
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.**

He ever lives above, for me to intercede;
His all redeeming love, His precious blood, to plead;
His blood atoned for every race; His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.
= **chorus** =

Five bleeding wounds He bears; received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me:
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry; “Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“Nor let that ransomed sinner die!”
= **chorus** =

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,
And “Father, Abba, Father,” cry!
= **chorus** =

Call To Worship

**Please repeat the portion in bold with volume and passion!*

The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God. Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; say to those with fearful hearts, “Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you.”

O Lord, open our lips...

... **And our mouths shall proclaim your praise. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Hallelujah to our God!**

The Church’s One Foundation (RUF)

The Church’s one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation By water and the Word.
From heav’n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, Yet one o’er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation, One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.

The Church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish, Is with her to the end:
Though there be those who hate her, And false sons in her pale,
Against or foe or traitor She ever shall prevail.

’Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore;
Till, with the vision glorious, Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won,
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with Thee.

Prayer Of Adoration — Minister

*Followed by praying **together** :*

Hear my prayer, O Lord; listen to my cry for mercy. In the day of my trouble I will call to you, for you will answer me. Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord; no deeds can compare with yours. All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord; they will bring glory to your name. For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God. Amen.

#500 Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, Cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.

Not the labors of my hands, Can fulfill Thy law’s demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee

Crowns

There is a hill I cherish, where stood a precious tree,
The emblem of salvation, the gift of Calvary.

How is it I should profit, while He is crucified?
Yet as His life was taken, so I was granted mine.

**My wealth is in the cross
There’s nothing more I want
Than just to know His love
My heart is set on Christ
And I will count all else as loss
The greatest of my crowns
Means nothing to me now
For I counted up the cost
And all my wealth is in the cross
(Yes all my wealth is in the cross)**

I will not boast in riches. I have no pride in gold.
But I will boast in Jesus, and in His Name alone.

=**chorus**=

And when I stand in glory, my crowns before the Lord,
Let this be my confession: “My wealth is in the cross!”

=**chorus**=

And all my wealth is in the cross
My wealth is in the cross
And all my wealth is in the cross

= *Please be seated* =

Prayers Of The People

=*Children age 4 thru 2nd grade may be dismissed to Children’s Church and return at the conclusion of the sermon*=

Offertory

Welcome And Announcements

Scripture Reading:

2 Kings 2:19-25

Reader: The Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

2 Kings 2:19-25 (ESV)

¹⁹ Now the men of the city said to Elisha, “Behold, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord sees, but the water is bad, and the land is unfruitful.” ²⁰ He said, “Bring me a new bowl, and put salt in it.” So they brought it to him. ²¹ Then he went to the spring of water and threw salt in it and said, “Thus says the LORD, I have healed this water; from now on neither death nor miscarriage shall come from it.” ²² So the water has been healed to this day, according to the word that Elisha spoke.

²³ He went up from there to Bethel, and while he was going up on the way, some small boys came out of the city and jeered at him, saying, “Go up, you baldhead! Go up, you baldhead!” ²⁴ And he turned around, and when he saw them, he cursed them in the name of the LORD. And two she-bears came out of the woods and tore forty-two of the boys. ²⁵ From there he went on to Mount Carmel, and from there he returned to Samaria.

The Sermon — Rev. Charles Isaac

Sermon series: Faithfulness in a Faithless World--Elijah to Elisha

The Paradox of Redemption--Miracles and Mockery

The Lord’s Table—Holy Communion

This is a joyous opportunity for all to seek the Lord Jesus Christ. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is an occasion for all baptized Christians to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by him, and celebrate who he is and what he has done for us. All who trust alone in Christ as Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the Gospel, are striving to be at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully, are welcome. If you are not a Christian, or choose not to share in this meal, we invite you to spend this time in prayer, considering your relationship to Jesus Christ.

If your heart’s desire is to trust Jesus Christ as your Savior, there is a prayer **at the bottom of the next page** that can help guide you. If you pray this prayer, please speak to the pastor or elders after the service.

Confession of Sin In Unison

O Lord, you are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. You do not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is your steadfast love towards us who fear you; as far as the east is from the west, so far do you remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so Lord, show compassion to us who fear you. For you know our frame; remember that we are dust. Amen.

= *Take a moment to privately and silently confess to God any particular sin* =

Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone

Amazing grace how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I’m found, was blind but now I see

’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed

**My chains are gone! I’ve been set free!
My God my Savior has ransomed me!
And like a flood His mercy reigns!
Unending love; Amazing grace!**

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures

= **Refrain** =

= *Please be seated* =

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

Followed by proclaiming boldly:

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.
People: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!
Minister: O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,
People: Have mercy upon us and grant us your peace!
Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.
People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.
Minister: The gifts of God are for the people of God.

Distribution Of The Elements

Please come forward for Communion with joy and thanksgiving!

**If you are unable to come forward, please let us know and we will serve you at your seat.*

Wine is served for communion in the inner rings. The outer ring contains grape juice

Please stand and sing together: ***Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone***

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below will be forever mine

*My chains are gone! I've been set free!
My God my Savior has ransomed me!
And like a flood His mercy reigns!
Unending love; Amazing grace!
= Refrain 2x =*

Concluding Prayer And Benediction — Minister

Postlude — *Christ the King Worship Ensemble*

Service Schedule for Worship and Sunday School

SUNDAY SCHOOL for all ages _____ **9:00AM**

SUNDAY WORSHIP (nursery provided) _____ **10:00AM**

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion is served each week and open to those who have been baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for their salvation.*

Taste and see that the Lord is good. His mercy endures forever!



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All good which could be thought or desired is to be found in Jesus Christ alone. For He was humbled to exalt us, He became a slave to free us, He became poor to enrich us. He was sold to redeem us, made captive for our deliverance, condemned for our absolution; He was made a curse for our blessing, an offering for sin for our righteousness, He was marred that we might be restored, He died for our life. So that by Him harshness is softened, anger appeased, darkness made light, injustice justified, weakness made strong, dejection consoled, sin prevented, scorn despised, fear made sure, debt canceled, toil made light, sadness rejoiced, misfortune made blessed, difficulty eased, disorder ordered, division united, ignominy made noble, rebellion quelled, threats threatened, ambushes uncovered, assaults assailed, effort weakened, combat combated, war warred against, vengeance avenged, torment tormented, damnation damned, ruin ruined, hell held prisoner, death done to death and immortality made immortal.

—John Calvin

Preface to the French Bible, 1539

= Prayer of faith to place your trust in Jesus Christ =

Lord Jesus, I confess that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared to admit. I also understand that you love and accept me more than I ever dared to hope. Thank you for dying in my place on the Cross, bearing the punishment for my misdeeds, paying the debt for all my sins and offering me complete forgiveness. I turn away from my past life of self-centeredness and now confess you are my Lord, my God and my Savior. I believe you have been raised from the dead and humbly ask you fill me with your blessed Holy Spirit so I may begin my new life with you. Amen.

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 strong Name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

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The Fourth Sunday in Lent