

October 25, 2020



"They will not be still hungry
Nor though will they be still thirsty
Nor though can the sun fall down on them
Nor though ever any burning"
Revelation 7:16

Lord's Day Worship

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP HIM

*CALL TO WORSHIP Revelation 7:9-12 Pastor Todd Gwennap

Leader: After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could

number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice.

People: "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the

Lamb!"

Leader: And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders

and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne

and worshiped God, saying,

People: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and

honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!

Amen."

*SONG PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

1

Praise to the Lord the Almighty,
The King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
For He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.

9

Praise to the Lord, Who over all things
So wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings,
Yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

3.

Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper
Thy work and defend thee!
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him

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*Prayer of Adoration (concluding 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Isaiah 25:6-9

What is the glorious hope upon which we wait?

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

GOD CLEANSES US FROM OUR SIN

CONFESSION OF SIN

Martin Bucer, Strasbourg, 1539

Almighty, everlasting God and Father, we confess and acknowledge to you that we were conceived in unrighteousness, and are full of sin and transgression in all our life, as those who do not perfectly believe your Word nor follow your holy commandments. We implore you, remember your goodness and for your name's sake be gracious to us and forgive us our wrongdoing, which indeed is great.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 44:21-22 ESV

Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder Greg Gorman

We pray for the sick:

- For the Keating family as they care for Karis and for her doctors as they determine best courses of treatment.
- · For Eloise Pitts, for her continued healing and ongoing recovery from eye surgery.

We pray for our place:

- · That the upcoming national election would yield clear results and a peaceful outcome.
- · That God will give us his heart for the poor and marginalized.
- · We lament ongoing violence, unrest, and injustice in the world, and we pray that the church would be a place of healing and reconciliation.

We pray for our church:

- That we will love one another well even amidst continuing challenges of the pandemic.
- · For our officer candidates in preparation for the election next week.

We pray for the Kingdom:

- That God would make us people who listen well and speak graciously in a polarized time.
- · For our sister churches in North Texas Presbytery, that they would proclaim the gospel faithfully
- · For Julian & Christiana Russell (MTW) serving in the Bahamas.

GOD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD

*BIBLE READING Revelation 7

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God!

SERMON Mr. Mark Husband

"And Who Can Stand?" Revelation

GOD FEEDS US AT HIS TABLE

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- · CTK welcomes all baptized believers who are communing members of gospel-believing churches to participate in the Supper.
- · Ushers will dismiss you by rows to come forward and receive the elements.
- The bread and the cup are stacked together in cups. The outer ring of each tray contains gluten-free bread.
- If you are not partaking, you may either remain in your seat or come forward and pass by the elements, whichever makes you most comfortable.
- · If you are unable to come forward, an Elder will serve you the elements at your seat.
- Once you have been served, please take the elements back to your seat. We will eat and drink together once everyone has been served.

*SONG JESUS, I COME

1

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

2

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come. Into Thy blessed will to abide. Jesus, I come to Thee. Out of myself to dwell in Thy love, Out of despair into raptures above, Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb. Jesus, I come: Jesus, I come. Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee. Out of the depths of ruin untold, Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold, Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee. Jesus, I come to Thee.

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GOD SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING

Revelation 7:15-17 *BENEDICTION

He who sits on the throne will shelter you with his presence. You shall neither hunger nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike you, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be your shepherd; he will guide you to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from your eyes.

DOXOLOGY/DISMISSAL

Praise God from Who All Blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

SERMON NOTES "And Who Can Stand?" Revelation 7

- 1. Revelation is the Book of Revelation, not the Book of Revelations.
- 2. Revelation is a picture book, not a puzzle book.
- 3. Revelation is a book to be mastered by, not a book to master.
- 4. Revelation is Jazz, not Morse Code.
- 5. Revelation must be interpreted literarily, not literally.
- 6. Revelation is revelation, not obscuration.
- 7. Revelation is victory for God's people, not defeat
- 8. Scripture interprets Scripture
- 9. Revelation was written to a specific group of people at a specific time in a specific place who were experiencing a specific set of historical circumstances.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Revelation Q&A THIS AFTERNOON!

Our sermon series on the book of Revelation continues next Sunday (November 1). We recognize that you may have many questions about how to read and understand this beautiful, image-rich part of the Bible. Todd and Mark will host a Q&A session about Revelation **TODAY October 25**th at 3 pm. See Todd's Friday email for the link. In the meantime, please feel free to email questions to Todd or Mark as they arise!

Communicants' Class

Communicants' Class, a class for children who desire to take communion and become members of the church, is coming in November 1. For more information please contact Mark Husband or Emily Brewer.

Youth Group Meeting

Youth Group is meeting **tonight** at the **Husbands's** from 5 to 7pm. (7472 Zuni St., Dallas 75236) Dinner will be served. All 6th – 12th graders are welcome to join us for some good food, fellowship and fun!

Congregational Meeting, Sunday, November 1st

Congregational Meeting **Next Sunday** (November 1st). The congregational meeting will begin 3 minutes after the end of the 9:30 a.m. worship service and will end 3 minutes before the 11:00 a.m. service. At any point in this time window, **communing members may vote** (by ballot) for our officer candidates. Our hope is that this arrangement will allow attendees at both services to vote for candidates while still maintaining our COVID safety protocols.

Wednesday Night Study at 7:00pm.

Our discussion group will meet again this Wednesday from 7:00-8:00pm, utilizing Scott Sauls's book, *Jesus Outside the Lines*. All are welcome to join us for good fellowship and discussion! Check Todd's Friday email for the link.

You may contribute to CTK using the collection box found on the Welcome Table, by giving online at www.ctktexas.com, or by mailing your gift to the church address.

CHURCH-WIDE PRAYER REQUESTS

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