

Today's Theme for Worship: True worship is not a matter of fulfilling certain requirements or saying the right words. In worship God comes to us with his best, and in thankfulness we come to God with our best.

Opening Hymn: 223 As We Begin Another Week

1 As we begin another week, In Jesus' name your grace we seek.
God, grant that through these seven days No evil may befall our ways.

2 Your gentle blessings, Lord, outpour On all our labors evermore.
Our hearts with your good Spirit fill That we may gladly do your will.

3 In ev'ry season, ev'ry place, May we recall your Word of grace
Until, when life's brief day is past, We reach eternal joy at last

4 And keep with angels in your rest The endless Sabbath of the blest.
Grant this to us through Christ, your Son, Who reigns with you upon your throne.

P: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you.

C: And also with you.

Confession of Sins

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Song of Praise: The Law Commands and Makes Us Know

1 The law commands and makes us know What duties to our God we owe,
But 'tis the gospel must reveal Where lies our strength to do his will.

2 The law uncovers guilt and sin And shows how vile our hearts have been;
The gospel only can express Forgiving love and cleansing grace.

3 What curses does the law pronounce Against the one who fails but once!
But in the gospel Christ appears, Pard'ning the guilt of num'rous years.

4 My soul, no more attempt to draw Your life and comfort from the law.
Flee to the hope the gospel gives; The one who trusts the promise lives.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us Pray.

O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:  Amen.

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

God wants his people to worship him and keep the proper relationship with him.

¹²Observe the Sabbath day by setting it apart as holy, just as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you are to serve and perform all of your regular work, ¹⁴but the seventh day is a sabbath rest to the LORD your God. You are not to do any regular work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock or the alien who resides inside your gates, in order that your male servant and your female servant may rest like you. ¹⁵Remember that you were slaves in the land of Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out from there with a strong hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the day of rest.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 126

"The Lord has done great things for us."

P: When the Lord brought back the captives to Zion

C: we were like those who dreamed.

P: Our mouths were filled with laughter,

C: our tongues with songs of joy

P: The Lord has done great things for us,

C: and we are filled with joy.

P: Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like streams in the desert.

C: Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy.

P: He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow,

C: will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him.

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

The good news of Christ is a light to brighten our sin-darkened hearts

⁵Indeed, we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For the God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," is the same one who made light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the person of Jesus Christ.

⁷We hold this treasure in clay jars to show that its extraordinary power is from God and not from us. ⁸We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; perplexed, yet not despairing; ⁹persecuted, yet not forsaken; struck down, yet not destroyed. ¹⁰We always carry around in our body the death of the Lord Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. ¹¹To be sure, while we are living we are continually being handed over to death because of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our mortal flesh. ¹²So then, death is working in us, but life is working in you.

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Alleluia.

Gospel: Mark 2:23-28

"The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath."

²³Once on a Sabbath day, Jesus was passing through the grain fields, and his disciples began to pick heads of grain as they walked along. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath day?"

²⁵He replied to them, "Have you never read what David did when he was in need and hungry (he and his companions)? ²⁶He entered the house of God in the time of Abiathar the high priest and ate the Bread of the Presence, which is not lawful for anyone to eat, except for the priests. He also gave some to his companions."

²⁷Then Jesus said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸So the Son of Man is the Lord even of the Sabbath."

Hymn of the Day: 194 Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices

1 Oh, that I had a thousand voices To praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices, Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be, What great things God has done for me.

2 Dear Father, endless praise I render For soul and body, nobly joined;
I praise you, Guardian kind and tender, For all the daily joys I find
So richly spread on ev'ry side And freely for my use supplied.

3 I praise you, Savior, whose compassion Has brought you down to ransom me.
Your pitying heart sought my salvation; You bore the cross triumphantly,
Brought me from bondage full release, Made me your own, and gave me peace.

4 Glory and praise, still onward reaching, Be yours, O Spirit of all grace,
Whose holy pow'r and faithful teaching Give me among your saints a place.
Whatever good by me is done Is worked by grace divine alone.

5 Shall I not then be filled with gladness? Shall I not praise you evermore
And triumph over fear and sadness, Although my cup of woe runs o'er?
Though heav'n and earth shall disappear, Your endless love is ever near.

Sermon

Apostles' Creed, *sung by all to the tune: "Ode to Joy"*

I believe in God the Father, Maker of the heav'ns and earth
And in Jesus Christ, our Savior, God's own Son, of human birth.
Virgin born, the Lord incarnate, Whom the Spirit did conceive;
Suffered under Pontius Pilate; He's the God whom I believe.

Crucified, was dead and buried, Down to hell in victory;
From the dead he rose the third day; Up to heav'n triumphantly.
There at God's right hand he's ruling, By his will the world is led.
He will come to judge the nations. Both the living and the dead.

I believe in God the Spirit, In his church, his chosen band.
They are joined in sweet communion, Holy in his sight they stand.
I believe in sins forgiven; That the dead will rise again;
I believe in life eternal. Amen! Amen! Amen!

Offering Prayer

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Lord's Prayer



G Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your
name, your king - dom come, your will be done on
earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as
we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Lead us
not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from
e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are
yours now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Hymn: 460 How Can I Thank You, Lord

1 How can I thank you, Lord, For all your loving-kindness,
That you have patiently Borne with me in my blindness!
When dead in many sins And trespasses I lay,
I kindled, holy God, Your anger ev'ry day.

2 It is your work alone That I am now converted;
O'er Satan's work in me You have your pow'r asserted.
Your mercy and your grace That rise afresh each morn
Have turned my stony heart Into a heart new-born.

3 Lord, you have raised me up To joy and exultation
And clearly shown the way That leads me to salvation.
My sins are washed away; For this I thank you, Lord.
Now with my heart and soul All evil I abhor.

4 Grant that your Spirit's help To me be always given
Lest I should fall again And lose the way to heaven.
Grant that he give me strength In my infirmity;
May he renew my heart To serve you willingly.

5 O Father, God of love, Now hear my supplication;
O Savior, Son of God, Accept my adoration;
O Holy Spirit, be My ever faithful guide
That I may serve you here And there with you abide.

Prayer

P: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

or

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A-men.

Blessing: Glorify Your Name

1. Father, we love you; we worship and adore you, Glorify your name in all the earth.
Glorify your name, glorify your name, glorify your name in all the earth.

2. Jesus, we love you; we worship and adore you, Glorify your name in all the earth.
Glorify your name, glorify your name, glorify your name in all the earth.

3. Spirit, we love you; we worship and adore you, Glorify your name in all the earth.
Glorify your name, glorify your name, glorify your name in all the earth.

4. *(congregation hums the tune while the pastor speaks the benediction through the first two lines, then sings:*

Glorify your name, glorify your name, glorify your name in all the earth.

Closing Hymn: 586 O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

1 O Splendor of God's glory bright,
You daily bring forth light from light.
O Light from Light, light's fountain-spring,
O Day, our days enlightening:

2 Come, very Sun of truth and love,
Come in your radiance from above,
And shed the Holy Spirit's ray
On all we think or do today.

3 Teach us to work with all our pow'r
To conquer in temptation's hour.
Let faith her eager fires renew
And hate the false and love the true.

4 Oh, joyful be the livelong day,
Our thoughts as pure as morning ray,
Our faith like noonday's glowing height,
Our souls undimmed by shades of night.

5 All praise to God the Father be,
All praise to Christ eternally,
Whom with the Spirit we adore
Forever and forevermore.