

The Church Gathered

September 13, 2020

11:00 a.m.

*Praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven.
– Daniel 4:37*

Prelude

Nancy Muskrat

Welcome to Worshippers

Michael Mills

*God is my strong salvation; what foe have I to fear?
In peril and temptation my light, my help, is near.*

Hymn of Adoration 319

Praise to the LORD, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

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;

praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been

granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy works 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.

Words by Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863

Reading of God's Word

Psalm 139: 1-3, 23-24

You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

**Search me, O God, and know my heart today;
try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray.
See if there be some wicked way in me;
cleans me from ev'ry sin and set me free.**

**I praise you, LORD, for cleansing me from sin;
fulfill your Word and make me pure within.
Fill me with fire where once I burned with shame;
grant my desire to magnify your name.**

**LORD, take my life, for I would live for you;
fill my poor heart with your great love to true.
Take all my will, my passion, self, and pride;
I now surrender; Lord, in me abide.**

**O Holy Spirit, revival comes from you;
send a revival, my own heart renew.
Your Word declares you will supply our need;
for blessings now, O LORD, I humbly plead.**

Words by J. Edwin Orr, 1936

*Though hosts encamp around me, firm to the fight I stand;
what terror can confound me, with God at my right hand?*

**Because I have been given much, I, too, must give;
because of thy great bounty, Lord, each day I live,
I shall divide my gifts from thee
with every person that I see
who has the need of help from me.**

**Because I have been sheltered, fed, by thy good care,
I cannot see another's lack and I not share
my glowing fire, my loaf of bread,
my roof's safe shelter overhead,
that they, too, may be comforted.**

**Because love has been lavished so upon me, Lord,
a wealth I know that was not meant for me to hoard,
I shall give love to those in need,
shall show that love by word and deed:
thus shall my thanks be thanks indeed.**

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*Place on the Lord reliance; my soul, with courage wait;
God's truth be your affiance, when faint and desolate.*

Reading of God's Word

Romans 8:1-11

Judy Tumlinson

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Hymn of Joy

Spirit Song

SPIRIT SONG

**O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love;
let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit, like a dove,
will descend upon your life and make you whole.**

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

**O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy;
lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
O give him all your tears and sadness; give him all your years of pain,
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.**

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Message

When in Romans: How Much Condemnation Is Left?
Romans 8:1-11

Michael Mills

Invitation to Reflection and Response

*God's might your heart shall strengthen, God's love your joy increase;
mercy your days shall lengthen; the Lord will give you peace.*

Hymn of Celebration 627

Victory in Jesus

HARTFORD

**I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory,
how He gave his life on Calvary to save a wretch like me:
I heard about his groaning, of his precious blood's atoning,
then I repented of my sins and won the victory.**

**I heard about his healing, of his cleansing power revealing,
how he made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see;
and then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit,"
and somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory.**

**O victory in Jesus, my Savior, forever,
he sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood;
he loved me ere I knew him, and all my love is due him;
he plunged me to victory, beneath the cleansing flood.**

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The Life of the Church

Michael Mills

Benediction

Postlude

C. L. Bass