

Worshiping God in Tumultuous Times

Scripture Meditation: *Habakkuk 3:17-19*

Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines,
the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut
off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in
the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. God, the Lord, is
my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on
my high places.

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Hymn of Justice: *Immortal, Invisible*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above,
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish, but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory; pure Father of light;
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

Walter C. Smith, 1824-1908

Hymn of Praise: *Romans Doxology*

Oh, the depth of the riches, the wisdom of God,
How unsearchable are His ways.
How profound are his judgments, so high above our thoughts,
And His pathways no man can trace.

Refrain:
For from him and through him, and to Him are all things,
To Him be glory forevermore. To him be glory forever.
Amen! Amen! Amen!

Oh, the depth of the riches, the wisdom of God,
How magnificent are His ways.
Who has been His advisor and who has counseled Him,
All He gives us who can repay.

Oh, the depth of the riches, the wisdom of God,
How immeasurable is His grace.
How unfailing His kindness, so far removed His wrath,
And His mercies are new each day.

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Prayer of Blessing

Responsive Reading: *Romans 1:18-25*

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and
unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

**For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has
shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power
and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of
the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.**

For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to
him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were
darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory
of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals
and creeping things.

**Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity,
to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they
exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the
creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.**

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Hymn of Confession: *Lord, I Need You*

Lord, I come, I confess,
Bowing here I find my rest.
Without You I fall apart;
You're the One that guides my heart.

Chorus:
Lord, I need You, Oh, I need You; every hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God, how I need You.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more;
Where grace is found is where You are.
And where You are, Lord, I am free,
Holiness is Christ in me.

Chorus

Bridge:
Teach my song to rise to You,
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You.
Jesus, You're my hope and stay!

Chorus

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Prayer of Corporate Confession

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon: *Romans 1:16, 17*

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for
salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the
Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith,
as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

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Offertory Hymn of Pardon: *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon My breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink, and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s Light;
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I’ll walk, till traveling days are done.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, my Father’s house above
Has many mansions; I’ve a place prepared for you in love.
I trust in Jesus—in that house, according to His word,
Redeemed by grace, my soul shall live forever with the Lord.

Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889

Confession of Faith: *Heidelberg Catechism*

Question 1: What is your only comfort in life and death?

Answer: **That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.**

Hymn of Preservation: *The Church’s One Foundation*

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.

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 both foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed:
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song!

’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.

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Ministry of the Word

Church Info

SUNDAY

9:15 am Corporate Prayer Service
10:30 am Corporate Worship Service

THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

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Whate’er my God ordains is right:
His loving thought attends me;
No poison can be in the cup
That my Physician sends me.
My God is true; each morn anew
I’ll trust His grace unending,
My life to Him commending.

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