

Christ: the Incarnate Word, the Better Prophet

Scripture for Meditation: *Hebrews 1:1-3a*

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

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Hymn of Invocation: *Come, Thou Almighty King*

Come, Thou almighty King,
Help us Thy Name to sing, help us to praise!
Father all glorious, o'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

Come, Thou incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword, our prayer attend!
Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy Word success,
Spirit of holiness, on us descend!

Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.
Thou Who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!

To the great One in Three,
Eternal praises be, hence, evermore.
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore!

Anonymous, c. 1757

Prayer of Blessing

Responsive Reading: *Hebrews 3:1-14*

Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house.

For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself.

(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope. Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness, where your fathers put me to the test and saw my works for forty years. Therefore I was provoked with that generation, and said,

'They always go astray in their heart; they have not known my ways.'

As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall not enter my rest.'" Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.

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Offertory Hymn of Dependence: *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: *John 3:16*

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Pardon: *Join All the Glorious Names*

Join all the glorious names
Of wisdom, love, and power,
That ever mortals knew,
That angels ever bore:
All are too poor to speak His worth,
To poor to set my Savior forth.

Great Prophet of my God,
My tongue would bless Thy Name,
By Thee the joyful news
Of free salvation came,
The joyful news of sin forgiv'n
Of hell subdued, and peace with Heav'n.

Now let my soul arise,
And tread the tempter down;
My Captain leads me forth
To conquest and a crown:
A feeble saint shall win the day,
Though death and hell obstruct the way.

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Hymn of Good News: God, in the Gospel of His Son*

God, in the Gospel of His Son,
Makes His eternal counsels known;
Where love in all its glory shines,
And truth is drawn in fairest lines.

Here sinners of a humble frame
May taste His grace, and learn His Name;
May read, in characters of blood,
The wisdom, power, and grace of God.

The prisoner here may break his chains;
The weary rest from all his pains;
The captive feel his bondage cease;
The mourner find the way of peace.

O grant us grace, Almighty Lord,
To read and mark Thy holy Word;
Its truths with meekness to receive,
And by its holy precepts live.

Benjamin Beddome, 1717-1795
Alt. by Thomas Cotterill, 1779-1823; mod.
Arr. by Dan Forrest
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*Children may leave during this song.

Ministry of the Word

Church Info

SUNDAY

- 9:15 am Family Bible Time
10:00am Corporate Prayer Service
10:45 am Corporate Worship Service

THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Shepherding Groups

*A nursery is available for all services.

*Sunday sermons are available as downloadable MP3s at
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The whole emphasis is upon the Lord's initiative. The Lord speaks, his servant hears and obeys. Samuel has no choice; his own will is submitted to the command of God. . . . Samuel's role is altogether different from that of a religious practitioner, seeking to cajole the deity into conformity with his desires. Quite the reverse is true: Samuel stands unequivocally for the demands of the Lord upon his people. The outcome must be either repentance and reform, or certain punishment.

Joyce Baldwin