



Sunday, November 7, 2021

“Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. 36 Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. 37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— 38 of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.”

Hebrews 11:35-38

Order of Worship and Lyrics

Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory
On Thy people pour Thy pow'r
Crown Thine ancient church's story
Bring her bud to glorious flow'r
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage
For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
Scorn Thy Christ assail His ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us
Free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage
For the living of these days for the living of these days

Cure Thy children's warring madness
Bend our pride to Thy control
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal

Set our feet on lofty places
Gird our lives that they may be
Armoured with all Christ-like graces
In the fight to set men free
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage
That we fail not man nor Thee
That we fail not man nor Thee!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Praise Song: Facing the Task Unfinished

Facing a task unfinished, that drives us to our knees
A need that, undiminished rebukes our slothful ease.

We who rejoice to know Thee
Renew before Thy throne
The solemn pledge we owe Thee
To go and make Thee known
Where other lords beside Thee
Hold their unhindered sway
Where forces that defied Thee
Defy Thee still today
With none to heed their crying
for life, and love, and light
Unnumbered souls are dying, And pass into the night

[Chorus]

We go to all the world, With kingdom hope unfurled
No other name has power to save
But Jesus Christ The Lord

We bear the torch that flaming, Fell from the hands of
those, Who gave their lives proclaiming
That Jesus died and rose.
Ours is the same commission
The same glad message ours
Fired by the same ambition
To Thee we yield our powers
O Father who sustained them, O Spirit who inspired,
Saviour, whose love constrained them
To toil with zeal untired, From cowardice defend us,
From lethargy awake!

Forth on Thine errands send us, To labour for Thy sake.

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Gloria Patri:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Unison Reading: Romans 6:5-11

“though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. 7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— 10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him

in his death, 11 that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.”

Pastoral Prayer and 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, Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory:

Bess Desta

Doxology:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen!

Anthem: “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

Central Choir

Sermon: “Persecution of the Church”

Randy Jenkins

Scripture: Galatians 1:11-24

Hymn: I Stand Amazed

I stand amazed in the presence, Of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me
A sinner, condemned, unclean.

Chorus: How marvelous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be; How marvelous! How
wonderful! Is my Savior's love for me!

For me it was in the garden
He prayed, "Not My will, but Thine."
He had no tears for His own griefs
But sweat drops of blood for mine

He took my sins and my sorrows
He made them His very own.
He bore the burden to Calv'ry
And suffered and died alone

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me

Benediction/Response

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