

January 30, 2022 10:00 AM

Reflection: "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." (Rom. 1:16)

Call To Worship

Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty!

Just and true are your ways, King of the ages.

Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name?

For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you!

-from Revelation 15:3-4

Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

Words: Edward Mote Music: William Bradbury

Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art Thou my best thought, by day or by night Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord Thou my great Father and I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Invocation

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise Thou mine inheritance now and always Thou and Thou only, but first in my heart High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my vict'ry won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Words: Charles Wesley Music: Jeremy Moore

Love divine, all loves excelling
Joy of heaven to earth come down
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling
All Thy faithful mercies crown
Jesus Thou art all compassion
Pure unbounded love Thou art
Visit us with Thy salvation
Enter every trembling heart

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into every troubled breast Let us all in Thee inherit Let us find Thy promised rest Take away the love of sinning Alpha and Omega be End of faith as its beginning Set our hearts at liberty

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:1-7

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

-1 John 1:5-7

Corporate Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Come Almighty to deliver
Let us all Thy grace receive
Suddenly return and never
Never more Thy temples leave
Thee we would be always blessing
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing
Glory in Thy perfect love

Finish then Thy new creation
Pure and spotless let us be
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee
Changed from glory into glory
Till in heaven we take our place
Till we cast our crowns before Thee
Lost in wonder, love, and praise

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

-Romans 8:15-17

Hymn

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Words & Music: Stuart Townsend

How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away As wounds which mar the chosen One, Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders Ashamed I hear my mocking voice, Call out among the scoffers It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything No gifts, no power, no wisdom But I will boast in Jesus Christ His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer But this I know with all my heart His wounds have paid my ransom

Children's Story

"Bible Stories Every Child Should Know," by Kenneth N. Taylor

Prayer

At the conclusion of prayer pray the Lord's Prayer in unison:

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, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sermon

"A Great Light in Galilee" Matthew 4:12-25

Wayne Shelton

Hymn of Response

Is He Worthy?

Words & Music: Andrew Peterson and Ben Shive

Do you feel the world is broken?

We do.

Do you feel the shadows deepen?

We do.

But do you know that all the dark Won't stop the light from getting through? **We do.**

Do you wish that you could see it all made new?

We do.

Is all creation groaning?

It is.

Is a new creation coming?

It is.

Is the glory of the Lord

To be the light within our midst?

It is.

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this?

It is.

All:

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal

and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah

who conquered the grave

He is David's root

And the Lamb who died

to ransom the slave.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?

Of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy of this?

He is.

Does the Father truly love us?

He does.

Does the Spirit move among us?

He does.

And does Jesus our Messiah Hold forever those He loves?

He does.

Does our God intend to dwell

again with us?

He does.

All:

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Is anyone able to break the seal

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The Lion of Judah

who conquered the grave

He is David's root

And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

From ev'ry people and tribe,

every nation and tongue

He has made us a kingdom and priests

To God to reign with the Son. Is He worthy?

Of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy?
Is He worthy?

Is He worthy of this?

He is!

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell.
The third day He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Doxology

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