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Call to Worship the Lord

M: O come let us praise the steadfast love of the LORD forever;

P: With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

M: The Lord has said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David:

P: 'I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.'"

M: The Lord has sent Jesus, the Son of David, to heal our wounds and conquer our enemies.

P: We worship you Jesus, Son of David and Son of God, King of kings and Lord of lords, Creator and Redeemer of all.

M: Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,

P: Your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.

All: Amen.

M: Peace be with you!

P: And also with your spirit!

Psalm 31:23–24 (NKJV)

23 Oh, love the LORD, all you His saints! For the LORD preserves the faithful, And fully repays the proud person. 24 Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart, All you who hope in the LORD.

Hymn: All Creatures of our God and King (Cantus 288-289 / Next Page)

All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN (8 8. 4 4. 8 8. 3 3 and Alleluias)

Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln, 1623

harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

St. Francis of Assisi, c. 1225

tr. William H. Draper, 1926

Unison

1. All crea - tures of our God and King, Lift
 2. Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong, Ye
 3. *Thou flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear,* Make
 4. And all ye men of ten - der heart, For -
 5. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, And

Harmony

up your voice and with us sing Al - le - lu - ia,
 clouds that sail in heaven a - long, O - - - - - praise Him,
mu - sic for thy Lord to hear, Al - le - lu - ia,
 giv - ing oth - ers, take your part, O - - - - - sing ye,
 wor - ship Him in hum - ble - ness, O - - - - - praise Him,

Unison

al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing sun with gold - en
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing morn, in praise re -
al - le - lu - ia! Thou fire so mas - ter - ful and
 al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long pain and sor - row
 al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the

ADORATION

beam, Thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam:
 joyce, Ye lights of eve - ning, find a voice:
bright, That giv - est man both *warmth* and *light*:
 bear, Praise God and on Him cast your care:
 Son, And praise the Spir - it, Three in One:

Harmony

O praise Him, O praise Him, Al - le -

Unison

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Exhortation from the Scriptures

Amos 3:1–6 (NKJV)

¹ Hear this word that the LORD has spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying:

² “You only have I known of all the families of the earth;
Therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.”

³ Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?

⁴ Will a lion roar in the forest, when he has no prey?

Will a young lion cry out of his den, if he has caught nothing?

⁵ Will a bird fall into a snare on the earth, where there is no trap for it?

Will a snare spring up from the earth, if it has caught nothing at all?

⁶ If a trumpet is blown in a city, will not the people be afraid?

If there is calamity in a city, will not the LORD have done *it*?

Corporate Confession

(From Psalm 5)

M: Almighty God ...

P: Hear our words and our groanings, O Lord. Give attention to our cry for mercy.

M: You are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you.

The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.

You destroy those who speak lies; you abhor the bloodthirsty and deceitful.

P: But, O Lord, we are evildoers.

We are boastful, deceitful and bloodthirsty.

We have taken the lives of the innocent, abused the poor and the needy, exploited the helpless, approved perversity and immorality.

M: By your mercy alone,
by the abundance of your steadfast love
may we enter your house.

**P: Because of your Son, O Lord,
let us find refuge in you.**

Take away our sins and let us sing for joy.

Cover us with your favor as with a shield.

For the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 12:1–2 (NKJV)

1 And in that day you will say: “O LORD, I will praise You; Though You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away, and You comfort me. 2 Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; For YAH, the LORD, is my strength and song; He also has become my salvation.”

M: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

M: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

Hymn: Sanctus verse 2 (Cantus 407 / Next Page)

Sanctus

Franz Schubert, *Deutsche Messe*, 1827

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Ho - ly is the Lord! _____
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Ho - ly is the Lord! _____

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Wor - shipped and a - dored. _____
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Wor - shipped and a - dored. _____

He with - out be - gin - ning, Age - less and the same, _____
Lord of hosts, the glo - ry From Thy throne out - poured _____

Is and ev - er shall be, Glo - ry to His Name. _____
Fills the earth and heav - ens; Ho - ly is the Lord! _____

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Numbers 21:4-9

New Testament: John 3:14-21

Officiant: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Catechism and Creed

WSC Q. 31. What is effectual calling?

A. Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he does persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.

Recite Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross. ⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Psalms: Psalm 12 – Help, Lord, Your Law the Godly Cease to Savor
Psalm 56 – Be Gracious Unto Me, O God
(Cantus 13, 88 / Following Pages)

Help, LORD, Your Law the Godly Cease to Savor

Psalm 12

DONNE SECOURS, SEIGNEUR (11 10. 11 10)

Douglas Wilson, 2000

Genevan Psalter, 1542

harm. Claude Goudimel, 1564; alt.

1. Help, LORD, Your law the god - ly cease to sa - vor,
2. The LORD will judge all tongues that love to flat - ter,
3. The poor are pressed and strug - gle in their sigh - ing.
4. The words of God are pure, like sil - ver test - ed,

The faith - ful fail a - mong the sons of men.
And He will sev - er ev - ery pride - ful lip.
Our LORD will rise and bring them safe - ly through.
Re - fined in fire and test - ed sev - en - fold.

Men all speak van - i - ties, each to his neigh - bor,
Judge those who think to tri - umph through their chat - ter,
The wick - ed press and crowd; the poor are cry - ing.
You keep Your saints, they can - not be mo - lest - ed.

With flat - t'ring lips and dou - ble hearts they sin.
Who say they have no lord and can - not slip.
Our LORD will save; His prom - is - es are true.
The wick - ed strut when god - li - ness grows old.

Be Gracious unto Me, O God

Psalm 56

CONSOLATION [MORNING SONG] (8 6. 8 6. 8 6)

The Book of Psalms for Singing, 1973

John Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music, II, 1813*

1. Be gra - cious un - to me, O God, For man would me de - vour;
2. Be - cause a - gainst me man - y are Who fight from plac - es high,
3. *All day they wrest my words; their thoughts* Toward me are filled with hate.
4. *In an - ger, God, cast peo - ples down* In what they un - der - took.
5. *My foes shall, when I cry, turn back,* I know; God is for me.
6. *My vows to Thee I'll pay,* O God; Thank-off'r-ings bring to Thee.

He fights a - gainst me all day long, Op - press - ing by his power.
The day I fear I'll trust in Thee. God's word I'll mag - ni - fy.
They meet, they lurk, they mark my steps, As for my soul they wait.
Thou num - ber - est my wan - der - ings, Not one dost o - ver - look.
In God I'll praise His word; the LORD— His word my praise shall be!
For Thou from death didst save my soul, My feet from fall - ing free;

My foes are watch - ing day and night That they may me de - vour.
In God I trust. What can flesh do? Of that no fear have I.
Is there in - deed es - cape for them With wick - ed - ness so great?
With - in Thy bot - tle put my tears; Are they not in Thy book?
In God I've trust - ed, I'll not fear What man can do to me.
I'll walk be - fore God in the light Of those that liv - ing be.

Offertory and Prayer:

Hymn: Cast Thy Bread Upon the Waters (Next Page)

ECCLESIASTES

Offertory

2007

Cast Thy Bread upon the Waters
Ecclesiastes 11:1-2

Heartily

Cast thy bread up - on the wa - ters: for thou shalt

6

find it af - ter ma - ny days. Give a por - tion to

11

se - ven, and al - so to eight: for thou know - est not — what

17

e - vil shall be up - on the earth, for thou know - est

23

not — what e - vil shall be up - on the earth. —

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Petition

Hymn: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word (Cantus 368 / Next Page)

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word

ERHALT UNS, HERR (L.M.)
Joseph Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, Wittenberg, 1543

Martin Luther, 1541
tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863

1. Lord, keep us stead - fast in Thy Word; Curb those who fain by
2. Lord Je - sus Christ, Thy pow'r make known, For Thou art Lord of
3. O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and u - ni -

craft and sword Would wrest the king - dom from Thy
lords a - lone; De - fend Thy Chris - ten - dom that
ty on earth. Sup - port us in our fi - nal

Son And set at naught all He hath done.
we May ev - er - more sing praise to Thee.
strife And lead us out of death to life.

The Consummation of the Kingdom

The Biblical Hope: Part IV

Psalm 96, John 5:24-29, Romans 8:18-25

Stuart W. Bryan

I. Inauguration, Continuation, Consummation

Jesus compares the kingdom to a crop which *gradually* grows over time until the harvest. So we talked about the *inauguration, continuation, and consummation* of the kingdom. There are three basic stages in the life of a crop: you plant the crop, you grow the crop, and then you harvest the crop. Today, we examine the *consummation* of the kingdom.

II. Components of the Consummation (Jn 5:28-29)

²⁴“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. ²⁵Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. ²⁶For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, ²⁷and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. ²⁸Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice ²⁹and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

Jesus draws attention to the transformative power of His Word. He who *bears His Word and believes in the Father* through the Son is delivered from spiritual *death* and granted *everlasting life* (24). He will partake of the _____ resurrection – the renewal of spiritual life in this life.

A. Summons (cf. 1 Thes 4:13-18)

But this *first resurrection* is simply a harbinger of the resurrection when Christ *returns again in glory to judge the living and the dead*. Note the three components Jesus’ mentions in the consummation. First, Jesus will summon the dead from their graves. Those in their graves *hear the voice of the Son of Man* (28).

B. Resurrection (cf. 1 Cor 15:35-57)

When the summons is heard, then those in their graves will rise, they will come to life. Their bodies *will come forth* (29). Eternity does not involve a disembodied, spirit-like existence but the _____. As Jesus says:

³⁹“This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but *should raise it up at the last day*. ⁴⁰And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and *I will raise him up at the last day*.” (Jn 6:39-40)

C. Judgment (cf. 2 Cor 5:9-10)

In the resurrection, Jesus makes a distinction. All men shall appear before the Son of God, before the King of the Messianic Age, to answer for their conduct during His tenure in office. Some are raised to _____; others to _____. Judgment will occur.

III. What on earth is happening?

Given the pervasiveness of suffering, all world religions and cultures have had to process suffering. What are we to think of suffering and how do we deal with it?

1. Hinduism – Resignation
2. Buddhism – Detachment
3. Stoicism – Conquest
4. Secularism – Avoidance

All of these mentalities accept _____ as a normal part of existence. So what about Christianity? Christianity insists that suffering is not natural, not an inherent part of creation. Consequently, it is fitting and right for us to fight against it; to relieve suffering is to do a good and noble work.

Christianity insists, uniquely, that creation itself is longing to be released from its bondage to corruption and that Jesus has risen from the dead to release it. Jesus came not only to rescue humans from sin and guilt but to restore creation.

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. ¹⁹For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; ²¹because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. ²³Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. ²⁴For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.

Creation is longing for its deliverance. So the hope of God's people and the hope of creation are intertwined. "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth" (Mt 5:5). Jesus teaches us to pray, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" (Mt 6:10).

And this is why the psalms and prophets are filled with summons for *all creation* to sing the praises of the Lord (e.g., Psalm 96).

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; Let the sea roar, and all its fullness; ¹²Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it. Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice before the LORD. ¹³For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth. He shall judge the world with righteousness, And the peoples with His truth.

Why does the psalmist summon all creation to praise the Lord? It is *not because God created the world in the beginning* but *because God is coming to judge the earth*. Christ's return in glory is good news for all creation. At that time, all creation will be renewed. Consider Isaiah's summons:

¹³Sing, O heavens! Be joyful, O earth! And break out in singing, O mountains! For the LORD has comforted His people, And will have mercy on His afflicted.

IV. Conclusion

A Time of Prayer

The 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.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
And the power and the glory,
Forever.
Amen.

Bidding Prayers

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father.

For the forgiveness of our sins, our worship of other gods, our blasphemy, our neglect of the Lord's Day, our disregard for parental authority, our murder of the unborn, our desecration of marriage and perversion of sexuality, our theft of that which others have lawfully earned, our malicious speech, and our covetousness, with all our heart and all our mind, let us pray to the Lord...

Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

For our sinful self-sufficiency, for our refusal to give thanks to the Lord publicly for all His gifts to us, for our neglect to designate the Lord's service and worship as essential services, for no fault divorce, for our public sanction of same-sex longings, actions, and relationships in our so-called "anti-discrimination ordinance", let us pray to the Lord... Lord of compassion,

in your mercy hear us.

For the holy catholic church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the gospel and the salvation of friend and foe through faith in Christ, let us pray to the Lord... Lord of compassion,

in your mercy hear us.

For this nation, for our cities and communities, for Northern Idaho, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord... Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord... Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

For those who labor, for those who own business that are being affected by this virus, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord... Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

For all those in need, for those who have been put out of work, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord... Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

For the sick and dying, especially those suffering with COVID and those health care workers who are ministering to them, let us pray to the Lord... Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

For our expectant mothers, our older members susceptible to the coronavirus, and for all those who are suffering with physical illnesses that make them more vulnerable to infection, let us pray to the Lord... Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord... Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

Grant, we beseech You, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of Your grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Blessing and Benediction

Psalm: Psalm 134 – Behold, Bless the Lord (Next Page)

Psalm 134

A Song of Ascents.

1 Be - hold, bless the LORD, All you servants of the LORD, Who by night stand in the house of the LORD!

2 Lift up your hands in the sanc - tu - ar - y, And bless the LORD.

3 The LORD who made heav'n and earth Bless you from Zi - on!

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Benediction

The LORD bless you and keep you;

The LORD make His face shine upon you,

And be gracious to you;

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you,

And give you peace.

Numbers 6:24–26