

Soli Deo Gloria

To God Alone be the Glory



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Order of Worship

Call to Worship & Prayer of Praise

Psalm 147:1-11

Praise the LORD!

**For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.**

The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

**He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.**

He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.

**Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.**

The LORD lifts up the humble;
he casts the wicked to the ground.

**Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre!**

He covers the heavens with clouds;
he prepares rain for the earth;
he makes grass grow on the hills.

**He gives to the beasts their food,
and to the young ravens that cry.**

His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,

**But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.**

Hymns of Praise

GREAT IS THE LORD (*Hymn #61*)

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just; By His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true; By His mercy He proves He is love.

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory! Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.

Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice,

Now lift up your voice: Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just; By His power we trust in His love.

Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true; By His mercy He proves He is love.

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory! Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice,
Now lift up your voice: Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

Great are You, Lord and worthy of glory! Great are You, Lord and worthy of praise.
Great are You, Lord; I lift up my voice,
I lift up your voice: Great are You, Lord! Great are You, Lord!

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS (*Hymn #96*)

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth.
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!

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Prayer of Confession

Hymn of Response

SPEAK, O LORD (*Hymn #432*)

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You To receive the food of your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us All Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise Cause our eyes to see, Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail; Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises; and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built And the earth is filled with Your glory.

Scripture Readings

MATTHEW 23:1-12

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, ²“The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat, ³so do and observe whatever they tell you, but not the works they do. For they preach, but do not practice. ⁴They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger. ⁵They do all their deeds to be seen by others. For they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long, ⁶and they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues ⁷and greetings in the marketplaces and being called rabbi by others. ⁸But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers. ⁹And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven. ¹⁰Neither be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ. ¹¹The greatest among you shall be your servant. ¹²Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

2 PETER 2:1-16

But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. ²And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed. ³And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

⁴For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment; ⁵if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; ⁶if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes he condemned them to extinction, making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; ⁷and if he rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked ⁸(for as that righteous man lived among them day after day, he was tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard); ⁹then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment, ¹⁰and especially those who indulge in the lust of defiling passion and despise authority.

Bold and willful, they do not tremble as they blaspheme the glorious ones, ¹¹whereas angels, though greater in might and power, do not pronounce a blasphemous judgment against them before the Lord. ¹²But these, like irrational animals, creatures of instinct, born to be caught and destroyed, blaspheming about matters of which they are ignorant, will also be destroyed in their destruction, ¹³suffering wrong as the wage for their wrongdoing. They count it pleasure to revel in the daytime. They are blots and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions, while they feast with you. ¹⁴They have eyes full of adultery, insatiable for sin. They entice unsteady souls. They have hearts trained in greed. Accursed children! ¹⁵For-saking the right way, they have gone astray. They have followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved gain from wrongdoing, ¹⁶but was rebuked for his own transgression; a speechless donkey spoke with human voice and restrained the prophet's madness.

Sermon

“The Madness of False Teachers”

I. THE QUALITIES OF FALSE TEACHERS

A. Their General Disposition (2 Pet. 2:10)

- *Bold* = S _____ and I _____
- *Willful* = A _____ and I _____

B. Their Particular Behavior (2 Pet. 2:10-14; Jude 1:8-16)

- Reviling the S _____ Powers
- Reveling in their S _____ Ways

II. THE MADNESS OF FALSE TEACHERS

A. They are like Irrational Animals (2 Pet. 2:12-14)

- Creatures of I _____ and A _____
- Destined to be C _____ and D _____

B. They are like Balaam son of Beor (2 Pet. 2:15-16; Numbers 22)

- Pursuing the W _____ of this W _____
- Restrained by a D _____ D _____

III. THE HANDLING OF FALSE TEACHERS

A. Understanding their Untamable Nature (2 Pet. 2:10-16)

B. Setting up Fences in the Church (2 Pet. 1:3-11; 1 Tim. 6:3-10)

- The True K _____ of C _____
- The Diligent P _____ of G _____
- The Quiet L _____ of C _____

Hymn of Response

BE THOU MY VISION (*Hymn #83*)

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be alleles 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.

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

High King of heaven, my victory 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.

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Missions Moment

Paul Biswas (South Asian Ministry)

Prayers of the Church

Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

Closing Hymn

GOD OF GRACE AND GLORY (*HYMN #115*)

God of grace and God of glory, On Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient church's story, Bring her bud to glorious flower.

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' goal. Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places; Gird our lives that they may be

Armored 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.

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Benediction