

RPC Home Worship

Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020 - 10 AM

Below you will find some elements from Sunday worship to be used this morning for worship. This is for singles, couples, and families. We are participating at the same time, in our homes, as a local church and as the Body of Christ, to give Christ our praise and honor. If you have children, be sure to allow them to participate with the readings, prayer, and praise.

Call to Worship: Adapted from Psalm 8

Recite Together:

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place; who are we that you are mindful of us? Creator of Heaven and Earth, thank You for creating us and loving us in a way that knows no limits. We acknowledge You as Lord and praise You for all of creation. Holy Spirit, we welcome You in this time of praise and worship. Please, Lord, shape us and mold us into the disciples of Jesus Christ that You are calling us to be.

Sing or Recite: 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.

Prayer of Appeal:

Someone Pray:

Ask God for his presence and blessing during this time of worship.

Reading: Revelation 21:3-8

Someone Read:

3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." 5 And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6 And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. 7 The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. 8 But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

Sing or Recite: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it mount of Thy redeeming love

Oh, that day when freed from sinning I shall see Thy lovely face
Clothed then in the blood washed linen how I'll sing Thy wondrous grace
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry take my ransomed soul away
Send Thine angels now to carry me to realms of endless day

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be
Let that goodness like a fetter bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it seal it for Thy courts above

Reading:

1 Peter 4:12-19 (ESV)

12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. 14 If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. 16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. 17 For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? 18 And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" 19 Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

Malachi 3:1-4 (ESV)

3 "Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. 2 But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. 3 He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord. 4 Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Sing or Recite: In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace

When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Online Message:

Go to rpcinverness.com and click on the You Tube link for this morning's sermon.

Share and Reflect:

If you have children be sure to rephrase these questions so they may participate.

- Have you ever felt like you were experiencing a “fiery trial” similar to what Peter is describing here?
- How does Jesus declaring himself king and coming as king create fiery trials in the world?
- How does Jesus coming as king create fiery trials in your life?
- Is Peter suggesting that we should be happy about suffering or be glad when bad things happen? Why or why not? How might this be unhealthy and unrealistic and unbiblical?
- In what does Peter tell us to rejoice?
- If we are going to entrust our souls to something why is it best to entrust it to God?

Closing Prayer:

- Pray for one another.
- Pray for our leaders and health workers.
- Pray for repentance in our lives and in our nation.
- Thank God for his sustaining hand, how he curbs our fears, and gives us refuge in times of trouble.