

Morning Worship

01.03.10

Preparation for Worship

By Thy Mercy (Jesus, Lord of Life and Glory)

Lyrics: James J. Cummins, 1839; Music: Greg Thompson, 2004

Je - sus, Lord of life and glo - ry,
bend from heav'n thy gra - cious ear;
While our wait - ing souls a - dore thee,
friend of help - less sin - ners, hear.
From the depth of na - ture's blind - ness,
from the hard 'ning pow'r of sin, From all mal ice
and un - kind - ness, from the pride that turks with in.
REFRAIN
By thy mer - cy, O de - liv - er us, good
Lord; By thy mer - cy, O de -
liv - er us, good Lord, good Lord.

When temptation sorely presses, in the day of Satan's pow'r
In our times of deep distresses, in each dark and trying hour
When the world around is smiling, in the time of wealth and ease
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling, in the day of health and peace [REFRAIN]

In the weary hours of sickness, in the times of grief and pain
When we feel our mortal weakness, when all human help is vain
In the solemn hour of dying, in the awful judgment day
May our souls, on thee relying, find thee still our Rock and Stay [REFRAIN]

Welcome & Announcements

Reflection

Since justice is His nature, love, which would disregard the evil deeds of man, would contradict His nature. Because of His concern for humanity, His justice is tempered with mercy. Divine anger is not the antithesis of love, but its counterpart, a help to justice as demanded by true love.”

– Abraham J. Heschel

If Easter means that Jesus Christ is only raised in a spiritual sense then Easter is only about me and finding a new dimension in my personal life. But if Jesus Christ is truly risen from the dead Christianity becomes good news for the whole world and not just about me, news that warms our hearts precisely because it is not just about warming hearts. Easter means that in a world where injustice, violence, and degradation are endemic God is not prepared to tolerate any such thing. Therefore, we will work and plan with all the energy of God to implement the victory of Jesus over the brokenness of this world. Take away Easter and Karl Marx is right to accuse Christianity of ignoring all of the problems of the material world. Take away Easter and Freud was right to say that Christianity was wish fulfillment. Take away Easter and Nietzsche was right to say that Christianity was for wimps.

– NT Wright

Prelude

The Word

Call to Worship

Psalm 93: 1–2

The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed; he has put on strength as his belt. Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved. Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Lyrics & Music: Martin Luther, 1529

The musical score is written in treble clef with a 4/4 time signature. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes various musical notations such as quarter notes, eighth notes, and rests. The lyrics are: A - migh - ty for - tress is our God, a Bul-wark nev - er fail - ing; Our Help-er He a - mid the flood of mor-tal ills pre - vail - ing; For still our an-cient Foe doth seek to work us woe; His craft and pow'r are great, and armed with cru-el hate, On earth is not his e - qual.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing
Were not the right Man on our side, the man of God's own choosing
Dost ask who that may be; Christ Jesus it is He
Lord Sabbaoth His name, from age to age the same
And He must win the battle

And though this world with devils filled, should threaten undo us
We will not fear for God hath willed, His truth to triumph through us
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him
His rage we can endure, for lo his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours, through Him who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still
His kingdom is forever

Call to Confession of Sin

Psalm 32: 3-6

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

Prayer of Confession of Sin

[Please pray the italicized portions aloud together.]

O Lord, no day of my life has passed that has not proved me guilty in Your sight. Prayers have been prayed from a prayerless heart; praise has been often praiseless sound; and my best services are filthy rags. Blessed Jesus, though my sins rise to heaven, Your merits soar above them; though unrighteousness weighs me down to hell, Your righteousness exalts me to Your throne. All things in me call for my rejection, but all things in You plead my acceptance. I am guilty, but pardoned; lost, but saved; wandering, but found; sinning, but cleansed. Give me perpetual broken-heartedness, and keep me always clinging to your cross.

Silent Prayers of Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32:1-2

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Greeting of Peace

Leader: Let the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts. To this peace we are called as members of a single body. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

Hymn of Pardoning Grace

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Lyrics: Henry F. Lyte, 1834; Music: John Goss, 1869

The musical score is written in a single system with a treble clef, a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a range of approximately two octaves. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The score consists of 16 measures, with measure numbers 3, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, and 16 marked at the beginning of their respective lines.

Praise — my — soul, the King — of — hea - ven; —
To — His — feet thy tri-bute — bring. Ran - somed, — healed, re -
stored, — for - giv - en, — Who — like — me His
praise should — sing? — Praise — Him, — praise Him, —
praise — Him, — praise — Him, — Praise — the — ev - er -
last - ing — King. — Praise — Him, — praise Him, —
praise — Him, — praise — Him, — Praise — the — ev - er -
last - - - ing — King. —

Praise Him for His grace and favor to our fathers in distress.
Praise Him still the same forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him! Glorious in His faithfulness.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him! Glorious in His faithfulness.
Frail as summer's flower we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
But while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on,
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him! Praise the High Eternal One
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him! Praise the High Eternal One
Fatherlike He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows.
In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him! Widely as His mercy flows.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him! Widely as His mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him; ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him, dwellers all in time and space.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him!
Praise with us the God of grace.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Epistle Reading

Revelation 18:19-24

They will throw dust on their heads, and with weeping and mourning cry out: " Woe! Woe, O great city, where all who had ships on the sea became rich through her wealth! In one hour she has been brought to ruin! Rejoice over her, O heaven! Rejoice, saints and apostles and prophets! God has judged her for the way she treated you." " Then a mighty angel picked up a boulder the size of a large millstone and threw it into the sea, and said: "With such violence the great city of Babylon will be thrown down, never to be found again. The music of harpists and musicians, flute players and trumpeters, will never be heard in you again. No workman of any trade will ever be found in you again. The sound of a millstone will never be heard in you again. The light of a lamp will never shine in you again. The voice of bridegroom and bride will never be heard in you again. Your merchants were the world's great men. By your magic spell all the nations were led astray. In her was found the blood of prophets and of the saints, and of all who have been killed on the earth."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
All: *Thanks be to God!*

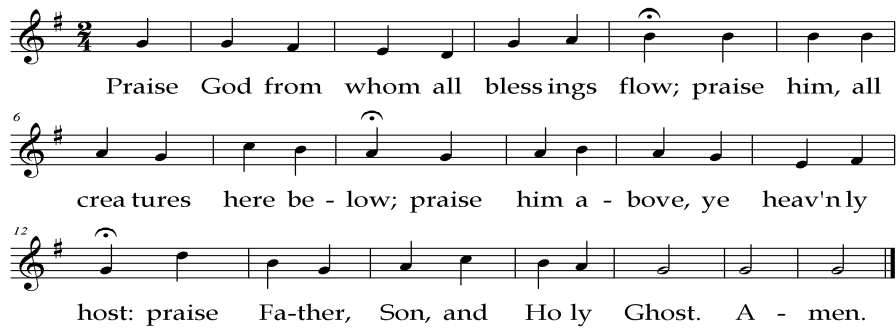
Offering

Offertory

Doxological Response

The Old Hundredth

Lyrics: Thomas Ken, 1709; Music: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all
crea tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'nly
host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho ly Ghost. A - men.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: " 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.'" Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Reader: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

All: *Praise be to you, O Christ!*

Prayers of the People

(Please pray the italicized portions aloud together.)

Te Deum Laudamus [A prayer from the 5th Century.]

You are God –

we praise you;

You are the Lord –

we acclaim you;

You are the eternal Father –

all creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise –

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Power and Might, Heaven and earth are filled with Your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you; Father, of majesty unbounded, Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory,

The eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free You did not shun the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

We believe that you will come and be our judge. Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

[You are invited to bring your requests to God in silent prayer at this time.]

Hymn of Preparation

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Lyrics: Edward Perronet, 1779, & John Rippon, 1787; Music: Oliver Holden, 1793

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pro - strate fall; Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, And crown Him Lord of all. Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, And crown Him Lord of all. all." The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all

At this time, during our 11:00 a.m. worship service, children, ages **four and five**, are invited to attend CHILDREN'S WORSHIP, a specially designed program to help train them for worship. Teachers will meet the children at the back of the auditorium and escort them to class. If you would like to keep your child(ren) with you in the auditorium during worship, we welcome you to do so.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 46 & 47

¹ Bel bows down, Nebo stoops low; their idols are borne by beasts of burden. The images that are carried about are burdensome, a burden for the weary. ² They stoop and bow down together; unable to rescue the burden, they themselves go off into captivity. ³ "Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all you who remain of the house of Israel, you whom I have upheld since you were conceived, and have carried since your birth.

⁴ Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you. ⁵ "To whom will you compare me or count me equal? To whom will you liken me that we may be compared? ⁶ Some pour out gold from their bags and weigh out silver on the scales; they hire a goldsmith to make it into a god, and they bow down and worship it.

⁷ They lift it to their shoulders and carry it; they set it up in its place, and there it stands. From that spot it cannot move. Though one cries out to it, it does not answer; it cannot save him from his troubles. ⁸ "Remember this, fix it in mind, take it to heart, you rebels. ⁹ Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. ¹⁰ I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please. ¹¹ From the east I summon a bird of prey; from a far-off land, a man to fulfill my purpose. What I have said, that will I bring about; what I have planned, that will I do. ¹² Listen to me, you stubborn-hearted, you who are far from righteousness. ¹³ I am bringing my righteousness near, it is not far away; and my salvation will not be delayed. I will grant salvation to Zion, my splendor to Israel.

¹ "Go down, sit in the dust, Virgin Daughter of Babylon; sit on the ground without a throne, Daughter of the Babylonians. No more will you be called tender or delicate. ² Take millstones and grind flour; take off your veil. Lift up your skirts, bare your legs, and wade through the streams. ³ Your nakedness will be exposed and your shame uncovered. I will take vengeance; I will spare no one." ⁴ Our Redeemer – the LORD Almighty is his name – is the Holy One of Israel. ⁵ "Sit in silence, go into darkness, Daughter of the Babylonians; no more will you be called queen of kingdoms. ⁶ I was angry with my people and desecrated my inheritance; I gave them into your hand, and you showed them no

mercy. Even on the aged you laid a very heavy yoke. ⁷ You said, 'I will continue forever – the eternal queen!' But you did not consider these things or reflect on what might happen. ⁸ "Now then, listen, you wanton creature, lounging in your security and saying to yourself, 'I am, and there is none besides me. I will never be a widow or suffer the loss of children.' ⁹ Both of these will overtake you in a moment, on a single day: loss of children and widowhood. They will come upon you in full measure, in spite of your many sorceries and all your potent spells. ¹⁰ You have trusted in your wickedness and have said, 'No one sees me.' Your wisdom and knowledge mislead you when you say to yourself, 'I am, and there is none besides me.' ¹¹ Disaster will come upon you, and you will not know how to conjure it away. A calamity will fall upon you that you cannot ward off with a ransom; a catastrophe you cannot foresee will suddenly come upon you. ¹² "Keep on, then, with your magic spells and with your many sorceries, which you have labored at since childhood. Perhaps you will succeed, perhaps you will cause terror. ¹³ All the counsel you have received has only worn you out! Let your astrologers come forward, those stargazers who make predictions month by month, let them save you from what is coming upon you. ¹⁴ Surely they are like stubble; the fire will burn them up. They cannot even save themselves from the power of the flame. Here are no coals to warm anyone; here is no fire to sit by. ¹⁵ That is all they can do for you – these you have labored with and trafficked with since childhood. Each of them goes on in his error; there is not one that can save you.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.
All: *Thanks be to God!*

Sermon

Charles Garland

The Table

Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

[The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325), and an expanded form was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon (451). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ.]

Invitation and Prayer

[Communion, also called The Lord's Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation which proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer using the prayers provided as guidelines. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the church.]

Words of Institution

Minister: Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!*

Minister: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Giving of the Bread and Cup

[As you are ready please come forward to receive the bread and the cup. The goblet with the ribbon contains non-alcoholic grape juice for those who do not wish to drink wine. We partake in the Supper by intinction, that is, we dip the bread into the cup.]

Communion Hymn

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Lyrics: Henry W. Baker, 1868; Music: Traditional Irish Melody

The King of Love my Shep herd is whose
good - ness fail - eth ne - ver. I no - thing lack if
I am His and He is mine for - e - ver.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet in love, He south me
And on His shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me

In death's dark vale I will not fear with Thee, dear Lord beside me
Thy rod and staff, my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me

Thou spread'st a table in my sight, Thine unction grace bestoweth
And O what transport of delight, from Thy pure chalice floweth

And so, through all the lengths of days, Thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever

Hymn of Response

O Worship the King

Lyrics: Robert Grant, 1833; Music: Johann Michael Haydn, 1737 – 1806

O wor-ship the King all glor-ious a-bove And
grate-ful - ly sing, His pow-er and His love Our

shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days Pa -
vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
Whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

Benediction

Postlude

READINGS FOR 01/03/10 - 01/10/10

- 01/03 - Genesis 3; Matthew 3 ; Ezra 3; Acts 3
- 01/04 - Genesis 4; Matthew 4 ; Ezra 4; Acts 4
- 01/05 - Genesis 5; Matthew 5 ; Ezra 5; Acts 5
- 01/06 - Genesis 6; Matthew 6 ; Ezra 6; Acts 6
- 01/07 - Genesis 7; Matthew 7 ; Ezra 7; Acts 7
- 01/08 - Genesis 8; Matthew 8 ; Ezra 8; Acts 8
- 01/09 - Genesis 9, 10; Matthew 9 ; Ezra 9; Acts 9
- 01/10 - Genesis 11; Matthew 10 ; Ezra 10; Acts 10

Ivy Creek Currents

Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Tuesday morning, 9:30 – 11:15AM

Women's Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, January 5 from 9:30am-11:15am in the sanctuary. The study, His Hope: An Anchor For Our Souls written and taught by Sarah Ivill, is a continuation from the fall on the book of Hebrews . Childcare is available.

Upcoming Events:

Gospel Man Conference

Friday & Saturday March 5, 6, 2010

Mark your calendars for the next Gospel Man Conference. For more information, flyers are available at the kiosk. To register online, visit www.thegospelman.com.

Important Notes

Baptisms at Ivy Creek

If you are a member of Ivy Creek Church and would like to have your child baptized, contact Denise Moor at dmoor@ivycreek.org or 770-962-9600. Baptisms are scheduled on an individual basis – please note that they have to be scheduled several weeks in advance.

Volunteer Opportunities

There are many different opportunities for you to get involved at Ivy Creek. For information about and help finding a way that YOU can get involved, please call Carol Knight at 770-995-1807.

Lawrenceville Co-Op

Ivy Creek is a supporting church of the Lawrenceville Co-Op, a food pantry that serves Lawrenceville and Dacula families in need. Thank you to everyone who has given food and money this year – please continue to remember the Co-op in your prayers and with ongoing contributions of non-perishable food.

FIND A COMPLETE CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT WWW.IVYCREEK.ORG.

Biblical references, unless otherwise noted, are taken from the Holy Bible: New International Version (NIV).

Music: Most historic hymns are public domain.

Recent praise songs are printed under Ivy Creek Church's CCLI License #836400.

Weekly updates...



January Events:

SLAM – Wednesdays: 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th

6:00pm-8:30pm, Snack provided

Boxland – 16th; details coming soon

D-Groups – 10th and 24th; 6:00pm-8:00pm

****Sunday School will resume on January 3rd****

If you would like to learn more about ICC Student Ministries, feel free to call Scott Bull at 770-962-9600 ext. 103 or Melissa Perry at 770-962-9600 ext. 101 or visit us on the web at www.ivycreekstudents.org.

Offering and Expenses

YTD Budgeted Expenses	\$227,703
YTD Actual Expenses	\$226,293
YTD Budgeted Giving	\$212,247
YTD Actual Giving	\$162,801
Fund Balances	\$ 63,598

Figures through November 30, 2009.

The full Ivy Creek Treasurer's Report is available for review upon request from the church office.
YTD = Year-to-date.

