



Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church
Sunday Evening Worship & Prayer
January 31, 2021

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Call to Worship

Psalm 2:11-12

Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Hymn of Praise

Jesus Shall Reign #441

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| <i>1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.</i> | <i>2. To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.</i> |
| <i>3. People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.</i> | <i>4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
the pris'ner leaps to lose his chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the sons of want are blest.</i> |
| <i>5. Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen!</i> | |

Invocation

Responsive Reading

Revelation 11:15-19

- Leader: (v. 15): Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.”
- People: (v. 16): And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God,**
- Leader (v. 17): saying, “We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign.
- People (v. 18): The nations raged, but your wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth.”**
- All (v. 19): Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.**

Lesson

Rev. Steve Light

Daniel 2:24-49 – The God of Heaven Will Set Up a Kingdom that Shall Never Be Destroyed

Therefore Daniel went in to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon. He went and said thus to him: “Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon; bring me in before the king, and I will show the king the interpretation.”²⁵ Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste and said thus to him: “I have found among the exiles from Judah a man who will make known to the king the interpretation.”²⁶ The king declared to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, “Are you able to make known to me the dream that I have seen and its interpretation?”²⁷ Daniel answered the king and said, “No wise men, enchanters, magicians, or astrologers can show to the king the mystery that the king has asked,²⁸ but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and he has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream and the visions of your head as you lay in bed are these:²⁹ To you, O king, as you lay in bed came thoughts of what would be after this, and he who reveals mysteries made known to you what is to be.³⁰ But as for me, this mystery has been revealed to me, not because of any wisdom that I have more than all the living, but in order that the interpretation may be made known to the king, and that you may know the thoughts of your mind.

³¹ “You saw, O king, and behold, a great image. This image, mighty and of exceeding brightness, stood before you, and its appearance was frightening. ³² The head of this image was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its middle and thighs of bronze, ³³ its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. ³⁴ As you looked, a stone was cut out by no human hand, and it struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. ³⁵ Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, all together were broken in pieces, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, so that not a trace of them could be found. But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

³⁶ “This was the dream. Now we will tell the king its interpretation. ³⁷ You, O king, the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, and the might, and the glory, ³⁸ and into whose hand he has given, wherever they dwell, the children of man, the beasts of the field, and the birds of the heavens, making you rule over them all—you are the head of gold. ³⁹ Another kingdom inferior to you shall arise after you, and yet a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. ⁴⁰ And there shall be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron, because iron breaks to pieces and shatters all things. And like iron that crushes, it shall break and crush all these. ⁴¹ And as you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, it shall be a divided kingdom, but some of the firmness of iron shall be in it, just as you saw iron mixed with the soft clay. ⁴² And as the toes of the feet were partly iron and partly clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly brittle. ⁴³ As you saw the iron mixed with soft clay, so they will mix with one another in marriage,^[a] but they will not hold together, just as iron does not mix with clay. ⁴⁴ And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever, ⁴⁵ just as you saw that a stone was cut from a mountain by no human hand, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold. A great God has made known to the king what shall be after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure.”

⁴⁶ Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face and paid homage to Daniel, and commanded that an offering and incense be offered up to him. ⁴⁷ The king answered and said to Daniel, “Truly, your God is God of gods and Lord of kings, and a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this mystery.” ⁴⁸ Then the king gave Daniel high honors and many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief prefect over all the wise men of Babylon. ⁴⁹ Daniel made a request of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego over the affairs of the province of Babylon. But Daniel remained at the king's court.

*1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode:
on the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.*

*2 See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove;
who can faint, while such a river
ever flows their thirst t'assuage?—
grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.*

*3 Round each habitation hov'ring,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a cov'ring,
showing that the Lord is near:
thus deriving from their banner
light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna
which he gives them when they
pray.*

*4 Savior, if of Zion's city
I, through grace, a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name:
fading is the worldling's pleasure,
all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Zion's children know.*

Season of Prayer

*Children and youth may be dismissed at this time through the front sanctuary doors
(adjacent to the stage) to go to their classes on the third floor.*

Prayers of Adoration and Confession Based on Daniel 2:44

*And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be
destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms
and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever,*

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Supplication Based on Daniel 2:47

*The king answered and said to Daniel, "Truly, your God is God of gods and Lord of
kings, and a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this mystery."*

21 Days of Prayer for Our Neighbors *but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy,
always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in
you; yet do it with gentleness and respect... (1 Peter 3:15)*

Mid Week Ministries: Men's and Women's Bible Studies, Small Groups, High School Bible Study, Neighborhood Outreach Dinner, Children's Chapel and Arts and Music Classes, Community Evangelism, Music Ministry. Pray for people to gather

around the Word together with a spirit of joy. Pray especially for the men's and women's Hebrews bible studies. Pray for small groups to be places of joy and harmony and ever-deepening bonds of love. Pray for a biblical worldview to be cultivated for our children through the mid-week children's chapel and arts and music class. Pray for the Classical Conversations homeschool group that meets at our church each week. Pray for our outreach into our community; that we will reach the lost with the Gospel. Pray we will love our homeless neighbors as ourselves (and thank God that so many people are serving in this ministry). Pray that we will be a church which delights to sing to God from the heart. Pray that every area of our church's life will grow in the area of music.

For the Needs of the Saints

1. Vania Palmer suffered a head injury at work. Please pray for swift recovery and equitable treatment from her employer.
2. Reilly family and Rafael Reilly's upcoming eye surgery: MRI on Feb 22, surgery on Feb 26: pray for all-clear scan, peace for Raphael regarding the MRI, wisdom for surgeon.
3. Jim and Joyce Hess as Jim faces ongoing health difficulties.
4. William and Tricia Reasor, as Tricia faces ongoing health difficulties
5. Don Bennett's mother Marlene (cancer) and father Don, and Don and Hope as they care for them.
6. For an end to the pandemic and for strength and comfort for those who are struggling in the pandemic with job loss, financial stress, illness, isolation, hopelessness, anger, or bitterness.

Scripture Song

The Steadfast Love of the Lord Never Ceases

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
His mercies never come to an end,
They are new every morning, new every morning
Great is Thy faithfulness (Oh Lord)
Great is Thy faithfulness*

Benediction

Sermon Notes