



Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church
Sunday Evening Worship & Prayer
April 11, 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 145:13, 21

¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. [The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.] ²¹ My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

Hymn of Praise

O Quickly Come, Dread Judge of All #322

*1. O quickly come, dread Judge of all;
for, awful though thine advent be,
all shadows from the truth will fall,
and falsehood die, in sight of thee:
O quickly come, for doubt and fear
like clouds dissolve when thou art
near.*

*2. O quickly come, great King of all;
reign all around us and within;
let sin no more our souls enthral,
let pain and sorrow die with sin:
O quickly come, for thou alone
canst make thy scattered people one.*

*3. O quickly come, true Life of all,
for death is mighty all around;
on ev'ry home his shadows fall,
on ev'ry heart his mark is found:
O quickly come, for grief and pain
can never cloud thy glorious reign.*

*4. O quickly come, sure Light of all,
for gloomy night broods o'er our way;
and weakly souls begin to fall
with weary watching for the day:
O quickly come, for round thy throne
no eye is blind, no night is known.*

Invocation

Leader (v. 3): Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,

People (v. 4): Who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God.

Leader (v. 5): Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?

People (v. 6): And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time.

Leader (v. 7): For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way.

All (v. 8): And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.

Lesson

Rev. Steve Light, Associate Minister

Daniel 7 – The Supremacy of God over All Beastly Powers

In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel saw a dream and visions of his head as he lay in his bed. Then he wrote down the dream and told the sum of the matter. ² Daniel declared, “I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea. ³ And four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. ⁴ The first was like a lion and had eagles’ wings. Then as I looked its wings were plucked off, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man, and the mind of a man was given to it. ⁵ And behold, another beast, a second one, like a bear. It was raised up on one side. It had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth; and it was told, ‘Arise, devour much flesh.’ ⁶ After this I looked, and behold, another, like a leopard, with four wings of a bird on its back. And the beast had four heads, and dominion was given to it. ⁷ After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, terrifying and dreadful and exceedingly strong. It had great iron teeth; it devoured and broke in pieces and stamped what was left with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. ⁸ I considered the horns, and behold, there come up among them another horn, a little one, before which three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots. And behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things.⁹ “As I looked,

thrones were placed,
 and the Ancient of Days took his seat;
 his clothing was white as snow,
 and the hair of his head like pure wool;
 his throne was fiery flames;
 its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued

and came out from before him;
a thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him;
the court sat in judgement,
and the books were opened.

¹¹ “I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire.¹² As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. ¹³ “I saw in the night visions,

and behold, with the clouds of heaven
there came one like a son of man,
and he came to the Ancient of Days
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ And to him was given dominion
and glory and a kingdom,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him;
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
which shall not pass away,
and his kingdom one
that shall not be destroyed.

¹⁵ “As for me, Daniel, my spirit within me was anxious, and the visions of my head alarmed me. ¹⁶ I approached one of those who stood there and asked him the truth concerning all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of the things. ¹⁷ “These four great beasts are four kings who shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸ But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, forever, and ever.’

¹⁹ “Then I desired to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the rest, exceedingly terrifying, with its teeth of iron and claws of bronze, and which devoured and broke in pieces and stamped what was left with its feet,²⁰ and about the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn that came up and before which three of them fell, the horn that had eyes and a mouth that spoke great things, and that seemed greater than its companions. ²¹ As I looked, this horn made war with the saints and prevailed over them, ²² until the Ancient of Days came, and judgement was given for the saints of the Most High, and the time came when the saints possessed the kingdom. ²³ “Thus he said: ‘As for the fourth beast,

there shall be a fourth kingdom on earth,
which shall be different from all the kingdoms,
and it shall devour the whole earth,
and trample it down, and break it to pieces.

²⁴ As for the ten horns,
out of this kingdom ten kings shall arise,
and another shall arise after them;
he shall be different from the former ones,
and shall put down three kings.

²⁵ He shall speak words against the Most High,
and shall wear out the saints of the Most High,
and shall think to change the times and the law;
and they shall be given into his hand
for a time, times, and half a time.

²⁶ But the court shall sit in judgement,
and his dominion shall be taken away,
to be consumed and destroyed to the end.

²⁷ And the kingdom and the dominion
and the greatness of the kingdoms
under the whole heaven
shall be given to the people of the saints
of the Most High;
his kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom,
and all dominions shall serve and obey him.’

²⁸ “Here is the end of the matter. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts greatly alarmed me,
and my color changed, but I kept the matter in my heart.”

Hymn

Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand

***1. Ten thousand times ten thousand
In sparkling raiment bright,
The armies of the ransomed saints
Throng up the steep of light:
'Tis finished, all is finished,
Their fight with death and sin;
Fling open wide the golden gates,
And let the victors in.***

***2. What rush of alleluias
Fills all the earth and sky!
What ringing of a thousand harps
Bespeaks the triumph nigh!
O day, for which creation
And all its tribes were made;
O joy, for all its former woes
A thousandfold repaid!***

***3. O then what raptured greetings
On Canaan's happy shore;
What knitting severed friendship up
Where partings are no more!
Then eyes with joy shall sparkle,
That brimmed with tears of late;
Orphans no longer fatherless,
Nor widows desolate.***

***4. Bring near Thy great salvation,
Thou Lamb for sinners slain;
Fill up the roll of Thine elect,
Then take Thy power, and reign;
Appear, Desire of nations,
Thine exiles long for home;
Show in the heaven Thy promised sign;
Thou Prince and Savior, come.***

Words by Henry Alford; Music by Christopher Miner

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

As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. (Daniel 7:9)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Supplication

Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. (Luke 12:32)

For Civil Rulers

1. That we would be faithful to pray: *First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, (2) for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.* (1 Tim 2:1-2)
2. For just governance: *Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. Recue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.* (Psalm 82:3-4)
3. For the maintaining of the freedom of religion in our land so that the gospel could be obeyed here and be sent to the nations.
4. For all who are persecuted for righteousness' sake.
5. For peace at home and abroad.
6. For those who serve in the armed forces: protection, Christian fellowship, stability in the midst of moves and change.
7. That the people of God would be salt and light in a decaying and dark world. (Matt 5:23-24)
8. That the word of the Lord would sound forth and our faith in God would go forth everywhere, to the ends of the earth (c.f. 1 Thess 1:8)

Missionaries

Josiah and Miriam Walters, Titus, Esther, Katharina, Idelette, Evsevia – among the Daza in the Chad and Niger area – 100% Muslim. Pray for Miriam's father who contracted COVID which triggered a rare auto-immune disease causing paralysis. He also now has pneumonia. Pray for perseverance and progress in learning the difficult language Dazaga. Pray for housing to meet their needs.

For the Needs of the Saints

1. Jeff Endrulat's mother Shirley Hollenbaugh is fighting an autoimmune disease; they are struggling with her weight loss and lack of strength. She is thankfully a believer. Please pray for Jeff and Beth as they care for her during this difficult time.
2. Jim Hess as he continues to work through medical problems. Pray for Joyce as she continues to lovingly and sacrificially care for him. Pray also for KC & Jennifer Williams as they care for him as well.
3. Vania Palmer suffered a head injury at work. Please continue praying for recovery and equitable treatment from her employer.
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. Pregnant mothers in our congregation
7. 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