

APRIL 26

Welcome

Call to Worship

from Isaiah 46:8–10

Remember this, keep it in mind, take it to heart, even you who struggle against me. Remember all that I have done, even things from long ago;

He is God, and there is no other; He is God, and there is none like him. He makes known the end from the beginning, from distant ancient times, to that which has yet to come.

Hear your Lord: My purpose will stand, and I bring about what pleases me.

Opening Hymn "The Glory of His Name"

Let my whole soul bloom like a morning flower, Spread out my arms to sing my Maker's praise; And let that sound, a flock of birds, come pouring. The rivers rise and flood their rocky banks; The flute o'erflows, the drum o'erflows, The voice o'erflows, The glory of his name.

Then breaks my soul, a mighty clap of thunder; The pillars shake, the heav'ns begin to fall; The mountains split, a world of fear and wonder. The dark is day, the forest stripped and bare; The wise laid low, all might laid low, All thoughts made known, The glory of his name.

Yet in my soul his calm is ever speaking, Through every hour, against the violence there. He is the King, though all I see is dying; When all has passed, his word will still be there. The earth rejoice, the sea rejoice, His saints rejoice, The glory of his name.

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Prayer of Confession based on Isaiah 55:6-11

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. Hear your Father's loving words: My thoughts are not your thoughts.

But we think our understanding

is more true than what you've said. Our feelings, opinions, and personal ethics judge your words. Though we are creatures, limited and skewed, we think we know what is good, healthy, and right. So we live as though our thoughts

are higher than your thoughts.

Hear your Father say again: the way you do things is not the way I do things.

But we don't think our ways, motives and desires should be shaped by anyone but ourselves.
We think we know what love is, not realizing that we are shallow, inconsistent, and self-centered.
With a log in our own eye, we try to fix the brokenness of our relationships, our city, and our world, without regard for your word.
So we live as though you should do things the way we would do things.

Everything good comes from knowing and following your Father's heart.

And we cannot know or follow him without receiving and submitting to his word.

Father, give us ears to hear, eyes to see, and minds to understand,

That we may turn and be healed.

Assurance and Hope of the Gospel

based on John 19; Matthew 26; Isaiah 53; Romans 5; John 3; Acts 2; Matthew 28; Hebrews 4; Revelation 11; 21; 22

Take heart in this assurance and hope of the good news of the King:The King has been lifted up and reigned from the cross.Jesus commands the angels, yet became the man of sorrows,In order to die for us, the powerless, the ungodly.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

The King has been raised from the dead. The grave could not hold him! He ascended into heaven to the right hand of his Father, from whom he has all authority. We can approach the throne, therefore, with confidence to receive mercy and find grace in our time of need.

The King will reign— the kingdom of the world

will become the kingdom of our Lord and his Messiah.

Our triumphant, yet tender King Jesus will wipe away every tear from our eyes.

There will be no more sickness or death or mourning or crying or pain.

His words are trustworthy and true. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Song in the Gospel

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

I know that my Redeemer lives, Glory Hallelujah! What comfort this sweet sentence gives, Glory Hallelujah!

Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground, Glory Hallelujah! The dead's alive, and the lost is found, Glory Hallelujah!

He lives, he lives, who once was dead, Glory Hallelujah! He lives, my everlasting Head, Glory Hallelujah!

Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground, Glory Hallelujah! The dead's alive, and the lost is found, Glory Hallelujah!

He lives to crush the fiends of hell; Glory Hallelujah! He lives and doth within me dwell; Glory Hallelujah!

Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground, Glory Hallelujah! The dead's alive, and the lost is found, Glory Hallelujah!

He lives to bless me with His love; Glory Hallelujah! He lives to plead my cause above; Glory Hallelujah!

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Song in the Gospel "With All My Heart"

I love the Lord with all my heart, His blessings never end, Like water rolling from a fount, His Spirit is within.

I love the Lord, he first loved me, Before his name, I knew His life, his death, for me his blood, Healed my deservéd wounds. I love the Lord though troubles tempt, My heart to doubt his will. I wrestle with my wayward mind, Until my soul is still.

All I want is you, all my springs in you, All my strength and good, all my drink and food, All I want is you.

I love the Lord with all my heart, His presence I adore I want to linger in this place, And worship evermore I love the Lord and I will sing, I lift my hands and voice. My heart now brims with thankfulness, In his love, I rejoice.

All I want is you, all my springs in you, All my strength and good, all my drink and food, All I want is you. All my hope is you, all my joy is you, All I've sought and searched, in heaven and on earth, All I want is you. All I want is you.

I love the Lord with all my heart, His blessings never end, Each morning as I search them out, His beauty's new again. Nathan Partain 2015

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Preparation for the Word

based on 1 Thessalonians 2:13

Let us honor our Father together.

Father, we receive your word, which we have heard through the prophets, the apostles and Jesus, your Son, And accept it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God.

Yes, for it is indeed at work in all who believe.

Scripture

Romans 10:13–17

¹³ "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" ¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" ¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Homily Todd Dawkins God's Word is Necessary

Prayer

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Valediction

Let us remember these words together:

Thomas said to Jesus, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

Jesus answered: "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father."

Closing Hymn

"He Cannot be Stopped"

Who could halt the morning, springing from his Word? Day of first creation, dawn of human birth, Fall could not undo him, sin could not throw off, He will save his people, he cannot be stopped.

Jesus Christ our savior, Son of Man and God. Perfect lamb begotten, healing in his blood. Though the world rejected, killed him on a cross, Death could not restrain him, cause he cannot be stopped.

He cannot be stopped, no he cannot be stopped He'll raise the dead in beauty, clothe the worlds in love, Until our only tears are joy in what he's wrought. O glory! Hallelujah! He cannot be stopped.

In his resurrection, all he sanctifies, Sinners gathered to him, wretches made alive. From the farthest reaches, of the darkest lot, He redeems the wicked, Cause he cannot be stopped.

He cannot be stopped, no he cannot be stopped He'll raise the dead in beauty, clothe the worlds in love, Until our only tears are joy in what he's wrought. O glory! Hallelujah! He cannot be stopped.

When we fall so shameful, when we can't look up. All we see is darkness, all we know is loss. When we yield defeated, he speaks ever soft, "You are my dear children and I cannot be stopped."

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