

# **Our Redeemer Church**

Sunday, January 24, 2021

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, & Prayer

Call to Worship

Psalm 34; Matthew 6:10

**Leader:** I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.  
I will glory in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.  
Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.

**People:** Your kingdom come your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**Leader:** I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame. This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles.

**People:** Your kingdom come your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**Leader:** The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them. Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

**People:** Your kingdom come your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**Leader:** Fear the LORD, you his holy people, for those who fear him lack nothing. The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

**People:** Your kingdom come your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**Leader:** Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days, keep your tongue from evil and your lips from telling lies. Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

**People:** Your kingdom come your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**Leader:** The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their cry, but the face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to blot out their name from the earth.

**People:** Your kingdom come your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**Leader:** The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their trouble. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

**People:** Your kingdom come your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**Leader:** The righteous person may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all; he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken.

**People:** Your kingdom come your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**Leader:** Evil will slay the wicked; the foes of the righteous will be condemned. The LORD will rescue his servants; no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

**People:** Your kingdom come your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

### **Musical Worship**

#### **The Words of Paul**

**Ephesians 4:3-13**

**Leader:** Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

**People:** There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called;

**Leader:** one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

**People:** But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.

**Leader:** This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people."

**People:** What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions?

**Leader:** He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe. So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service,

**People:** so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

### **Musical Worship**

#### **A Vision of Reality**

**Revelation 12:1-12**

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten

horns and seven crowns on its heads. Its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born. She gave birth to a son, a male child, who “will rule all the nations with an iron scepter.” And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne. The woman fled into the wilderness to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days.

Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:

“Now have come the salvation and the power  
and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah.  
For the accuser of our brothers and sisters,  
who accuses them before our God day and night,  
has been hurled down. They triumphed over him  
by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony;  
they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.  
Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them!  
But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you!  
He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short.”

**Musical Worship**

**The Lord Be With You**

**The Work Of Ascension**

**The New Creation**

**Leader:** They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

**Leader:** In Christ we are a new creation, the old has gone the new has come.

**People:** We are the salt of the earth. We are the children of God. We are the friends of Christ. We are slaves of righteousness.

**Leader:** We are joint heirs with Christ, sharing his inheritance. We are temples of God. His Spirit and His life dwell in us. We are members of Christ's body. We are reconciled to God and ministers of reconciliation.

**People:** We are saints in Christ Jesus. We are prisoners of Jesus Christ. We are citizens of Heaven. We are hidden with Christ in God. We are chosen by God, holy and dearly loved.

**Leader:** We are people of light and not of darkness. We are a royal priesthood, a people for God's own possession. We are an enemy of the devil.

**People:** We are the adopted children of The Father, siblings of Jesus Christ. We are born of God and no one can pluck us out of the Father's hand.

**All:** In Christ we are a new creation, the old has gone the new has come. We choose to believe what the Father tells us about who we are. Amen

**Message**

*Clarity in Coming*

**Confession of Sin**

Father, I enter your presence confessing the things I try to conceal from you and the things I try to conceal from others. I confess the heartbreak, worry, and sorrow I have caused, that make it difficult for others to forgive me, the times I have done or said things that made it easy for others to do wrong, the harm I have done that makes it hard for me to forgive myself. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner. Forgive me in and by your grace. Hear us as we your church pray the prayer Jesus taught us. Our Father . . .

**Musical Meditation**

**Holy Eucharist**

**Common Confession**

**The Apostle's Creed**

**Musical Worship**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**