

COS Sunday Devotional Streaming

May 24, 2020

Welcome

During the Easter Season, we have been looking at **An Easter Perspective of Obedience**. Each week we have looked at the Easter perspective in a different way. Today we wrap up by examining **unity through shared experience**. The whole world experienced the terror of infection together. It is now something we all have in common. Christians share bonds of shared experience, too. Through all the life differences, there is one common savior, one common God in charge of us all, one love for all of us.

Announcements

Christ Our Savior is continuing to make the transition from an all-remote worship service to one that we hope will be as large and joyous as any we've had before. We are starting to invite back a very few people as we test the technology, but we anticipate throughout the summer we will have some of the congregation worshipping remotely, as we have done since early spring, and some coming back.

Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Confession of Sins

Dear Father, you have called me to be one with You in Your Son. He died to save me, and He also died to save all my brothers and sisters in the church. Despite being pulled from the grave by the same all-powerful hand, Lord I confess that I have made my experiences about me, rather than with the rest of the body. Even when I have sought fellowship, it was to support my own well being and security, and not to live as Your Son did, in love for others. Lord, remind me that it is not enough to stand alone, that Your Son prayed for me to be one with my brothers and sisters. Forgive me the things I've done that have separated me from them. In Jesus' name, amen.

Absolution

Pastor Ed

Music

Kindness, Chris Tomlin

Open up the skies of mercy,
And rain down the cleansing flood.
Healing waters rise around us.
Hear our cries, Lord, let 'em rise. (Repeat)

It's Your kindness, Lord,
That leads us to repentance.
Your favor, Lord, is our desire.
It's Your beauty, Lord,
That makes us stand in silence.
Your love, Your love, is better than life.

We can feel Your mercy falling.
You are turning our hearts back again.
Hear our praises rise to heaven.
Draw us near, Lord; meet us here.

It's Your kindness, Lord,
That leads us to repentance.
Your favor, Lord, is our desire.
It's Your beauty, Lord,
That makes us stand in silence.
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First Reading

Acts 1:12-26

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴ All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶ "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ¹⁸ (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹ And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language *Akeldama*, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰ "For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

" 'May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it';

and

" 'Let another take his office.'

²¹ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." ²³ And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵ But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶ Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷ For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸ And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

¹⁹ Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷ casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Ed

Virtual Sharing of the Peace

Offering Music

Beautiful Savior

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,

Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!

Prayers of the Congregation

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Gospel Reading

John 17:1-11

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

⁶ "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you.

⁸ For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.

¹¹ And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

Music

Wonderful Maker, Jeremy Camp

You spread out the skies over empty space,
Said, "Let there be light,"

To a dark and formless world
Your light was born.

You spread out Your arms over empty hearts,
Said "Let there be light"
To a dark and hopeless world
Your Son was born

Bridge:
You made the world and saw that it was good
You sent Your only Son, for You are good

Chorus:
What a wonderful Maker,
What a wonderful Savior,
How majestic Your whispers,
And how humble Your love!
With a strength like no other,
And the heart of a Father,
How majestic Your whispers,
What a wonderful God!

No eye has fully seen how beautiful the cross,
And we have only heard the faintest whispers
Of how great You are.

You made the world and saw that it was good
You sent Your only Son, for You are good

Chorus/Bridge/Chorus

Meditation

Pastor Ely

Prayer and Benediction

Final Music

O God, Our Help in Ages Past
Altar of Praise Chorale

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne,
Thy saints have dwelt secure.
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Oh God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come.
Be Thou our guide while troubles last
And our eternal home!

Chat Time