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*Then they were glad that the waters were quiet
and He brought them to their desired haven.*

Psalm 107:30

The Lord's Day
Sixth Sunday of Christ's Post-Resurrection Ministry
May 17, 2020
A Service for Family Worship

Yet Another Unusual Lord's Day

† **Our "Present Distress":** The apostle Paul uses this phrase in I Corinthians 7:26 to speak of circumstances at certain times and places which disrupt the usual order of things. Wartime, for example, disrupts marriages, family life, the economy, and society as a whole. Currently, with the "present distress" of the coronavirus, we are in a time of such disruption. In order to contain the spread of this highly infectious virus, those in authority over us have asked that - for the time being - all unnecessary travel be suspended, and also that there be no gatherings of more than ten. This has, of course, led to the closing of most churches and the curtailing of public worship, at least for a time. We are currently not permitted to use our usual meeting place, Ascension Lutheran Church in Deer Park, NY.

Many churches are now using live streaming or recorded video to have "virtual worship services", in which homebound people can access the service and follow along through an electronic device. The Haven, OPC's elders in training, Jimmy Brewer and John Vaeth, and I discussed this option. However, until the "present distress" is over we have chosen to provide something that will help heads of households lead a family worship service on the Lord's Day. We opted for this for two reasons:

1. "Family Worship" is part of our doctrinal commitment. Our Confession of Faith affirms that "God is to be worshiped everywhere, in spirit and in truth, as in private, **families** (emphasis mine), daily, in secret, each one by himself, so, more solemnly in the public assemblies" (WCF 21:6) This "present distress" gives us an opportunity to practice family worship - something that is both very foreign to our culture and challenging in a day of multiple time commitments and distractions. It's a good time to learn something that should be part of every family's healthy Christian life - whether or not we are in a time of "present distress".

2. This gives an opportunity to invite others to join you (honoring sanitary standards, of course) in your home for what can become a useful evangelistic opportunity.

You should have your family worship with access to an electronic device so that you can use the links to the hymn. In that way you will be able to sing along with another group, albeit a recorded one. You'll also need your electronic device to access the Lord's Day sermon through sermonaudio.com. It's especially important that pastors keep up their ministries to the flock in this day of fear, anxiety, and uncertainty. We need to be reminded that there is no uncertainty in our God - and he IS in control!

So, heads of households - whether you are single or have family members - may the following special bulletin for this "present distress" help you and your household worship the Lord acceptably and joyfully on this upcoming Lord's Day Sabbath.

Yours in our ever faithful Savior,
Pastor Bill

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**A Service for Family Worship
The Lord's Day — May 17, 2020
Preparation for Worship: Psalm 51:1-19**

THE LORD OUR GOD CALLS US

The Promise of God's Presence:

Leader: Where two or three are gathered together, in Christ's name, he promises that he is there among them. (*Matthew 18:20*).

That promise is fulfilled by the Spirit of the risen Jesus Christ, who is with us now!

People: Amen!

Call to Worship: From Psalm 91

Leader: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

People: I will say to the Lord "My refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust."

Leader: Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place - the Most High who is my refuge -no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent!

People: For he will command his angels concerning us to guard us in all our ways.

Leader: On their hands they will bear us up, lest we strike our feet against a stone.

People: Because the Lord holds fast to us in love, he will deliver us!

Leader: He will protect us because we know his name!

People: When we call to him, he will answer us. He will be with us in trouble. He will rescue us and honor us.

All: With long life he will satisfy us and show us his salvation!

All: Amen! Hallelujah!

Opening Hymn: "Who With God Most High Finds Shelter" (Psalm 91B) (turn to next page)

Sing along from Mary's Gallery: <https://churchos-uploads.s3.amazonaws.com/2020/05/09/12/29/53/6e3a45c4-1404-43b0-b41c-61db577ba16c/PSalm%2091B%20%20Who%20With%20God%20Most%20High%20Finds%20Shelter.wav>

Psalm 91B

1. 'Who with God Most High finds shel - ter, lives in God Al - might-y's shade.
 2. God's truth is your shield and buck-ler; ⁵you will fear no ill by night,
 3. ⁹You have made the LORD your ref - uge, God Most High your dwell-ing place.
 4. ¹³You shall tram - ple ser - pents, li - ons, tread on all your dead - ly foes.

²I will say to God, "My God, my for - tress where my trust is stayed."
 nor the shafts in day - light fly - ing, ⁶nor dis - ease that shuns the light,
¹⁰No - thing e - vil shall be - fall you; near your tent no scourge you'll face.
¹⁴"Since he loves me, I will save him, keep him, for my name he knows;

³From the fowl - er's snare he'll save you, from the dead - ly pes - ti - lence;
 nor the plague that wastes at noon-day. ⁷At your side ten thou - sand fall;
¹¹He will an - gels charge to keep you, guard you well in all your ways,
¹⁵I will hon - or, I will save him; when he calls, I will re - ply.

⁴Cov - er you with out - spread pin - ions, make his wings your con - fi - dence.
⁸you will on - ly see the judg - ment which the wick - ed will be - fall.
¹²bear you up with hands that hold you, lest your foot a stone should graze.
¹⁶I will show him my sal - va - tion, with long life will sat - is - fy."

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord!

People: Who made heaven and earth!

+Opening Prayer (Leader may use his own words, or the following):

Now, our God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: Meet with us according to your promise. Bless the reading, singing, preaching, and praying of your Word to the end that we might know Jesus Christ, in whom is eternal life and true blessedness. We ask in His wonderful name.

All: Amen!

THE LORD OUR GOD CLEANSES US

Call to Confession of Sin: “The nations shall see and be ashamed of all their might; they shall lay their hands on their mouths; their ears shall be deaf; they shall lick the dust like a serpent, like the crawling things of the earth. They shall come trembling out of their strongholds. They shall turn in dread to the Lord our God; and they shall be in fear of you.” (Micah 7:17-17)

Corporate Confession (which may be preceded by a time of private confession):

God who is a consuming fire: We confess that we are among those nations. You have made a shame of all of our national might. We lay our hands on our mouths. We are dumbfounded by your providence in this time of national distress. With our fear of a powerfully infectious disease we truly come trembling out of our strongholds. Work godly fear in us. Grant us repentance for our sins which have contributed to this time of judgement. But, O gracious Lord, in your wrath remember mercy. We plead the Name of Jesus as our Advocate, our Savior, our King, our Refuge, and our Shelter. Grant us, from him, mercy and grace for this time of need. Amen.

The Promises of God that are Yes in Christ: “Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. He will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.” (Micah 7:18,19): As he does now by the justice-satisfying blood of the Lord Jesus Christ!

People: Amen - Let it be so! Thanks be to God!

Our Response of Praise: “And Can it Be”” (Turn to next page)

Sing along and be blessed: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PMCOyY0Rlus>

And Can It Be

Stanza 1:

And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in my Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me who him to death pursued?
 Amazing love! How can it be
That thou my God should'st die for me?

Chorus:
Amazing love! How can it be!
That thou my God should'st die for me.

Stanza 2:

'Tis mystery all! Th'Immortal dies!
Who can explore his strange design?
 In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine.
 'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore.
Let anguished minds inquire no more.

Chorus

Stanza 3:

He left his Father's throne above
(so free, so infinite his grace).
Humbled himself (so great his love!),
 And bled for all his chosen race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.

Chorus

Stanza 4:

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night.
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off! My heart was free!
I rose, went forth, and followed thee!

Chorus

Stanza 2:

No condemnation now I dread.
Jesus, and all, in him is mine!
 Alive in him, my living head.
And clothed in righteousness divine.
 Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Chorus

Charles Wesley, 1738, alt. 1990

THE LORD OUR GOD CONSECRATES US

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:18 - 39

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Leader: *The grass withers, and the flowers fade away; but the word of our God will stand forever!*

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ the only Son of God,

begotten from the Father before all ages,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made;

of the same essence as the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;

he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,

and was made human.

He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered and was buried.

The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.

His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life.

He proceeds from the Father and the Son,

and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.

He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic (universal) and apostolic church.

We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,

and to life in the world to come. Amen.

#We Prepare Our Hearts for the Word of God Preached:

Hymn of Praise: "There is a Redeemer"

(Turn to next page)

Sing along and be blessed: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6pUUOliSF7g>

There Is A Redeemer

Verse 1

There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One

Chorus

**Thank You O my Father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done**

Verse 2

Jesus my Redeemer name above all names
Precious Lamb of God Messiah
O for sinners slain

Verse 3

When I stand in glory I will see His face
There I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place

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Prayer for Understanding and for Transformation
People: Amen!

Sermon: "All for Good"

*Prayer for Blessing on the Word of God Preached and Pastoral Prayer
(followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison)*

*Our Father which art in heaven:
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the Evil One.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.*

Amen

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Closing Hymn: "In Christ Alone" (Turn to Next Page)
Sing Along and be Blessed: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=16KYvfIc2bE>

The Lord Our God Commissions Us

*Leader: Prayer of Benediction:
May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ
equip us with everything good that we may do his will,
working in us what is pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ,
to whom be glory forever and ever!.
People: Amen!*

Go forth in peace to love and serve those around you - in Jesus' Name

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

Maestoso ($\text{J} = 80$)



1.In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song; This cor - ner lone!-Who took on flesh; Full-ness of God in help - less babe! This gift of ground His bo - dy lay, Light of the world by dark - ness slain; Then burst - ing life, no fear in death- This is the pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first



stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the fierc-est drought and storm. What heights of love and right eous - ness, scorned by the ones He came to save: 'Til on that forth in glo-rious Day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He cry to fin - al breath, Je - sus com-mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of



love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - for - ter, my all in cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is-fied; For ev' - ry sin onHimwas stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost it's grip on me; For I am His and He is hell, no scheme of man, can e - ver pluck me from His hand; 'Til He re - turns or calls me



all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.
mine- bought with the pre-vious blood of Christ.
home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

2.In Christ a -
3.There in the
4.No guilt in



Announcements

† **Haven Hope Givers:** That's our ministry of reaching out by cards and notes to inmates who have learned about (and pray for) The Haven, OPC. Send a message of Gospel hope to: Mr. Darren Emanuel, #03A2176, Fishkill Correctional Facility, POB 1245, Beacon, NY 12508 & Mr. Arthur F. Tomlinson #12B1623, Eastern New York Correctional Facility, PO Box 338, Napanoch, NY 12458. You can now e mail them: Go to <https://www.jpay.com/> to learn more and to sign up.

Also: Send a card and note of appreciation to a front line worker whom you know. Express your appreciation for his or her work during this time of present distress. Our own front line worker is Dr. Megan Gaffey, a surgeon at the NYU Langone Medical Center. She'd love hear from you: Dr. Megan Gaffey, 845 United Nations Plaza, #21C, NY, NY 10017

† **Haven Open Forum:** Today at 4:30 p.m. Join us. and invite others to this new Haven outreach.

Join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89896483305>

Call in at 4:25 p.m. so that we can all be "present" for the meeting at 4:30.

It's helpful if you e mail your question to Pastor Bill in advance: WShishko@gmail.com
Or you can text your questions to him at the special Pastor Bill Text Free number: (516) 367-0391
Question this week: *What's God doing through the pandemic? (pt. 2)*

† **Sing!** Our monthly "choir practice" is at the home of John & Mary Vaeth (46 Monell Ave., Islip). God willing, our next *Sing!* meeting will be Tuesday, June 2, from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

† **Prayer Meeting,: This Wednesday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m.**

Join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84774216263>

Call in at 7:25 p.m. so that we can all be "present" for the meeting at 7:30.

Be sure to have your weekly "Present Distress" Prayer List that comes out on Saturday evenings.
We'll hear any updates and spend the first part of our time in prayer.

† **Presbytery Church Picnic: Saturday, June 27. More details to come. Mark your calendars!**

† **Banks:** Remember to put your spare change into your special "Worldwide Outreach" banks. In November we'll apply these gifts to our annual Thank Offering gift.

*You can continue to give your tithes and offerings even when we're not able to meet during this "present distress". Send them to: Kathy Toto, 34 Spinnaker Ln., Patchogue, NY 11772
Checks payable to "The Haven OPC LLC"
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