



January 10, 2021

***Video Instructions**

This morning's liturgy will work in tandem with a pre-recorded video. Please visit www.reslifenc.org to find the YouTube link and listen to the opening video instructions from Pastor Mark.

*Please return to the video for all items marked with an asterisk

Scripture Reading- Psalm 63:1-8 Please choose someone to read aloud

- O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
- 2 So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
- 3 Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
- 4 So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.
- 5 My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,
and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,
- 6 when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
- 7 for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.
- 8 My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.

***10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)**

CHORUS
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul,
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before,
O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

CHORUS

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

CHORUS

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending:
Ten thousand years and then forevermore!

CHORUS

Confession Reading: Matthew 5:1-11 *Please choose someone to read aloud*

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

5 "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Written Prayer of Confession

Leader: God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

People: But we have often presided as harsh judges over the lives of others. We have been quick to place blame on anything or anyone but ourselves. We have avoided obligations to care for or to help people in need.

Leader: God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God.

People: But we have defiled our hearts with idols of our own choosing, doubting that God will keep his Word and his promises. We continually compromise the truth by trying to find meaning and security in our jobs, our friends, our pleasures, our projects— but not in God.

Leader: God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.

People: But we are often at war with one another. In a thousand little ways we demand to be catered to. We seldom esteem others as more important than ourselves. We often create strife by demanding our way rather than by walking in God's Spirit.

Leader: God blesses those who are persecuted because they live for God, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

People: But we have too often retreated from the disapproval of others. We've sought to please the world rather than risking the disapproval of those who need the Messiah. We regard rejection for righteousness as a burden to be borne, rather than an honor to be humbly received.

Leader: Lord, please show us your mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Children's Message:** A coloring page and song for the children is available at www.reslifenc.org

***Behold Our God**

Who has held the oceans in His hand?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

CHORUS

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the one who knows all things?
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?

CHORUS

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign

CHORUS

BRIDGE

You will reign forever! (Let Your glory fill the earth) x8

***Genesis 11:1-9**

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. 2 And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. 3 And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. 4 Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." 5 And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. 6 And the Lord said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. 7 Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." 8 So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. 9 Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth. And from there the Lord dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

***Sermon: Babble On or Travel On**

***Crown Him With Many Crowns**

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne,
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres ineffably sublime.
All hail Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Discussion Questions: *Group leaders please lead in discussion and conclusion of service*

1. Any reflections or questions about the sermon in general?
2. What really was the big problem for humanity to settle instead of scatter? Why is that such a big deal?
3. How is God scattering the people an act of grace?
4. How does He continue to scatter (i.e. 'send') ResLife and you specifically? How could ResLife corporately or you specifically grow in this area during a pandemic?

Closing Prayer

Please take time to bring up any prayer requests. Delegate someone from your group to email requests to admin@reslifenc.org. We will be sending all prayer requests out in the Monday night email.