

# ST. JOHN'S WORSHIP

Sunday, March 7, 2021  
St. John's Baptist Church | Charlotte, NC  
Lent III



## Introduction to Worship

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD, narrator  
Jack Murray, saxophone

*The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.*

-Psalm 19:7-14

## Greeting & Prayer of Submission

Rev. Allison Benfield

## Hymn of Praise

*Holy, Holy, Holy*  
NICEA

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty.  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness hide Thee.  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see.  
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee.  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity!



## Reflection

What does your baptism mean?

## Video

"The Virtuous Life"

*How you live makes a difference in the world.  
Your actions can create wholeness.  
How do you pursue the holiness of God's will?*

## The Church at Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Lee Gray

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### Hymn

*O God, Who Dwelt in Humble Flesh*

by J. Kevin Gray

O God, who dwelt in humble flesh,  
We see you through the works of Christ,  
Who showed the world your endless love  
And rose above all earthly strife.

We trust in you for we have seen,  
The measure of your matchless grace.  
We follow you in word and deed  
And strive to live a worthy life.

### Reflection

How do you pursue the holiness of God's will?

### Reading from the Gospel of John

John 2:13-22

Jason Benton, reader

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

This is the written word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

### Song

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus?*

Jack Murray, saxophone and J. Kevin Gray, narrator

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged.  
Take it to the Lord in prayer. When to God we give our whole lives. We then find the peace of Christ.  
Let us renew our commitment is worthy of the price.

### Message

*I Was Wrong*

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

## **Song of Commitment**

*I Am Thine, O Lord & I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

Tarsha Williams, soloist, Jack Murray, saxophone, & J. Kevin Gray, piano

I am Thine, O Lord, and I have heard Thy voice, and it told of Your love for me;  
but I long to rise in the arms of faith, and be closer drawn to Thee.

Refrain: Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where Thou hast died; draw me  
nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to Thy precious, bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord, by the pow'r of grace divine; Let my soul look up  
with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in Thine.

Refrain

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anytime, Lord, anywhere!  
I'm gonna work so God can use me anytime, Lord, anywhere!  
I'm gonna live so God can use me anytime, Lord, anywhere!

## **Commissioning the Scattered Church**

Dr. Foust

## **Postlude**

*Jesus Loves Me*

J. Noel Lance