

Living Water Fellowship

2ND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

17TH JANUARY 2021

COME TO JESUS

WELCOME:

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

O God, you spoke your word and revealed your good news in Jesus Christ. Fill all creation with that word again, so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples, we may become one living body, your living and life-giving presence on the earth. Through Christ we pray...Amen.

SONG: Grace

GROW IN HIS GRACE

BIBLE READING: Exodus 15:1-18

FAITH CHAT:

SONG: Jesus strong and kind

THE MESSAGE: *RE-SET IDENTITY*

SONG: Amazing grace (*my chains are gone*)

PRAYERS:

COMMUNION:

Words of Institution & The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Worship Video during Communion:

GO IN HIS POWER

BLESSING:

*(Name) † child of God,
"The Lord reigns forever" and names you his own. Amen.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SONG: Desert Song

SHOW HIS LOVE

EXODUS 15:1-18

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord:

¹ I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;
he has hurled both horse and rider into the sea.

² The Lord is my strength and my song; he has given me victory.
This is my God, and I will praise him—my father's God, and I will exalt him!

³ The Lord is a warrior; Yahweh is his name!

⁴ Pharaoh's chariots and army he has hurled into the sea.
The finest of Pharaoh's officers are drowned in the Red Sea.

⁵ The deep waters gushed over them; they sank to the bottom like a stone.

⁶ "Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in power.
Your right hand, O Lord, smashes the enemy.

⁷ In the greatness of your majesty, you overthrow those who rise against you.
You unleash your blazing fury; it consumes them like straw.

⁸ At the blast of your breath, the waters piled up!
The surging waters stood straight like a wall;
in the heart of the sea the deep waters became hard.

⁹ "The enemy boasted, 'I will chase them and catch up with them.
I will plunder them and consume them.

I will flash my sword; my powerful hand will destroy them.'

¹⁰ But you blew with your breath, and the sea covered them.
They sank like lead in the mighty waters.

¹¹ "Who is like you among the gods, O Lord—glorious in holiness,
awesome in splendour, performing great wonders?

¹² You raised your right hand, and the earth swallowed our enemies.

¹³ "With your unfailing love you lead the people you have redeemed.
In your might, you guide them to your sacred home.

¹⁴ The peoples hear and tremble; anguish grips those who live in Philistia.

¹⁵ The leaders of Edom are terrified; the nobles of Moab tremble.

All who live in Canaan melt away; ¹⁶ terror and dread fall upon them.

The power of your arm makes them lifeless as stone

until your people pass by, O Lord, until the people you purchased pass by.

¹⁷ You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain—

the place, O Lord, reserved for your own dwelling,

the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hands have established.

¹⁸ The Lord will reign forever and ever!"

Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read Exodus 15:1-18. What questions immediately come to mind? Have you considered how it feels to have your "enemies" suddenly destroyed before your eyes?
2. Look back at the preceding chapter or two. What is the context for this song? How are thanksgiving & joy related? How does that combination give voice to praise? Share a time in your life when you experienced such thanksgiving & joy that you broke into spontaneous worship & praise?
3. How do vs 1-2 set the stage for the whole song? What decision did they make at the end of verse 2? How is that a life-altering posture for someone? What does it involve? How does the use of "my" describe the relationship between God & his people? How is that different from how the Egyptians (& 21st century pagans) think of God?
4. Why did they spend so much of the song singing about the death of Pharaoh's army? The Bible recognizes God's ultimate justice & judgement. How is thanking God for the destruction of those who would destroy you similar to the praises we read from Revelation 6 onward? What do we see will happen to God's enemies?
5. Note the contrasts between the "boasts" of vs 9 & the outcomes in vs 10. How is that a fulfilment of Proverbs 16:18? How is that an encouragement for you?
6. The question in verse 11 is rhetorical. But how would you answer it? How is Yahweh different from all other gods? What were God's motivations for saving them? What is God's motivation for saving us? How do you know? What Scripture verses point that out for you? With whom can you share those this week?
7. Verse 18 is crucial. It points beyond Egypt, beyond the Promised Land, beyond exile & return to all eternity. How is Jesus the fulfilment of this assurance for all time?

