



The Lord's Day, September 20, 2020

And when the governor had nodded to him to speak, Paul replied:

"Knowing that for many years you have been a judge over this nation, I cheerfully make my defense. You can verify that it is not more than twelve days since I went up to worship in Jerusalem, and they did not find me disputing with anyone or stirring up a crowd, either in the temple or in the synagogues or in the city. Neither can they prove to you what they now bring up against me. But this I confess to you, that according to the Way, which they call a sect, I worship the God of our fathers, believing everything laid down by the Law and written in the Prophets, having a hope in God, which these men themselves accept, that there will be a resurrection of both the just and the unjust. So I always take pains to have a clear conscience toward both God and man. Now after several years I came to bring alms to my nation and to present offerings. While I was doing this, they found me purified in the temple, without any crowd or tumult. But some Jews from Asia— they ought to be here before you and to make an accusation, should they have anything against me. Or else let these men themselves say what wrongdoing they found when I stood before the council, other than this one thing that I cried out while standing among them: 'It is with respect to the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial before you this day.'"

(Acts 24:10–21)

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# Order for Engaging with God in Worship

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## Welcome and Announcements

### Introit

#### \*Call to Worship: Psalm 146

Praise the Lord!  
Praise the Lord, O my soul!  
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

**Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.**

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

**The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

#### \*Prayer of Invocation

#### \*Opening Hymn: #2 O Worship the King

#### \*Scripture Reading: Acts 24:1–9

#### \*Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

O, Christians, what is it that you believe?  
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy universal Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

## Prayer of Confession of Sin

### Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!  
O Lord, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
O Lord, who could stand?  
But with you there is forgiveness,  
that you may be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;  
my soul waits for the Lord  
more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord!  
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,  
and with him is plentiful redemption.  
And he will redeem Israel  
from all his iniquities.

#### \*Doxology

## Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

### Anthem of Musical Worship

**Sermon Title: Paul's Defense before Governor Felix**  
**Acts 24:10–27** Rev. Martin Hawley

### Closing Prayer

#### \*Closing Hymn: #571 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

(*Live Stream Ends*)

### Celebration of the Lord's Supper

#### \*Benediction

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# O Worship the King

*All you have made will praise you, O LORD; your saints will extol you.* Ps. 145:10

1. O wor - ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly  
 2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the  
 3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, Al - might - y, your  
 4. Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the

sing his pow'r and his love; our shield and De - fend - er, the  
 light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep  
 pow'r has found - ed of old; has 'stab - lished it fast by a  
 air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it de -

An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
 thun - der - clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.  
 change-less de - cree, and round it has cast, like a man- tle, the sea.  
 scends to the plain; and sweet - ly dis - tils in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
 your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
 our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!
6. O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!  
 While angels delight to hymn you above,  
 the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
 with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

## Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

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*Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 2 Tim. 2:3*

1. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, ye sol - diers of the cross;  
 2. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the trum - pet call o - bey;  
 3. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, stand in his strength a - lone;  
 4. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the strife will not be long;

lift high his roy - al ban - ner, it must not suf - fer loss:  
 forth to the might- y con - flict in this his glo - rious day:  
 the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own:  
 this day the noise of bat - tle, the next the vic - tor's song:

from vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry his ar - my he shall lead,  
 ye that are men now serve him a - gainst un - num-bered foes;  
 put on the gos - pel ar - mor, each piece put on with pray'r;  
 to him that o - ver - com - eth a crown of life shall be;

till ev - 'ry foe is van- quished, and Christ is Lord in - deed.  
 let cour - age rise with dan - ger, and strength to strength op - pose.  
 where du - ty calls, or dan - ger, be nev - er want - ing there.  
 he with the King of glo - ry shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.