

February 7, 2021
Welcome
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Ps 100:4-5

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns
Invocation

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The Law of Christ:

Rom 12:10-18

Pastor: The Apostle Paul summarized the moral law of God by saying,

Congregation: Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Pastor: Beloved we have not done this as we ought; therefore let us corporately confess our sin:

Corporate Confession of sin:

Merciful God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, both by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, and we have not spoken the truth to one another in love. We confess that we try to justify ourselves by speaking of the faults of others. We confess that we abuse your world and one another for our own gratification. We confess that we close our hearts to the suffering of our neighbor. We confess that we trouble trusting you in all circumstances. The redeeming work of your only Begotten Son is our only hope! For the sake of Jesus our Lord, have mercy on us that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your name. Amen.

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: 1 Jn 1:8-9

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Congregation: We give praise to God for although he was angry with us his anger has been turned away and by faith in Christ our sins are forgiven.

Pastor: How far has he separated your sins from you?

Congregation: As far as the East is from the West, and he has replaced them with the righteousness of Christ

All: Praise and glory be to God our Father and to his Son Jesus our only Savior!

Response:

Minister: It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night. (Ps 92:1)

Congregation: For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD; I sing for joy at the works of your hands. How great are your works, O LORD, how profound your thoughts! (Ps 92:4-5)

Hymn: Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned
(Tune Vox Delecti, NT 304)

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Confession of Faith: Apostles Creed

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Song: Lion of Judah

You're the Lion of Judah, the Lamb Who was slain,
You ascended to heaven and evermore will reign;
At the end of the age when the earth You reclaim,
You will gather the nations before You.
And the eyes of all men will be fixed on the Lamb
Who was cru – ci – fied;
With wisdom and mercy and justice You'll reign
at your Fa - ther's side.

Chours:

And the angels will cry, "Hail the Lamb
Who was slain for the world, rule in pow'r"
And the earth will reply, "You shall reign
As the King of all kings and the Lord of all lord's"

There's a shield in our hand and a sword at our side,
There's a fire in our spirits that cannot be denied;
For the Father has told us, for these you have died,
For the nations who gather before You.
And ears of all men need to hear of the Lamb
Who was cru – ci – fied;
Who rose from the grave and was raised up to reign,
At His Fathers side.

(Chorus)

Children's song:

1. God is a Spirit, infinite, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth
2. God is a Spirit eternal, in his being ... “
3. God is a Spirit unchangeable, in his being...

Pastoral Prayer

OT Reading: Gen 1:24-31

Psalter: Ps 8:4-7 (Tune: Azmon, NT 164)

O what is man, that Thou dost him
Within Thy thought retain?
Or what the son of man, that Thou
To visit him dost deign?

For Thou a little lower hast
Him than the angels made;
A crown of glory and renown
Hast placed upon his head.

Thou mad'st him lord of all Thy works;
Beneath him all things be:
All flocks and herds, all beasts⁸ and birds,
And fishes of the sea,

And whatsoever living thing
The paths of ocean claim.
O LORD, our Lord, in all the earth
How excellent Thy name!

NT Responsive Reading: Acts 7:52-60

Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute?

And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered,
you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."

Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him.

But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him.

Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul.

And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."
And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Sermon: Not to Angels Heb 2:5-9

Lord's Supper

Bread: At the Name of Jesus

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Cup: His Robes for Mine

His robes for mine: O wonderful exchange!
Clothed in my sin, Christ suffered 'neath God's rage.
Draped in His righteousness, I'm justified.
In Christ I live, for in my place He died.

Refrain:

*I cling to Christ, and marvel at the cost:
Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God.
Bought by such love, my life is not my own.
My praise-my all-shall be for Christ alone.*

His robes for mine: what cause have I for dread?
God's daunting Law Christ mastered in my stead.
Faultless I stand with righteous works not mine,
Saved by my Lord's vicarious death and life.
(Refrain)

His robes for mine: God's justice is appeased.
Jesus is crushed, and thus the Father's pleased.
Christ drank God's wrath on sin, then cried "'Tis done!"
Sin's wage is paid; propitiation won.
(Refrain)

His robes for mine: such anguish none can know.
Christ, God's beloved, condemned as though His foe.
He, as though I, accursed and left alone;
I, as though He, embraced and welcomed home!
(Refrain)

Offering:

Doxology:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer

Closing Song: **May the Grace of Christ Our Savior**

May the grace of Christ our Savior
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor,
Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord,
And possess, in sweet communion,
Joys, which earth cannot afford.

Benediction

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