

March 21, 2021
Welcome
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Psalm 34:1-3

I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.

Hymn: Come Thou Almighty King
Invocation

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The Law of Christ:

Matt. 5:46-48

Pastor: Our blessed Lord Jesus summarized the moral law of God by saying:

Congregation: If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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

Corporate Confession of sin:

Faithful Father, we come to you in the name and merits of your only Begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. We have nothing to bring to you to acquire your love or buy your favor. You have always been faithful to us, we humbly confess our lack of faithfulness to you in many ways. By anxiety and greed, by anger and impatience, by lust and longing, by envy and gossip, we have not remained faithful to our pledge to follow Christ as your servants. Even though you have sent us your Spirit, we so often follow after our own flesh. We recognize that the Blood of Christ is sufficient to cleanse us from all sin. We plead our case in Him, for we know he has fully satisfied your justice by his sufferings and death. Renew our wills that we may walk in greater conformity to His commands – through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: Isa 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

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: Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns

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Confession of Faith: Scots Confession Chapter 1

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

Song: Everlasting

Oh God our Redeemer
Our Savior our friend
Creator of the universe
Your goodness knows no end
And our voices join
With the thousands who
Know mercy because of the Cross
All sinners washed
In Your precious blood
Forever we will sing

From everlasting to everlasting
Praise be to You
From everlasting to everlasting
Praise be to You
Oh God

Oh God our Deliverer
And Lord of all grace
How can I stand in silence
When the heavens sing Your praise
And our voices join
With the thousands who
Know mercy because of the Cross

All sinners washed
In Your precious blood
Forever we will sing

Children's song:

Keep me true, Lord Jesus, Keep me true
Keep me true, Lord Jesus, Keep me true
There's a race that must be run
There's a vic'try to be won
Every hour, by thy power, keep me true!

Pastoral Prayer

OT Reading: Deut 31:18-29

Psalter: PS 95 Come Sound His Praise Abroad (Tune: Festal Song NT # 242) #118

NT Responsive Reading: Acts 7:47-58

But it was Solomon who built a house for him.

Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made by hands, as the prophet says,

"Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. What kind of house will you build for me, says the Lord, or what is the place of my rest?

Did not my hand make all these things?'

"You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you.

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.

Sermon: Do Not Harden Your Hearts

Heb 3:7-18

Lord's Supper

Bread: Before the Throne

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me

My name is graven on his hands, My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there, Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free.
For God the Just is satisfied, to look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the Risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of Glory and of Grace.
*One with himself I cannot die. My soul is purchased by His blood,
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.

*Repeat

Cup: Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

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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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