

February 12, 2023
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: We Are God's People
Invocation

#355

The Law of Christ:

1 John 2:15-17

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

Congregation: Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world-- the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does-- comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

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

Corporate Confession of sin:

Almighty, eternal, most just and gracious God, help me to know that all things are shadows, but You are substance; all things are quicksand, but You are mountain; all things are shifting, but You are anchor; all things are ignorance, but You are wisdom.

You are thrice Holy, yet my life and heart abound with
Apologies not made, repentance not completed, forgiveness not offered,
Brothers not respected, reputations not defended, peace not pursued,
Neighbors not loved, Sabbaths not kept, appetites not restrained,
Parents not honored, spouse not cherished, children not trained,
Prisoners not visited, strangers not clothed, hungry not fed,
Providences ignored, envy unchecked, prayers unspoken,
Fears not conquered, truth not defended, sheep not fed,
Feet unmoved, tongue unbridled, eyes unguarded,
Time wasted talents wasted, treasure wasted.

Lord Jesus, deliver me from these chains, from the wretchedness of the old man who still lives, from the sugar of sin as well as its gall, so that with earnest heart searching I may come to You, cast myself on You, trust in You, cry to You, be delivered by You. I appeal from the throne of Your perfect justice to the throne of your boundless grace. Grant me to hear Your voice assuring me that I am guilty, but pardoned; lost, but saved; wandering, but found; sinning, but cleansed; Give me perpetual broken heartedness; keep me always clinging to Your cross; flood me every moment with descending grace.

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: Eph 1:7-8

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

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)

Pastor: Titus 2:13-14

The Savior Jesus Christ gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Congregation: Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for coming into this world to redeem us from sin and lawlessness; purify us more and more and increase our zeal to walk in Your law and do good works by the power of your Holy Spirit and faith in You. Amen.

Hymn: Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive (Tune: Amazing Grace #460)

#494

Confession of Faith:

-Spurgeon's Confession

I trust in a triune God. I trust the Father, believing that He has chosen me from the foundations of the world; I trust Him to provide for me in providence, to teach me, to guide me, to correct me when needed, and to bring me home to His own house where the many mansions are.

I trust the Son. Very God of very God is He - the man Christ Jesus. I trust Him to take away all my sins by His own sacrifice, and to adorn me with His perfect righteousness. I trust Him to be my Intercessor, to present my prayers and desires before His Father's throne, and I trust Him to be my Advocate at the last great day, to plead my cause, and to justify me. I trust Him for what He is, for what He has done, and for what He has promised yet to do.

And I trust the Holy Spirit - He has begun to save me from my inbred sins; I trust Him to drive them all out; I trust Him to curb my temper, to subdue my will, to enlighten my understanding, to check my passions, to comfort my despondency, to help my weakness, to illuminate my darkness; I trust Him to dwell in me as my life, to reign in me as my King, to sanctify me wholly, spirit, soul, and body, and then to take me up to dwell with the saints in light forever.

Song: May the Words of my mouth

May the words of my mouth

And the meditations of my heart
be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord

Help my Lord to bridle my tongue

And speak only words of grace

And teach my lips to speak

The language of love.

O Lord my Rock, my Strength, my Song

My King, and my Redeemer

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Luke 3:1-23

Psalter: Ps 126 When in His Might the Lord

#360

Epistle: 2 Cor 2:1-11

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the church of God that is at Corinth, with all the saints who are in the whole of Achaia: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.

If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer.

Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.

For we do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia.

For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself.

Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death.

But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead.

He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us.

On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again.

You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

Sermon: Taming the Tongue

James 3:1-12

Lord's Supper

Bread: Loved with Everlasting Love

#703

Cup: Glorious Impossible

He was bruised for our transgressions
And He bears e - ter - nal scars
He was raised for our salvation
And His righteousness is ours

Praise, oh praise Him, praise the glory
Of this lavish grace so full
Lift your souls now and receive the
Glorious Impossible!

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Hallelujah
Glorious Impossible

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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