

March 17, 2024  
Welcome  
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Psalm 9:1-2

I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Hymn: The Mighty God the Lord

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Invocation

The Law of Christ:

1Peter 3:8-11

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

**Congregation: Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. For, "Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech. He must turn from evil and do good; he must seek peace and pursue it.**

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

Corporate Confession of sin:

*Adapted from John Calvin's Geneva Liturgy of 1543:*

**Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate the law of Christ.**

**But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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!**

Pastor: 1Pe 2:24-25

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.<sup>25</sup> For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

**Congregation: We give thanks to you, our blessed Lord, that in Christ's death we died to sin. Grant that we may live unto righteousness, and that we would delight in obedience to you commands.**

**Please, Holy Spirit, continue your work in us to cause us to reflect the image of Christ in all of our dealings.**

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: Rejoice All Ye Believers (Tune Aurelia #311)

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Confession of Faith: Westminster Shorter Catechism in Modern English

Q. 36. What benefits in this life accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification?

**The benefits in this life which accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification are: assurance of God's love,<sup>[a]</sup> peace of conscience,<sup>[b]</sup> joy in the Holy Spirit,<sup>[c]</sup> progress in holiness,<sup>[d]</sup> and perseverance in it to this life's end.<sup>[e]</sup>**

Q. 37. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

**The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness<sup>[a]</sup> and immediately pass into glory;<sup>[b]</sup> and their bodies, being still united to Christ,<sup>[c]</sup> rest in their graves until the resurrection.<sup>[d]</sup>**

Q. 38. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

**At the resurrection Christ will immediately raise up in glory all believers;<sup>[a]</sup> he will openly acknowledge and acquit them in the day of judgement,<sup>[b]</sup> /graciously rewarding them according to their works of faith,/ and they will enter into the full enjoyment of God<sup>[c]</sup> for all eternity.<sup>[d]</sup>**

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.

Chorus:

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 Father's side.

(Chorus)

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: John 9:24-41

Psalter: Ps 37:10-16 (Tune Forest Green, #119)

For yet a little while, and then  
The wicked shall not be;  
His place thou shalt consider well,  
But him thou shalt not see.  
The meek and humble of the land  
Inheritors shall be;  
And they shall then delight themselves  
In full prosperity.

The wicked plots against the just  
And grinds his teeth in wrath;  
Because He sees his day will come  
The Lord at him shall laugh.  
The wicked men have drawn their swords  
And bent their bows to slay,  
To cast the needy down and kill  
The men of upright way.

But yet the sword which they have drawn  
Shall enter their own heart;  
Their bows which they are bending shall  
In broken pieces part.  
The little that the righteous has  
Is more and better far  
Than great abundance many have  
Who wholly wicked are.

Epistle: Phil 2:12-18

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence,

**work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,**

for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

**Do all things without grumbling or questioning,**

that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

**holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.**

Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all.

**Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.**

Sermon: The Day of the Lord Mal 4

Lord's Supper

Bread: O Sacred Head Now Wounded

Cup: Glorious Impossible

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Love has come to walk on water  
Turn the water into wine

Touch the leper, bless the children  
Love both human and divine

Praise the wisdom of the Father  
Who has spoken through His Son  
Speaking still, He calls us to  
The Glorious Im - poss - ible

Halle lu jah  
Halle lu jah  
Halle lu jah  
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!

Halle lu jah  
Halle lu jah  
Halle lu jah  
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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