

March 3, 2024
Welcome
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Psalm 111:1-3

Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly. Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.

Hymn: Give to Our God Immortal Praise

#3

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:

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)

Col 2:13

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses.

Congregation: We give praise to God who has liberated us from our trespasses.

Pastor: How has He freed you from your trespasses?

Congregation: He has canceled the record of debt that stood against us, having crucified it in Christ at the cross (Col 2:14).

All: **Praise and glory be to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.** Pastor:

Congregation:

Pastor: 1 John 2:1, 29; 5:12

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. If you know that He is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of Him. The one who has the Son has life.

Congregation: Lord Jesus Christ, you are our life, and in You we live. Thank you for causing us to be born again by your Holy Spirit so that we might live in Your love. Help us see and overcome the destruction we work to our bodies, our minds, and our hearts; strengthen us to pursue the good and thankful use of this world, rather than to abuse it; and animate us to pursue earnestly Your upbuilding and life-giving love and peace for those around us.

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: Lord Thou Lov'st a Cheerful Giver

#434

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,^[a] peace of conscience,^[b] joy in the Holy Spirit,^[c] progress in holiness,^[d] and perseverance in it to this life's end.^[e]

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

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

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

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

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

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: John 8:26-59

Psalter: Ps 148 Praise Ye Praise Ye the Lord

#112

Epistle: Phil 1:22-30

If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me.

Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell.

I am hard pressed between the two.

My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.

But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account.

Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents.

This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God.

For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake,

engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Sermon: Robbing God

Mal 3:6-12

Lord's Supper

Bread: Alas and Did My Savior Bleed

#254

Cup: The Power of the Cross

Oh, to see the dawn

Of the darkest day:

Christ on the road to Calvary.

Tried by sinful men,

Torn and beaten, then

Nailed to a cross of wood.

Chorus:

This, the power of the cross:

Christ became sin for us

Took the blame, bore the wrath—

We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain

Written on Your face,

Bearing the awesome weight of sin.

Every bitter thought,

Every evil deed

Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Chorus:

**Now the daylight flees
Now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two,
Dead are raised to life;
"Finished!" the victory cry.**

Chorus:

**Oh, to see my name
Written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death
Life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love.**

**This, the power of the cross:
Son of God—slain for us
What a love! What a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.**

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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