

April 21, 2024  
Welcome  
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Psalm 117:1-2

Praise the LORD, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD.

Hymn: O Light That Knew No Dawn  
Invocation

#25

The Law of Christ:

Mark 12:31

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

**Congregation: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."**

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

Corporate Confession of sin:

**Lord you already know the depth of our sin. You know that our attitudes are not like those of Christ Jesus. Our hearts lead us astray. We confess that we have been angry unjustly, hard-hearted, weak in our stand for Christ, prayer has been without zeal or passion; we have dishonored you in countless ways. Lord we have sinned in private, sinned in our families, sinned at work, sinned here while supposedly worshiping you. For the sake of Christ and by his merit, pardon all my sins known and unknown, felt and unfelt, confessed and unconfessed, remembered or forgotten. You do indeed know the depth of it all and we pray that you forgive us for your glory, Christ's sake and our good. Amen**

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: Ps 103:2-4

Pastor: Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits--who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,

**Congregation: We give praise to God for the abundance of His blessings. For His forgiveness, healing, redemption, and compassion.**

Pastor: How has He shown you compassion?

**Congregation: He cast all our sins into the depths of the sea in the death of His Son (Micah 7:19).**

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.**

**All: Praise and glory be to God our Father, Christ our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.**

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: Turn your Eyes upon Jesus

#481

Confession of Faith: Shorter Catechism in Modern English

Q. 39. What is the duty which God requires of man?

**The duty which God requires of man is obedience to his revealed will.<sup>[a]</sup>**

Q. 40. What rule did God at first reveal to man for his obedience?

**The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience was the moral law.<sup>[a]</sup>**

Q. 41. Where is the moral law set out briefly?

**The moral law is set out briefly in the Ten Commandments.<sup>[a]</sup>**

Song: Ps 89:1 I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever.

I will sing, I will sing.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

With my mouth will I make known

Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness.

With my mouth will I make known

Thy faithfulness to all generations.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever.

I will sing, I will sing.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: John 11:45-57

Psalter: Ps 51:1-15 God Be Merciful to Me

#486

Epistle: Phil 4:9-23

What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me--practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

**I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity.**

Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.

**I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound.**

In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need.

**I can do all things through him who strengthens me.**

Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble.

**And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only.**

Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again.

**Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit.**

I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.

**And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.**

To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you.**

All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.**

Sermon: God Is Light

1 John 1:5-10

Lord's Supper

Bread: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

#252

Cup: Come to the Waters

Come to the waters whoever is thirsty  
Drink from the fountain that never runs dry  
Jesus the Living One offers you mercy  
Life more abundant in boundless supply

Come to the river that flows through the city  
Forth from the throne of the Father and Son  
Jesus the Savior says, "Come and drink deeply."  
Drink from the pure, inexhaustible One

Come to the Fountain without any money  
Buy what is given without any cost.  
Jesus the gracious One, welcomes the weary.  
Jesus the selfless One died for the lost

Come to the Well of unmerited favor  
Stretch out your hand; fill your cup to the brim.  
Jesus is such a compassionate Savior.  
Draw from the grace that flows freely from him.

Come to the Savior, the God of salvation.  
God has provided an end to sin's strife.  
Why will you suffer the Law's condemnation?

Take the free gift of the water of life.

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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