

January 12, 2025  
Welcome  
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Ps 95:6

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

Hymn: O Worship the 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 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

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).**

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

Pastor: 1 Cor 6:19-20

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,<sup>20</sup> for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

**Congregation: Holy Lord God, hear our words of thanks for sending us your Spirit, and that he now resides in us. Help us to follow him in all our thoughts, words, and actions, so that we would live to your glory. May He cause the love of Christ to shine forth from us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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:

I Lay My Sins on Jesus (Tune Aurelia #347)

Confession of Faith: Shorter Catechism in modern English

Q. 85. What does God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse, due to us for sin?

**To escape the wrath and curse due to us for sin, God requires of us faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and repentance leading to life together with the diligent use of all the outward means by which Christ gives to us the benefits of redemption.**

Q. 86. What is faith in Jesus Christ?

**Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace by which we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation as he is freely offered to us in the gospel.**

Q. 87. What is repentance unto life?

**Repentance leading to life is a saving grace, by which a sinner having truly realised his sin and grasped the mercy of God in Christ, turns from his sin with grief and hatred and turns to God with full resolve and effort after new obedience.**

Song: Be Unto Your Name

We are a moment, You are forever.  
Lord of the ages God before time  
We are a vapor, You are Eternal  
Love everlasting reigning on high

Chorus:

Holy, holy Lord God Almighty  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Highest praises, honor and glory  
Be unto Your name; Be unto Your name

We are the broken, You are the Healer  
Jesus, Redeemer, Mighty to save  
You are the love song we'll sing forever  
Bowling before You blessing Your name.  
(Chorus)

Pastoral Prayer

The following Scripture readings are according to *lectua continua*, a consecutive reading in order.

Gospel: Acts 14

Psalter: Ps 17:8- (Tune Crimond, #87)

Epistle: 1 Tim 6:11-21

But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.

**Fight the good fight of the faith.**

Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

**I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession,**

to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

**which he will display at the proper time--he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords,**

who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion.

**Amen.**

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

**They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.**

O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called "knowledge," for by professing it some have swerved from the faith.

**Grace be with you.**

Sermon: Did Not Drive Out the Inhabitants

Judges 1

Lord's Supper

Bread: Alas and Did My Savior Bleed

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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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