

April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday
Welcome
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Mark 11:9-10

"Hosanna! " "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest!"

Hymn: All Glory Laud and Honor
Invocation

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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:

Great and holy God we could never stand before you by our own righteousness and merit; there is still too much desire for the world in us, and our love for you is both incomplete and insufficient. After all that you have done for us in Christ, we still fall short daily. We need a Redeemer outside of ourselves. We need someone with perfect and complete righteousness to be our substitute. Thank you, for your only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus, who is our perfect redeemer. Blot out our sin and rebellion, and may our hearts be turned toward him and away from the world. We pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 10:12, 14 When Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Congregation: We give praise to God who has made us perfect before Him.

Pastor: How has He made you perfect?

Congregation: By Christ's single sacrifice for all my sins.

All: Praise and glory be to God our Father, Christ our High Priest, and the Holy Spirit our Witness.

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.²⁵ 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: When His Salvation Bringing

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Confession of Faith: Shorter Catechism in Modern English

Q. 98. What is prayer?

Prayer is an offering up of our desires to God,^[a] for things agreeable to his will,^[b] in the name of Christ,^[c] with confession of our sins^[d] and thankful acknowledgement of his mercies.^[e]

Q. 99. What rule has God given for our direction in prayer?

The whole Word of God is of use to direct us in prayer,^[a] but the special rule of direction is that form of prayer which Christ taught his disciples, commonly called the Lord's Prayer.^[b]

Q. 100. What does the preface of the Lord's Prayer teach us?

The preface of the Lord's Prayer (which is, *Our Father in heaven*) teaches us firstly to draw near to God with all holy reverence^[a] and confidence^[b] as children to a father^[c] able and ready to help us;^[d] and secondly, that we should pray with and for others.^[e]

Song: Be Exalted, O God

I will give thanks to You,
O Lord, among the people.
I will sing praises to You among the nations.
For Your steadfast love is great,
Is great to the heavens;
And Your faithfulness, Your faithfulness to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
Let Your glory be over all the earth.
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Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Acts 21-:20-40

Psalter: Ps 28 (Tune Sweet Hour, # 634)

To Thee, Jehovah, will I cry,
My rock; O, be not silent now!
Lest, if Thou hold Thy peace, I be

Like those who in the pit lie low.
O, hear my supplication's voice,
When unto Thee for help I cry,
When to Thy holy oracle
I lift my pleading hands on high.

O, with the wicked draw me not
Away, nor with the men of sin
Who to their neighbors speak of peace,
But evil is their heart within;
Give them according to their deed,
Their evil doings all reward;
Give them according to their works,
Return them their desert, O LORD.

Since they Jehovah's mighty acts,
And doings of his hands disdain,
He will destroy them in his wrath,
And never build them up again.
Blest be Jehovah! He hath heard
My supplication's voice in heav'n.
Jehovah is my strength and shield;
I trusted him, He help hath giv'n.

And therefore shall my heart exult,
My song shall of His praises be.
He is their strength; the saving strength
Of His anointed one is He.
O, save the nation of Thy love,
O, bless Thy chosen heritage;
Feed them and lead them as a flock,
Lift Thou them up from age to age.

Epistle: Titus 1:10-16

For there are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision party.

They must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach.

One of the Cretans, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons."

This testimony is true.

Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, not devoting themselves to Jewish myths and the commands of people who turn away from the truth.

To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled.

They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works.

They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.

Sermon:

Lord's Supper

Bread: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Cup: Under the Blood of Jesus

Under the blood of Jesus
Safe in the Shepherd's fold
Under the blood of Jesus
Safe while the ages roll
Safe though worlds may crumble
Safe though the stars grow dim
Under the blood of Je – sus
I am secure in Him.

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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