

April 6, 2025
Welcome
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Psalm 136:1-3

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods.
His love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords: His love endures forever.

Hymn: O Savior, Precious Savior
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: *Adapted from John Knox's Liturgy of 1560:*

Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you, if you dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: Leviticus 16:30 On that day, the priest shall make atonement for you, to cleanse you, that you may be clean from all your sins before the Lord.

Congregation: We give praise to God who has atoned for our sins and cleansed us from them all.

Pastor: How has He made atonement for you?

Congregation: He has placed our sins on the Lamb of God, who was slain for us.

All: Praise and glory be to God the Father, Christ the Lamb, and the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Rom 6:6-8

We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

Congregation: O Lord, thank you that in your crucifixion we too died to sin. We thank you for freeing us from sin. Grant us your grace that we will live to your glory and grow in works that honor your name. Amen.

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: Psalm 114 (Tune Quebec #527)

When Isr'el had from Egypt gone,
Jacob from men of speech unknown;
Then Judah was His holy place,
And His dominion Isr'el's race.

The sea, affrighted, saw and fled;
Back Jordan driven was with dread;
The lofty mountains skipped like rams,
And all the little hills like lambs.

What ailed thee, that thou fledd'st, O sea?
Thou, Jordan, that thou back didst flee?
Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams?
And all ye little hills like lambs?

O tremble, earth! The Lord is near:
Before the God of Jacob, fear;
Who from the rock did water bring,
And made the flint a waterspring.

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: Great Is the Lord

Great is the Lord, he is holy and just;
By his power we trust in his love.

Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true;
By his mercy he proves he is love.

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory!
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise!
Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice,
now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

(Repeat)

Great are you, Lord and worthy of glory!
Great are you, Lord and worthy of praise!
Great are you, Lord; We lift up our voice,
we lift up our voice:
Great are you, Lord! Great are you, the Lord!

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Acts 21:1-19

Psalter: Ps 27 God Is My Strong Salvation

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Epistle: Titus 1:1-9

Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness,

in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began
and at the proper time manifested in his word through the preaching with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior;

To Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you--

if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination.

For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach.

He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain,
but hospitable, a lover of good,

self-controlled, upright,
holy, and disciplined.

He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

Sermon: The Lord's Presence
[Licentiate RE Matt Seufert]

Ps 114

Lord's Supper

Bread: Alas and Did My Savior Bleed
Cup: Amazing Love

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My Lord, what love is this, that pays so dearly
That I, the guilty one may go free?

Chorus: Amazing love, O what sacrifice!
 The Son of God, giv'n for me.
 My debt He pays, and my death He dies
 That I might live, that I might live.

And so, they watched him die, despised, rejected.
But O, the blood He shed flowed for me.

Chorus

And now, this love of Christ shall flow like rivers.
Come wash your guilt away...live again!

Chorus

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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