



ALL
SAINTS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work,
Or watch, or weep this night,
And give your angels charge over those who sleep.
Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary,
Bless the dying, soothe the suffering,
Pity the afflicted, shield the joyous;
And all for your love's sake. Amen.*

THE ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday Evening, August 17, 2025

6:00 p.m.



Welcome

Preparation for Worship

Prelude

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

*Call to Worship. Psalm 113:1-3

Praise the LORD!

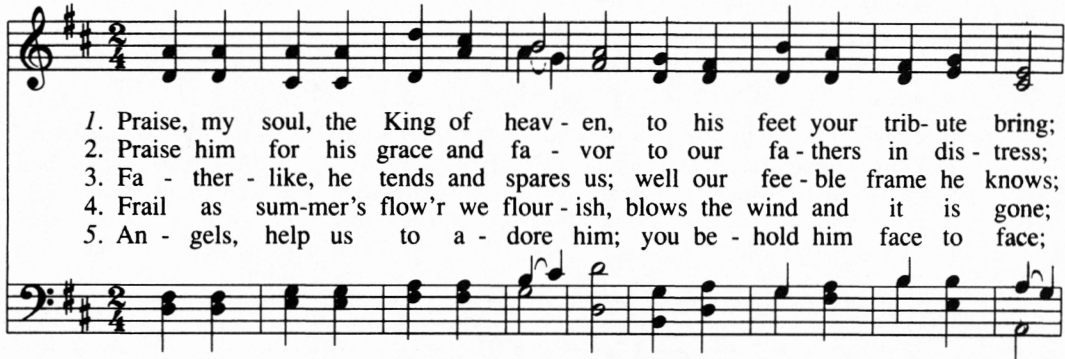
Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!

Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

*Hymn of Praise. Trinity Hymnal, 76

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Musical score for the hymn "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven". It features a treble and bass staff in G major and 2/4 time. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a simple accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your trib - ute bring;
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers in dis - tress;
3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4. Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him face to face;

**Please stand during these portions of the service.*

A room with the service's live stream is available down the hallway in case parents need to step out with their children

ran- sored, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, his praise should sing?
 praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless;
 • in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes;
 but while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space,

Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 • praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.
 Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.
 praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

From Psalm 103
 Henry F. Lyte, 1834; mod.

LAUDA ANIMA 8.7.8.7.8.7.
 John Goss, 1869

*Prayer of Invocation

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESS

First Scripture Lesson 1 Kings 3:1-15

*Sung Response Trinity Hymnal, 144, 6th stanza
(Sung to the tune of Dundee)

Divine Instructor, gracious Lord, be Thou forever near:
 Teach me to love Thy sacred word and view my Savior there.

The Children's Lesson Rev. Matthew Bradley

Children of all ages are invited to come forward and sit in front of the Communion Table for a lesson from the Pastor.

Prayer of the Covenant

Catechism Lesson The Shorter Catechism: Questions 39–41

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

A. The duty which God requires of man is obedience to his revealed will.

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

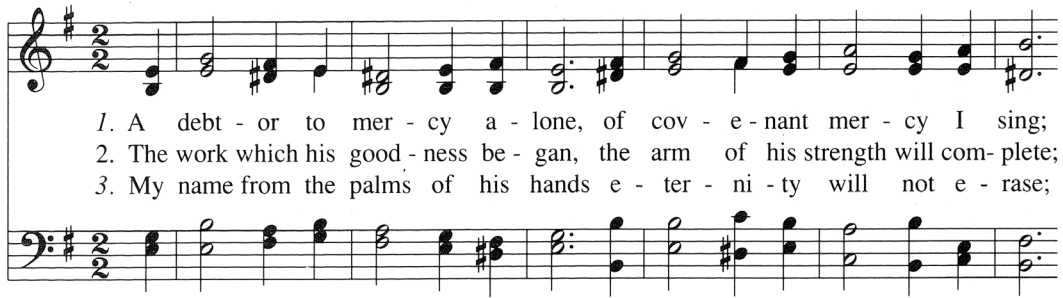
A. The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience was the moral law.

Q. 41. Where is the moral law summarily comprehended?

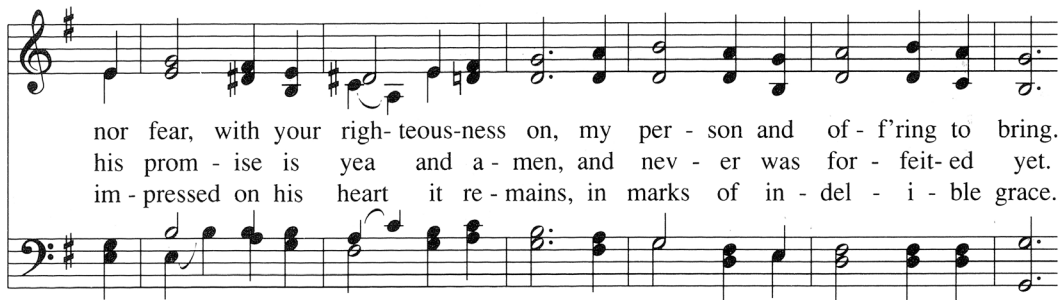
A. The moral law is summarily comprehended in the ten commandments.

*Hymn of Our Security in Christ Trinity Hymnal, 463

A Debtor to Mercy Alone



1. A debt - or to mer - cy a - lone, of cov - e - nant mer - cy I sing;
 2. The work which his good - ness be - gan, the arm of his strength will com - plete;
 3. My name from the palms of his hands e - ter - ni - ty will not e - rase;



nor fear, with your righ - teous - ness on, my per - son and of - f'ring to bring
 his prom - ise is yea and a - men, and nev - er was for - feit - ed yet.
 im - pressed on his heart it re - mains, in marks of in - del - i - ble grace.

The ter - rors of law and of God with me can have noth - ing to do;
 Things fu - ture, nor things that are now, nor all things be - low or a - bove,
 Yes, I to the end shall en - dure, as sure as the ear - nest is giv'n;

my Sav - ior's o - be - dience and blood hide all my trans - gres - sions from view.
 can make him his pur - pose for - go, or sev - er my soul from his love.
 more hap - py, but not more se - cure, the glo - ri - fied spir - its in heav'n.

Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778
 Mod.

TREWEN 8.8.8.8.D.
 David Emlyn Evans, 1843–1913

GOD TAKES HIS PEOPLE TO THE CROSS

Second Scripture Lesson Esther 9:1–32
(See pages 6-7)

Preaching of the Word Rev. Matthew Bradley
Remembering the Days

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Gloria Patri Trinity Hymnal, 735

Glory be to the Father
 and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
 as it was in the beginning,
 is now and ever shall be,
 world without end. Amen, amen.

The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you. *Amen.*

Postlude



Second Scripture Lesson

¹ Now in the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar, on the thirteenth day of the same, when the king’s command and edict were about to be carried out, on the very day when the enemies of the Jews hoped to gain the mastery over them, the reverse occurred: the Jews gained mastery over those who hated them. ² The Jews gathered in their cities throughout all the provinces of King Ahasuerus to lay hands on those who sought their harm. And no one could stand against them, for the fear of them had fallen on all peoples. ³ All the officials of the provinces and the satraps and the governors and the royal agents also helped the Jews, for the fear of Mordecai had fallen on them. ⁴ For Mordecai was great in the king’s house, and his fame spread throughout all the provinces, for the man Mordecai grew more and more powerful. ⁵ The Jews struck all their enemies with the sword, killing and destroying them, and did as they pleased to those who hated them. ⁶ In Susa the citadel itself the Jews killed and destroyed 500 men, ⁷ and also killed Parshandatha and Dalphon and Aspatha ⁸ and Poratha and Adalia and Aridatha ⁹ and Parmashta and Arisai and Aridai and Vaizatha, ¹⁰ the ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews, but they laid no hand on the plunder.

¹¹ That very day the number of those killed in Susa the citadel was reported to the king. ¹² And the king said to Queen Esther, “In Susa the citadel the Jews have killed and destroyed 500 men and also the ten sons of Haman. What then have they done in the rest of the king’s provinces! Now what is your wish? It shall be granted you. And what further is your request? It shall be fulfilled.” ¹³ And Esther said, “If it please the king, let the Jews who are in Susa be allowed tomorrow also to do according to this day’s edict. And let the ten sons of Haman be hanged on the gallows.” ¹⁴ So the king commanded this to be done. A decree was issued in Susa, and the ten sons of Haman were hanged. ¹⁵ The Jews who were in Susa gathered also on the fourteenth day of the month of Adar and they killed 300 men in Susa, but they laid no hands on the plunder.

¹⁶ Now the rest of the Jews who were in the king’s provinces also gathered to defend their lives, and got relief from their enemies and killed 75,000 of those who hated them, but they laid no hands on the plunder. ¹⁷ This was on the thirteenth day of the month of Adar, and on the fourteenth day they rested and made that a day of feasting and gladness. ¹⁸ But the Jews who were in Susa gathered on the thirteenth day and on the fourteenth, and rested on the fifteenth

day, making that a day of feasting and gladness.¹⁹ Therefore the Jews of the villages, who live in the rural towns, hold the fourteenth day of the month of Adar as a day for gladness and feasting, as a holiday, and as a day on which they send gifts of food to one another.

²⁰ And Mordecai recorded these things and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far,²¹ obliging them to keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same, year by year,²² as the days on which the Jews got relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and gifts to the poor.

²³ So the Jews accepted what they had started to do, and what Mordecai had written to them.²⁴ For Haman the Agagite, the son of Hammedatha, the enemy of all the Jews, had plotted against the Jews to destroy them, and had cast Pur (that is, cast lots), to crush and to destroy them.²⁵ But when it came before the king, he gave orders in writing that his evil plan that he had devised against the Jews should return on his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows.²⁶ Therefore they

called these days Purim, after the term Pur. Therefore, because of all that was written in this letter, and of what they had faced in this matter, and of what had happened to them,²⁷ the Jews firmly obligated themselves and their offspring and all who joined them, that without fail they would keep these two days according to what was written and at the time appointed every year,²⁸ that these days should be remembered and kept throughout every generation, in every clan, province, and city, and that these days of Purim should never fall into disuse among the Jews, nor should the commemoration of these days cease among their descendants.

²⁹ Then Queen Esther, the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew gave full written authority, confirming this second letter about Purim.³⁰ Letters were sent to all the Jews, to the 127 provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, in words of peace and truth,³¹ that these days of Purim should be observed at their appointed seasons, as Mordecai the Jew and Queen Esther obligated them, and as they had obligated themselves and their offspring, with regard to their fasts and their lamenting.³² The command of Esther confirmed these practices of Purim, and it was recorded in writing.

Esther 9:1–32, ESV

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Join us every week here at the Martin Center:

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Sunday 9^{AM}

Evening Worship
Sunday 6^{PM}

Prayer Meeting
Wednesday 6:30^{PM}

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