

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, March 27, 2022

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,  
you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**1 Corinthians 11:26**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing\*

Responsive Reading\*

Psalm 31:15-24 (p. 795 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

My times are in your hands; deliver me from my enemies and from those who pursue me.

**Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love.**

Let me not be put to shame, O LORD, for I have cried out to you;  
but let the wicked be put to shame and lie silent in the grave.

**Let their lying lips be silenced, for with pride and contempt they speak arrogantly  
against the righteous.**

How great is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you,  
**which you bestow in the sight of men on those who take refuge in you.**

In the shelter of your presence you hide them from the intrigues of men;  
**in your dwelling you keep them safe from accusing tongues.**

Praise be to the LORD, for he showed his wonderful love to me when I was in a besieged city.

**In my alarm I said, "I am cut off from your sight!"**

Yet you heard my cry for mercy when I called to you for help.

**Love the LORD, all his saints!**

The LORD preserves the faithful, but the proud he pays back in full.

**Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD.**

\* *Congregation is requested to stand, if able.*

*Lord of the Sabbath, Hear Us Pray*

Lord of the Sabbath, hear us pray, in this your house, on this your day;  
And own, as grateful sacrifice, the songs which from your temple rise.

Now met to pray and bless your name, whose mercies flow each day the same,  
Whose kind compassions never cease, we seek instruction, pardon, peace.

Your earthly Sabbaths, Lord, we love, but there's a nobler rest above;  
To that our lab'ring souls aspire with ardent hope and strong desire.

In your blest kingdom we shall be from ev'ry mortal trouble free;  
No sighs shall mingle with the songs resounding from immortal tongues.

No rude alarms of raging foes; no cares to break the long repose;  
No midnight shade, no waning moon, but sacred, high, eternal noon.

O long-expected day, begin, dawn on these realms of woe and sin!  
Break, morn of God, upon our eyes; and let the world's true Sun arise! Amen.

**Congregational Confession of Sin**

**Leader:** Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out our transgressions. Wash away all our iniquity and cleanse us from our sins.

**All:** For we know our transgressions, and our sins are ever before us. Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

**Leader:** Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time we were conceived. Cleanse us, and we will be clean; wash us, and we will be whiter than snow. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and grant us steadfast obedience.

**All:** Restore to us the joy of your salvation and grant to each of us a willing spirit, to sustain us. Then we will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you. You are God our Savior, and we will sing of your righteousness. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

**Private Confession of Our Sins**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Ephesians 4:31-32

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

# ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading\*

Exodus 31:12-18

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 119

## *I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

I sing th'almighty pow'r of God  
That made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad  
And built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained  
The sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at his command  
And all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord  
That filled the earth with food;  
He formed the creatures with his word,  
And then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how your wonders are displayed  
Where'er I turn my eye,  
If I survey the ground I tread  
Or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flow'r below  
But makes your glories known;  
And clouds arise and tempests blow  
By order from your throne;  
While all that borrows life from you  
Is ever in your care,  
And everywhere that man can be,  
You, God, are present there. Amen.

## Confession of Faith

*The Nicene Creed* (p. 846)

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

### Gloria Patri\*

Hymn 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.

### Lord's Prayer\*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Second Reading\*

Hebrews 4:1-11

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 104])

Hymn 126

### *My Soul, Bless the Lord!*

My soul, bless the Lord! The Lord is most great,  
With glory arrayed, majestic his state;  
The light is his garment, the skies are his shade,  
And over the waters his courts he has laid.

He rides on the clouds, the wings of the storm,  
The lightning and wind his mission perform;  
The earth he has founded her station to keep,  
And wrapped as a vesture about her the deep.

He waters the hills with rain from the skies,  
And plentiful grass and herbs he supplies,  
Supplying the cattle, and blessing man's toil  
With bread in abundance, with wine and with oil.

The trees which the Lord has planted are fed,  
And over the earth their branches are spread;  
They keep in their shelter the birds of the air,  
The life of each creature the Lord makes his care.

Your Spirit, O Lord, makes life to abound,  
The earth is renewed, and fruitful the ground;  
To God ascribe glory and wisdom and might,  
Let God in his creatures forever delight.

Rejoicing in God, my thought shall be sweet,  
While sinners depart in ruin complete;  
My soul, bless Jehovah, his name be adored,  
Come, praise him, you people, and worship the Lord. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“The Lord’s Day”  
Genesis 2:1-3

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

## **GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE**

Hymn of Thanksgiving\*

Hymn 429

### ***Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured***

Let thy blood in mercy poured,  
Let thy gracious body broken,  
Be to me, O gracious Lord,  
Of thy boundless love the token:  
*Thou didst give thyself for me,  
Now I give myself to thee.*

Thou didst die that I might live;  
Blessed Lord, thou cam’st to save me;  
All that love of God could give  
Jesus by his sorrows gave me.  
*Thou didst give thyself for me,  
Now I give myself to thee.*

By the thorns that crowned thy brow,  
By the spear wound and the nailing,  
By the pain and death, I now  
Claim, O Christ, thy love unfailing.  
*Thou didst give thyself for me,  
Now I give myself to thee.*

Wilt thou own the gift I bring?  
All my penitence I give thee;  
Thou art my exalted King,  
Of thy matchless love forgive me.  
*Thou didst give thyself for me,  
Now I give myself to thee. Amen.*

## Benediction\*

### Congregational Benediction Response\*

May the peace of God, our heav'nly Father,  
And the grace of Christ, the risen Son,  
And the fellowship of God, the Spirit  
Keep our hearts and minds within his love.

*And to him be praise for his glorious reign;  
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—  
Christ eternal, the King of kings.*

May this peace which passes understanding,  
And this grace which makes us what we are,  
And this fellowship of his communion,  
Make us one in spirit and in heart.

*And to him be praise for his glorious reign;  
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—  
Christ eternal, the King of kings. Amen.*







# HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

*The daily reading schedule follows the One Year Bible Reading Plan.*

## **Monday, March 28**

Scripture: Deuteronomy 9:1 - 10:22; Luke 8:4-21; Psalm 69:19-36; Proverbs 12:2-3

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 1

Pray for: Our federal, state, and local government leaders.

## **Tuesday, March 29**

Scripture: Deuteronomy 11:1 - 12:32; Luke 8:22-39; Psalm 70:1-5; Proverbs 12:4

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 43

Pray for: Our military, police, fire, and medical personnel.

## **Wednesday, March 30**

Scripture: Deuteronomy 13:1 - 15:23; Luke 8:40 - 9:6; Psalm 71:1-24; Proverbs 12:5-7

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 44

Pray for: Our covenant children, and Christian military chaplains.  
The churches in France and persecuted Christians.

## **Thursday, March 31**

Scripture: Deuteronomy 16:1 - 17:20; Luke 9:7-27; Psalm 72:1-20; Proverbs 12:8-9

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 45

Pray for: Our Elders, Deacons, Women's Ministry, & the PCA.

## **Friday, April 1**

Scripture: Deuteronomy 18:1 - 20:20; Luke 9:28-50; Psalm 73:1-28; Proverbs 12:10

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 46

Pray for: Our members who have ongoing health care needs.  
Our pregnant moms.

## **Saturday, April 2**

Scripture: Deuteronomy 21:1 - 22:30; Luke 9:51 - 10:12; Psalm 74:1-23; Prov. 12:11

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 47

Pray for: The preaching, and for our Sunday School teachers.

## **Sunday, April 3**

Scripture: Deuteronomy 23:1 - 25:19; Luke 10:13-37; Psalm 75:1-10; Prov. 12:12-14

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 48

Pray for: Our worship this morning.

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*Pray for our missionaries. Their prayer requests are sent out through the Prayer Chain and their newsletters are published in Grace Notes as they become available.*

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## LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

Every Lord's Day is a foretaste of the eternal Sabbath rest that we will have with Christ. While we live in a society that is characterized by anxiety and unrest, God calls us to be characterized by the fact that we rest in Christ's finished work on our behalf and the joy and assurance that he alone can give. Consider this remarkable truth as you study the following questions:

1. Read Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 20:8-11; 31:12-18; and Hebrews 4:1-13. What are God's reasons for establishing Sabbath rest for his people?
2. What do you prioritize individually or as a family on the Lord's Day? What are some activities that you could add to spiritually enrich your Lord's Day? What are some activities that you usually do on the Lord's Day that if you stopped doing them would also enrich the day?
3. Spend time reading the questions and answers from the following section of the Shorter Catechism. What do you learn about the Lord's Day from these questions and answers?

Q. 57. *Which is the fourth commandment?*

A. The fourth commandment is "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy."

Q. 58. *What is required in the fourth commandment?*

A. The fourth commandment requires the keeping holy to God such set times as he has appointed in his Word; expressly one whole day in seven, to be a holy Sabbath to himself.

Q. 59. *Which day of the seven has God appointed to be the weekly Sabbath?*

A. From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly Sabbath; and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian Sabbath.

Q. 60. *How is the Sabbath to be sanctified?*

A. The Sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy.

Q. 61. *What is forbidden in the fourth commandment?*

A. The fourth commandment forbids the omission, or careless performance, of the duties required, and the profaning the day by idleness, or doing that which is in itself sinful, or by unnecessary thoughts, words, or works, about our worldly employments or recreations.

Q. 62. *What are the reasons attached to the fourth commandment?*

A. The reasons attached to the fourth commandment are, God's allowing us six days of the week for our own employments, his challenging a special propriety in the seventh, his own example, and his blessing the Sabbath day.