

To all who are weary and desire rest, to all who mourn and long for comfort, to all who sin and need a Savior, Redeemer City Church opens wide its doors with a welcome from King Jesus the mighty Friend of sinners, the Ally of his enemies, the Defender of the indefensible.



May 10, 2020 - Fifth Sunday of Eastertide

Season of the Cross: White & Gold for Eastertide

All the hopes and expectations of Christians are realized in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, making Easter the most celebrative day of the church year. Because the good news of Easter can hardly be contained in a single day's celebration, Easter is only the first of fifty days of Eastertide — the season leading up to Pentecost. This season is designed for extended celebration, for exploring the ramifications of Easter for the redemption of all creation, and for joyful Christian living

Call to Worship: Psalm 123:1-3

We read God's Word, the Bible, together. It reminds us of who God is and what He expects from us.

To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens! Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he has mercy upon us. Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.

Songs of Adoration

We respond to God's invitation with songs of praise. These songs are designed to draw our attention to the wonder and glory of God.

Praise to the Lord

Reading of the Law: Deuteronomy 6:4-5

While the law cannot justify us or make us righteous; it is a teacher given to lead us to Christ, the fulfiller of the law.

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

We pray together, praising God for who He really is (Adoration) and admitting our inability to live up to what He expects of us (Confession).

Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 10:19-23

We read God's Word together and are reminded that grace and mercy are freely given to all who have faith in Jesus Christ.

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

Greeting

In Jesus, we have not only been reconciled to God, we have also been reconciled to one another. Therefore, we greet one another as brothers and sisters.

Song of Praise and Celebration

Our response to God's free grace is celebratory worship. We express our praise to God for who He is and what He has done to save us

I Have a Shelter In the Secret

Worship Through Giving: Give Online redeemerwh.org/give

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace for us in Jesus by giving generously to the work of this church and the kingdom of God.

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

We again express in prayer our gratitude to God for what he has done and ask him to continue to act for our good and the good of others in our community and the world.

Proclamation of God's Word

A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our own lives.

Romans 14:7-8; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Song of Response & SendingWe respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and areatness.

Oh Lord You're Beautiful

Benediction

Because the hand of God's wrath was raised against Jesus, we now receive the hand of God's blessing as we are sent out to live our lives to the glory of God.

May the LORD bless you and keep you; May the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; May the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace, Both now and forevermore. Amen.

Proclamation of God's Word: See Below for Pew Bible Page Numbers A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our own lives.

7 For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. 8 For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

(Romans 14:7-8 ESV)

16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 ESV)

Resources

James Clear, Atomic Habits Justin Whitmel Earley, The Common Rule Anne Lamott, The Three Essential Prayers James K.A. Smith, You Are What You Love Tish Harrison Warren, Liturgy of the Ordinary

Resources on Prayer Arthur Bennett, ed., *The Valley of Vision* Tim Keller, The Songs of Jesus Paul Miller, A Praying Life Douglas McKelvey, Every Moment Holy Eugene Peterson, Praying with the Psalms Sermon Series: Our Common Rule

Sermon Title: Kneeling Prayer Three Times a Day

Date: May 10, 2020

I. PRAYER — WHY?

The motivation of 3x/day kneeling prayer.

II. PRAYER — WHAT?

The mechanics of 3x/day kneeling prayer.

III. PRAYER — HOW?

The motor for 3x/day kneeling prayer.

Discussion Questions

Self-Reflection: What are the current habits and routines in your life that would interfere with kneeling prayer three times a day

Brain-Storm: What ideas came to mind as you listened and imagined kneeling prayer three times a day?

Strategize: What help do you need to make strides towards the goal of kneeling prayer three times a day?

Announcements

Online Directory: Redeemer City Church's online directory is provided for Regular Attendees and Members. The great thing about this platform is that you can upload your own photo or edit your profile's information and it automatically syncs with our database. Visit **redeemerwh.org/directory** to access your profile.

Get Connected: The best way to stay up-to-date with what's happening at Redeemer is through our online newsletter (**redeemerwh.org/newsletter**) and our mobile app (**redeemerwh.org/app**).

Worship Playlists: Follow our weekly set list on *Spotify* and *Apple Music* so that you can become familiar with the songs that we'll be singing on Sundays. You can find the playlist on the "RedeemerWH" app (above) or at: redeemerwh.org/RCCmusic.



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Grace Abounding is Redeemer's campaign to raise funds for repairs and maintenance to the existing facility. Campaign information is available at **graceabounding.org**.