

# THE LORD'S DAY

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Morning Worship Service: 10:15 AM • Evening Catechism Service: 6:00 PM

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## MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

10:15 AM

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### Prelude and Silent Prayer

*(Upon entering the sanctuary, please remain silent as the congregation prepares for worship)*

Almighty God, who for our redemption did give your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy; Grant us so to die daily from sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection, through your Son Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Welcome and Announcements

#### God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship                      Psalm 65:1, 5-8

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed. By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas; the one who by his strength established the mountains, being girded with might; who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples, so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at your signs. You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy.

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading              Rev. 1:4-5; Psa. 46

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

**Amen!**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

**The holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;

**God will help her when morning dawns.**

The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;

**He utters his voice, the earth melts.**

The LORD of hosts is with us;

**The God of Jacob is our fortress.**

†“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”              #216

#### God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Isaiah 55:6-7

Confession of Sin              (Abraham Kuyper, *Our Worship*)

**O eternal God and merciful Father, we humble ourselves before your great majesty, against which we have frequently and grievously sinned. We acknowledge our waywardness, and are heartily sorry for all our sins. Nevertheless, O Lord God and gracious Father, we know that you do not desire the death of the sinner, but rather that he should turn to you and live. Wash us in the pure fountain of Jesus' blood, so that we may become clean and white as snow. Inscribe your law upon the tablets of our hearts. And give us the desire and strength to walk in the ways of your precepts. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen!**

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 65:2-4

O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come. When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions. Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!

†Psalm 32B

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 48A

## God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading            Zechariah 6:9-15  
This is the Word of the Lord.            (p. 795)  
**Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Reading            1 Peter 2:1-12  
This is the Word of the Lord.            (p. 1014)  
**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination  
Sermon

### ZECARIAH 6:9-15

HE SHALL BUILD THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD  
EXPOSITION OF ZECARIAH #10

- i. In Israel
- ii. In Christ
- iii. In the Church

†“All Authority and Power”            #424

## God Communes with Us in the Lord's Supper

Preparation and Prayer of Consecration  
By the promise of God this bread and wine are  
for us the body and blood of Christ. Lift up  
your hearts!  
**We lift them up to the Lord!**

Distribution of the Bread and Wine

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offering                                    1<sup>st</sup>: General Fund  
    2<sup>nd</sup>: Ecuador Mission

## God Blesses Us and Sends Us to Be a Blessing

†Benediction                                Numbers 6:24-26  
The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord  
make his face to shine upon you and be  
gracious to you; the Lord lift up his  
countenance upon you and give you peace.  
**Amen!**

†Doxology (unannounced, #568)  
**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. Amen.**

Postlude

† = please stand, if able  
**bold** = congregational response

## Invitation to the Lord's Supper

We invite you to participate in the Lord's Supper  
with us if you are a professing member in good  
standing of a Christian church. This means that:

1. you have been baptized;
2. you have made a public profession of  
faith in Jesus Christ;
3. and you desire to live a godly life in  
fellowship with his church.

Do you know your place in Christ? Are you  
known as faithful to Christ by his church? Then  
you too are welcome at his table.

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## EVENING CATECHISM SERVICE

6:00 PM

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### Prelude and Silent Prayer

*(Upon entering the sanctuary, please remain silent as the congregation prepares for worship)*

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.” You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. (Psalm 16:1-2, 11)

### †Call to Worship                      Psalm 22:22-23

I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

### †Opening Prayer

### †Responsive Reading              Psa. 124:8; Eph. 1:2

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**Who made heaven and earth.**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen!**

### †Psalm 22C

### †Confession of Faith              The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;<sup>1</sup> the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he**

**shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic<sup>2</sup> church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

†“Holy, Holy, Holy!” Stanza 4                      #230

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

### The Life of Gratitude

Exodus 20:1-17  
Selection #7, p. 1049

### Pastoral Prayer              (adapted from *Psalter Hymnal*, 1976)

O Lord, Almighty God, we pray that your holy name may not be blasphemed on account of our sins. For we have sinned against you in many ways. We do not obey your holy Word as it is necessary for us. Through ignorance, unthankfulness, and discontent, we daily provoke you to wrath. We confess, Lord, that you are just in inflicting punishment upon us. But we beseech you, O Lord, remember your great mercy and have compassion upon us. Teach us truly to know our sins and sincerely to mourn for them and to amend our life. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Strengthen the ministers of your Church here and everywhere in order that they may faithfully and steadfastly preach your holy Word. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Likewise, Lord, give strength to our rulers that they may wield the sword of civil authority in justice and equity. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

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<sup>1</sup> See Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 44; Canons of Dort, 2.4.

<sup>2</sup> “Catholic” means universal; that is, there is one church across all times, places, and peoples (Belgic Confession, art. 27; Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 54).

