
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
10:15 AM

Prelude and Silent Prayer

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

O Lord, raise up we pray your power, and come to deliver us, that we, who are oppressed by temptations, may be so defended by your might, that the hosts of the enemy may never prevail against us; hear us in your mercy, O Lord Christ, who, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship Psalm 47:5-7

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading Rev. 1:4-5; Psa. 27

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!

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

†“Angels, from the Realms of Glory” #313

God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Isaiah 55:6-7

Confession of Sin

Our Father, we are sinful and you are holy. Your word has shown us how often we have offended you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. There is nothing in us that gives us reason for hope. Our hearts are filled with the love of the world; our minds are dark and are assailed by doubts; our wills are too often given to selfishness and our bodies to laziness and unrighteousness. By sinning against our neighbors, we have also sinned against you, in whose image they were created. Our Father, although you are a holy God who cannot look upon sin, look upon Christ our Savior and forgive us for the sake of his blood and righteousness. We ask also that you would give us an increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, so that we may walk in your ways, for your glory and the good of our neighbor; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

†Psalm 32B

Advent Prayer

Part I. Summons

Return to me with all your heart. Rend your hearts and not your garments. (Joel 2:12-13)

Let us test and examine our ways and return to the LORD! Let us lift up our hearts and hands to God in heaven. (Lam. 3:40-41)

For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel: In returning and rest you shall be saved. In quietness and in trust shall be your strength. (Isa. 30:15)

Behold, we come to you, for you are the LORD our God. Truly in the LORD our God is the salvation of Israel. (Jer. 3:22-23)

I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you. (Isa. 44:22)

The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing. Everlasting joy shall be upon their heads. They shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. (Isa. 51:11)
Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you. For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. (Psa. 116:7-8)

Part II. Petition

Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants! Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. (Psa. 90:13-14)

The Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God and the dead in Christ will rise first, then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with

the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words. (Thess. 4:16-18)

How long, O God, is the foe to scoff? Is the enemy to revile your name forever? (Psa. 74:10)

Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me to repay everyone for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. (Rev. 22:12-13)

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! (Rev. 22:20)

The Advent Psalm

†Psalm 27B, Stanzas 1-5

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 27

(p. 460)

New Testament Reading

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Revelation 22:1-5

(p. 1041)

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

REVELATION 22:1-5

THEY WILL SEE HIS FACE

THE HOPE OF IMMANUEL #4

i. The Theological Complexity

ii. The Christ-Centered Glory

iii. The Present Challenge

The Advent Hymn

†“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

#292

EVENING CATECHISM SERVICE

6:00 PM

Prelude and Silent Prayer

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

†Call to Worship Psalm 105:1-3

†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 105C

†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;¹ 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
catholic² Church, the communion of
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the
resurrection of the body; and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

†“All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night”
#158, Stanza 6

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Life of Gratitude

Proverbs 20:1-15

Pastoral Prayer

**Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be
your name. Your kingdom come. Your 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 yours is the kingdom and
the power and the glory, forever. Amen!**

Advent Hymn

†“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” #388

Scripture Reading Psalm 119:97-112

This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 514)

Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

THE WISDOM OF THE THIRD COMMANDMENT
LORD'S DAY 36-37B
THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM
TPH P. 890

†Psalm 119M

Offering General Fund

†Benediction 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify
you completely, and may your whole spirit and
soul and body be kept blameless at the coming
of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is
faithful; he will surely do it.

Amen!

†“Angels We Have Heard on High” #318

Postlude

† = please stand, if able

bold = congregational response

¹ See Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 44; Canons of Dort, 2.4.

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