

THE LORD'S DAY

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Morning Worship Service: 10:15 AM • Evening Catechism Service: 5:00 PM

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

10:15 AM

Prelude and Silent Prayer

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

O Almighty God, who alone can order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto your people, that they may love that which you command, and desire that which you promise; that so, among the many changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship Revelation 7:15-17

Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading Rev. 1:4-5; Ps. 68

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!

O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God;

Sing praises to the LORD,

To him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;

Behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel,

And whose power is in the skies.

Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel

He is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

†“Come, Thou Almighty King” #212*

God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession Psalm 22:23-24

Confession of Sin (Robert G. Rayburn,
O Come Let Us Worship)

O God and Father, whose chosen dwelling is the heart that longs for your presence and humbly seeks your love: we come to you to acknowledge and confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and for the good we have left undone. But you, O Lord, are compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and full of mercy; there is forgiveness with you. Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us the word that we need, and let your word abide with us until it has worked in us your holy will; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Isaiah 44:21-23

Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you. Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it; shout, O depths of the earth; break forth into singing, O

He makes peace in your borders;
he fills you with the finest of the wheat.
He declares his word to Jacob,
his statutes and rules to Israel.

He has not dealt thus with any other nation;
they do not know his rules.

Praise the LORD!

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to
pray, saying:

**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!**

Psalm of the Month

†Psalm 70

Scripture Reading Colossians 2:6-19

This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 984)

Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

A SHADOW OF THE THINGS TO COME

ARTICLE 25

THE BELGIC CONFSSION

**We believe that the ceremonies and
symbols of the law have ended with the
coming of Christ, and that all
foreshadowings have come to an end, so
that the use of them ought to be abolished
among Christians. Yet the truth and
substance of these things remain for us in
Jesus Christ, in whom they have been
fulfilled. Nevertheless, we continue to use
the witnesses drawn from the law and
prophets to confirm us in the gospel and to
regulate our lives with full integrity for the
glory of God, according to his will.**

†“Arise, My Soul, Arise”

#275

Offering

General Fund

†Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love
of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be
with you all.

Amen!

†“By the Sea of Crystal”

#473*

Postlude

† = please stand, if able

bold = congregational response

* = the congregation is invited to lift hands
(during last stanza); cf. Ps. 63:4, 1 Tim. 2:8