

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 Eternal, Almighty, and most gracious God! Heaven is your throne, and earth is your footstool; holy and reverend is your name; you are praised by the heavenly hosts, and in the congregation of your saints on earth. Receive us graciously, help us by your Spirit; let your fear be upon us in power, and be received in love, with attentive, reverent, and obedient minds. Cause us to be fervent in prayer, and joyful in your praises, and to serve you this day without distraction: that we may find that a day in your courts is better than a thousand, and that it is good for us to draw near to God; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, Amen. (From Richard Baxter's Reformed Liturgy, England, 1661)

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship Isaiah 55:1-2

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading Rev. 1:4-5; Psa. 72

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!

Give the king your justice, O God,

And your righteousness to the royal son!

May he have dominion from sea to sea,

And from the River to the ends of the earth!

May all kings fall down before him,

All nations serve him!

May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun!

May people be blessed in him, all nations call him blessed!

†“Holy God, We Praise Your Name” #229*

God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Isaiah 55:6-7

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

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!

God Blesses Us and
Sends Us to Be a Blessing

†Psalm 46B

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 68A; 6-7, 12

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading Psalm 68:1-18
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 481)
Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading John 16:1-15
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 902)
Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination
Sermon

JOHN 16:1-15
YOU ARE NOT OF THE WORLD
EXPOSITION OF JOHN 13-17 #9
i. A Real Danger
ii. A Glorious Victory
iii. A Clear Promise

†“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”
#282

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 1st: General Fund
 2nd: Peace URC

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

Invitation to the Lord’s Supper

If you are visiting with us this morning, we invite you to participate in the Lord’s Supper with us if the following is true of you:

1. you have received Christian baptism into the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
2. you have made a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ;
3. you have formal, committed membership in a true Christian church.

If you have any questions about this, please speak with an elder after the service.

EVENING CATECHISM SERVICE

5:00 PM

Prelude and Silent Prayer

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

O LORD, I call upon you; hasten to me! Give ear to my voice when I call to you. Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. (Psalm 141:1-2)

†Call to Worship Psalm 150:1-2, 6

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

†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 148B

†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.

†Gloria Patri #571*

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.

God's Will for Our Lives

Proverbs 17

Pastoral Prayer

Te Deum

(attrib. to St. Ambrose of Milan, AD 387)

We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as the Lord;

All creation worships you, the Father everlasting.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you: Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all praise, the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

When you took our flesh to set us free you humbly chose the virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

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).

We believe that you will come and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

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 98B

Scripture Reading

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Proverbs 18

(p. 540)

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

PROVERBS 17-18

CLOSER THAN A BROTHER

EXPOSITION OF PROVERBS

†“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

#450

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!

†“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

#286

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