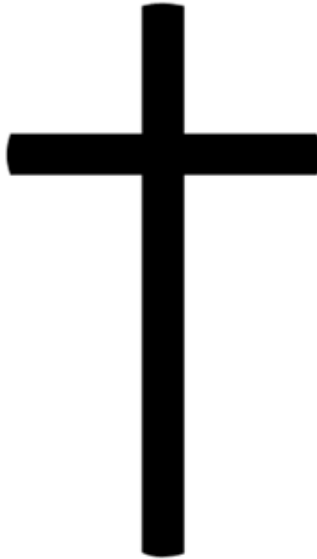


# THE LORD'S DAY

March 24, 2024  
Palm Sunday



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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**

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Prelude and Silent Prayer

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

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! Who was and is and is to come. We, who are unworthy of the least of all your mercies, humbly present ourselves in your court. Enable us, O Lord, by your good Spirit, to attend to the holy duties to which you are calling us, without distraction of mind, and with reverence and godly fear.

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us to Worship

†Call to Worship                   1 Chronicles 16:28-34  
Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering and come before him!  
Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;  
tremble before him, all the earth; yes, the world  
is established; it shall never be moved. Let the  
heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and  
let them say among the nations, “The LORD  
reigns!” Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let  
the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall  
the trees of the forest sing for joy before the  
LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. Oh give  
thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his  
steadfast love endures forever!

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading           Rev. 1:4-5; Psa. 86  
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!**

Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,  
**for I am poor and needy.**

Preserve my life, for I am godly;  
**save your servant, who trusts in you—you  
are my God.**

Be gracious to me, O Lord,  
**for to you do I cry all the day.**  
Gladden the soul of your servant,  
**for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.**

†“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”                   #325\*

God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Prayer of Confession

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out  
of the land of Egypt, out of the house of  
slavery. You shall have no other gods before  
me. You shall not make for yourself a carved  
image.... You shall not bow down to them or  
serve them. You shall not take the name of the  
LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not  
hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.  
Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin! For I know  
my transgressions, and my sin is ever  
before me. (Psa. 51:2-3)**

Honor your father and your mother, as the  
LORD your God commanded you, that your  
days may be long, and that it may go well with  
you in the land that the LORD your God is  
giving you. You shall not murder. You shall  
not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You  
shall not bear false witness against your  
neighbor. You shall not covet... anything that  
is your neighbor's.

**If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O  
LORD, who could stand? But with you  
there is forgiveness, that you may be  
feared. (Psa. 130:3-4)**

Assurance of Pardon                   Romans 8:32-34

He who did not spare his own Son but gave  
him up for us all, how will he not also with him  
graciously give us all things? Who shall bring  
any charge against God's elect? It is God who  
justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is  
the one who died—more than that, who was

raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

God Blesses Us and  
Sends Us to Be a Blessing

†Psalm 27A

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 45B

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading      Genesis 12:10-20  
This is the Word of the Lord.      (p. 9)  
**Thanks be to God!**

New Testament Reading      1 Peter 3:1-7  
This is the Word of the Lord.      (p. 1015)  
**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination  
Sermon

1 PETER 3:1-7  
THE WILL OF GOD: MARRIAGE  
EXPOSITION OF 1 PETER #12

†“There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood” #340

Offering      1<sup>st</sup>: General Fund  
                  2<sup>nd</sup>: Missions & Mercy Fund

†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

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## EVENING CATECHISM SERVICE

5:00 PM

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### Prelude and Silent Prayer

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

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore. (Psalm 125:1-2)

### Welcome and Announcements

†Call to Worship                      Psalm 24:1, 9-10

The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein. Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

†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 93

†Confession of Faith                      The Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men and**

**for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic<sup>1</sup> and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

†Gloria Patri (unannounced)              #571\*

**Glorify 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                      Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God,  
**and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.**

Day to day pours out speech,  
**and night to night reveals knowledge.**

There is no speech,  
**nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.**

Their voice goes out through all the earth,  
**and their words to the end of the world.**

In them he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,

**and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.**

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<sup>1</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).

Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
**and its circuit to the end of them, and  
there is nothing hidden from its heat.**  
The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the  
soul;  
**the testimony of the LORD is sure, making  
wise the simple;**  
the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the  
heart;  
**the commandment of the LORD is pure,  
enlightening the eyes;**  
the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;  
**the rules of the LORD are true, and  
righteous altogether.**  
More to be desired are they than gold, even  
much fine gold;  
**sweeter also than honey and drippings of  
the honeycomb.**  
Moreover, by them is your servant warned;  
**in keeping them there is great reward.**  
Who can discern his errors?  
**Declare me innocent from hidden faults.**  
Keep back your servant also from  
presumptuous sins;  
**let them not have dominion over me!**  
Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of  
great transgression.  
**Let the words of my mouth and the  
meditation of my heart be acceptable in  
your sight, O LORD, my rock and my  
redeemer.**

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!**

*Psalms of the Month*

†Psalm 112

Scripture Reading Acts 20:17-39  
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 929)  
**Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

THE TRUE CHURCH?  
ARTICLE 29  
THE BELGIC CONFESSION  
(*TPH*, p. 866)

†“The Church’s One Foundation” #404

Offering General Fund

†Benediction 1 Peter 5:10-11  
And after you have suffered a little while, the  
God of all grace, who has called you to his  
eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore,  
confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him  
be the dominion forever and ever.  
**Amen!**

†“Christ Shall Have Dominion”  
(unannounced) #421

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