

THE LORD'S DAY

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



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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

(Once the prelude begins, 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 John 4:23-24

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading Rev. 1:4-5; Psal. 30

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!

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up

And have not let my foes rejoice over me.

O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,

And you have healed me.

O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;

You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
And give thanks to his holy name.

†“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!” #374*

God Assures Us of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Psalm 32:1-6

Prayer of Confession

(Psalter Hymnal, 1959)

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 always 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 would be 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. Forgive us, as you have promised, and give us new life by the power of your Spirit. We pray in Jesus’ name; Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103:9-13

He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

†Psalm 34A; 1-4

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 40A; 1-5

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading Exodus 14
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 56)
Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading Mark 1:1-11
This is the Word of the Lord. (p. 836)
Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination
Sermon Mr. Brennan Kiledjian

EXODUS 14
GOD'S GOODNESS IN
EXTRAORDINARY MOMENTS

†Psalm 40A; 5-9

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: Missions & Mercy Fund

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

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

EVENING CATECHISM SERVICE

5:00 PM

Prelude and Silent Prayer

(Once the prelude begins, please remain silent as the congregation prepares for worship)

Welcome and Announcements

†Call to Worship Psalm 148:11-13

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and maidens together, old men and children! Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.

†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 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 catholic¹ 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*

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

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.

It is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve." (Luke 4:8)

You shall not make for yourself a carved image... You shall not bow down to them or serve them.

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth. (John 4:24)

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.

Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool... Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil. (Matthew 5:33-37)

¹ "Catholic" means universal; that is, there is one church across all times, places, and peoples (Belgic Confession, art. 27; Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 54).

Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God.

The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath. (Mark 2:27-28)

Honor your father and your mother, 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.

For God commanded... “Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.” (Matthew 15:4)

You shall not murder.

Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:44-45)

You shall not commit adultery.

Everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. (Matthew 5:28)

You shall not steal.

For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person. (Matthew 15:19-20)

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks... for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned. (Matthew 12:34, 37)

You shall not covet ... anything that is your neighbor's.

Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions. (Luke 12:15)

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!

Psalm of the Month

†Psalm 35; 1-4

Scripture Reading

This is the Word of the Lord.

Psalm 116

(p. 510)

Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Mr. Brennan Kiledjian

PSALM 116

THANKSGIVING IN WHICH GOD DELIGHTS

†“The Day of Resurrection!”

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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!

†“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

#245

(unannounced)

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