



The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Eastertide
May 17, 2020

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Spread his praise from shore to shore;
how he loveth, ever loveth,
changeth never, nevermore;
how he watches o'er his loved ones,
died to call them all his own;
how for them he intercedeth,
watcheth o'er them from the throne.
—"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus," S. T. Francis

Humility and love are precisely the graces which the men of the world can understand, if they do not comprehend doctrines. They are graces about which there is no mystery, and they are within reach of all Christians. The poorest and most ignorant Christian can every day find occasion for practicing love and humility.
—J.C. Ryle

CALL TO WORSHIP

Marty Crawford

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Merciful and Loving Father in Heaven,
 We confess that we have turned our hearts away from your love,
 And we have sought to fill ourselves with the loves of this world.
 We have not kept our eyes on Jesus, the loving and faithful Servant,
 And rather than love our families, our neighbors, and our communities as ourselves,
 We have instead selfishly turned our eyes inward and sought our own desires.
 We have not trusted you to be the lover of our souls,
 And we ask, according to your mercy and grace, that you would forgive us
 And renew in us the joy of salvation,
 That we may know your deep love for us through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
 In whose name we pray, Amen.*

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved...

—Ephesians 2:4–5

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you forgiveness of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of His Holy Spirit.

HYMN OF ADORATION

“Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love”

Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love;
 Too vast and astounding to tell
 Forever existing in worlds above,
 Now offered and given to all.
 Oh, fountain of beauty eternal;
 The Father, the Spirit, the Son.
 Sufficient and endlessly generous,
 Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

Creation is brimming with thankfulness,
 The mountains, exultant they stand;
 The seasons rejoice in Your faithfulness,
 All life is sustained by Your hand.
 You crown every meadow with color;
 You paint every shade in the sky;
 Each day the dawn wakes as an encore of
 Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

Chorus:
 How great, how sure;
 His love endures forevermore.
 Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

What grace, that You entered our brokenness;
 You came in the fullness of time
 How far we had fallen from righteousness,
 But not from the mercies of Christ.
 Your cross is our door to redemption;
 Your death is our fullness of life.
 That day, how forgiveness flowed as a flood:
 Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.
 (Chorus)

United in Your resurrection,
 You lift us to infinite heights
 Could anything sever or take us from
 Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.
 (Chorus)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

READING FROM THE PSALMS

Melanie Spooner

Psalm 136:1-6, 23-26

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

²Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

³Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁴to him who alone does great wonders,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁵to him who by understanding made the heavens,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁶to him who spread out the earth above the waters,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

²³It is he who remembered us in our low estate,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

²⁴and rescued us from our foes,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

²⁵he who gives food to all flesh,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

²⁶Give thanks to the God of heaven,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

“Thank the Lord for He is Good”
to the tune of “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Thank the Lord for good is He,
 For His steadfast love endures.
 To the God of gods, thanks be,
 For His steadfast love endures.
 Praises give the King of kings,
 For His steadfast love endures.
 He alone does wondrous things,
 For His steadfast love endures.

He with skill has made the skies,
 For His steadfast love endures.
 From the seas made land arise,
 For His steadfast love endures.
 He has made great shining lights,
 For His steadfast love endures.
 Sun rules day; stars rule night,
 For His steadfast love endures.

Egypt’s firstborn He did smite
 For His steadfast love endures.
 Brought out Isr’el by His might,
 For His steadfast love endures.
 He the Red Sea split in two,
 For His steadfast love endures.
 He made Isr’el pass on through.
 For His steadfast love endures.

He remembered us when low,
 For His steadfast love endures.
 Gave deliv’rance from our foe,
 For His steadfast love endures.
 He gives food to all that live,
 For His steadfast love endures.
 Thanks to God of heaven give,
 For His steadfast love endures.

READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Isaiah 42:1-7

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
 my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
 I have put my Spirit upon him;
 he will bring forth justice to the nations.

²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
 or make it heard in the street;

³a bruised reed he will not break,
 and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
 he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged
 till he has established justice in the earth;
 and the coastlands wait for his law.

⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
 who created the heavens and stretched them out,
 who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
 who gives breath to the people on it
 and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶"I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
 I will take you by the hand and keep you;
 I will give you as a covenant for the people,
 a light for the nations,
⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
 to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF LOVE

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

How deep the Father’s love for us,
How vast beyond all measure;
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch a treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life,
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything—
No gifts, no pow’r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart—

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GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

Dan Edwards

“Humble King”

Rick Barnes and Casey O'Dell, duet

Oh kneel me down again
Here at Your feet;
Show me how much You love
Humility.
Oh Spirit be the star
That leads me to
The humble heart of love
I see in You.

Chorus:

(‘Cause) You are the God of the broken,
The friend of the weak;
You wash the feet of the weary,
Embrace the ones in need.
I want to be like You Jesus,
To have this heart in me;
You are the God of the humble,
You are the humble King.

You are the God of the humble,
You are the humble King.

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**THE MORNING PRAYERS**

Sandy Stradtman

John 13:1–17

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you?" ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

All flesh is like grass,

And all its glory is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,

But the word of our God stands forever.

MESSAGE

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"THE TOWEL AND THE BASIN"

Sandy Willson

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

This we pray in the name of the One who taught us to pray, saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy 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 Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

HYMN OF DEVOTION

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

Jesus, lover of my soul, Let me to Thy bosom fly;
While the nearer waters roll, While the tempest still is high,
Hide me, O my Savior, hide ‘Til life’s storm is past;
Safe into the haven, guide, Receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, I helpless hang on Thee;
Leave, oh leave me not alone, Support and comfort me;
All my trust on Thee is stayed, All help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head, In the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want, Here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, Heal the sick and lead the blind;
Just and holy is Thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound, Make and keep me pure within;
Thou of life the Fountain art, Let me take from Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart For all eternity.

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2021

Eric Getty
 Russell Martin
 Daniel Murray
 Warren Norville
 Sandy Stradtman
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2022

Ty Dedmon
 John Hamilton
 Mark Hogewood
 John James
 David O'Dell
 Norman Pless
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2020

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 Jay Evans
 Bryan Flores
 John Gant
 John David Gray
 Marty Martin
 Bud Miller
 Tyler O'Connor
 John Shults
 Danny Smith
 Robert Stephens
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2021

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 Ward Bailey
 Samuel Bragg
 Trey Clegg
 Will Graham
 Jeff Hicks
 Jim Jenkins
 Alan Spooner
 Patrick Strong

2022

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 Randall Lancaster
 Mark Midyette
 Stephen Mince
 Clyde Prather
 John Shank
 Matt Thomas
 Greg Tomlinson

BIBLE READING PLAN

These readings are provided as a personal, family, or group worship resource. Use them along with your worship guide as resources for readings, prayers, and hymns. The scripture readings are from Ligonier Ministries and are designed around a one-year cycle that will allow you to read through the New Testament or the entire Bible in 2020.

MAY READING PLAN

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