



The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Eastertide
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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

You cannot be Christ's servant if you are not willing to follow him, cross and all. What do you crave? A crown? Then it must be a crown of thorns if you are to be like him. Do you want to be lifted up? So you shall, but it will be upon a cross.

—Charles H. Spurgeon

Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life. It is costly because it condemns sin, and grace because it justifies the sinner. Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son: "ye were bought at a price," and what has cost God much cannot be cheap for us. Above all, it is grace because God did not reckon his Son too dear a price to pay for our life, but delivered him up for us. Costly grace is the Incarnation of God.

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

If following Jesus Christ doesn't cost you anything, it's because you've bought into 'American Christianity.'

—Paul Washer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dan Edwards

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*O God of Highest Heaven,
 We have sinned times without number,
 And been guilty of pride and unbelief,
 Of failure to find your mind in your Word,
 Of neglect to seek you in our daily lives.
 We confess our sin, our frequent sin, our willful sin,
 And we acknowledge the fountain of pollution deep within our nature.
 By the power of your Spirit and the grace of the Lord Jesus,
 Purge us, your people, from every false desire,
 Every base aspiration,
 And everything contrary to your rule;
 And work in us more profound and abiding repentance
 That bears the fullness of a godly grief
 And sees clearly the glories of the saving cross of Christ,
 In whose name we pray, Amen.*

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

—Romans 3:23-25a

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.

READING FROM THE PSALMS

Joe Strickland

Psalm 73:1-5, 16-17, 21-26

Truly God is good to Israel,
to those who are pure in heart.

²But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled,
my steps had nearly slipped.

³For I was envious of the arrogant
when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

⁴For they have no pangs until death;
their bodies are fat and sleek.

⁵They are not in trouble as others are;
they are not stricken like the rest of mankind.

¹⁶But when I thought how to understand this,
it seemed to me a wearisome task,

¹⁷until I went into the sanctuary of God;
then I discerned their end.

²¹When my soul was embittered,
when I was pricked in heart,

²²I was brutish and ignorant;
I was like a beast toward you.

²³Nevertheless, I am continually with you;
you hold my right hand.

²⁴You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will receive me to glory.

²⁵Whom have I in heaven but you?
And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

²⁶My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF ADORATION

“Made Me Glad”

I will bless the Lord forever,
I will trust Him at all times;
He has delivered me from all fear,
He has set my feet upon a rock,
And I will not be moved,
And I'll say of the Lord,

Chorus:

“You are my shield, my strength, my portion,
Deliverer, my shelter, strong tower,
My very present help in time of need.”

Whom have I in heav'n but You?
There's none I desire besides You.
And You have made me glad,
And I'll say of the Lord,
(Chorus, twice)

Words and Music: Miriam Webster; CCLI 3290709.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 4:1-13

And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹² And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

¹³Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF SALVATION

“And Can It Be”

And can it be that I should gain
 An interest in the Savior’s blood?
 Died He for me, who caused His pain?
 For me, who Him to death pursued?
 Amazing love! How can it be,
 That Thou my God, shouldst die for me?

Refrain:

Amazing love! How can it be,
 That Thou my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father’s throne above,
 So free, so infinite His grace!
 Emptied Himself of all but love,
 And bled for Adam’s helpless race.
 ‘Tis mercy all, immense and free;
 For, O my God, it found out me!
 (Refrain)

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
 Fast bound in sin and nature’s night;
 Thine eye diffused a quick’ning ray;
 I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
 My chains fell off, my heart was free;
 I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
 (Refrain)

No condemnation now I dread;
 Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
 Alive in Him, my living Head,
 And clothed in righteousness divine,
 Bold I approach th’eternal throne,
 And claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
 (Refrain, twice)

Words: Charles Wesley, 1738. Music: Thomas Campbell (1777-1844).

Philippians 3:2-11

Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. ³For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh—
⁴though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more:
⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.
⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,
¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

David Driskill

"Not in Me"

Congregational Hymn

No list of sins I have not done,
 No list of virtues I pursue,
 No list of those I am not like
 Can earn myself a place with You.
 O God! Be merciful to me;
 I am a sinner through and through,
 My only hope of righteousness
 Is not in me, but only You.

No humble dress, no fervent prayer,
 No lifted hands, no tearful song,
 No recitation of the truth,
 Can justify a single wrong.
 My righteousness is Jesus' life;
 My debt was paid by Jesus' death.
 My weary load was borne by Him,
 And He alone can give me rest.

No separation from the world,
 No work I do, no gift I give
 Can cleanse my conscience, cleanse my hands;
 I cannot cause my soul to live.
 But Jesus died and rose again;
 The pow'r of death is overthrown!
 My God is merciful to me,
 And merciful in Christ alone.

Words and Music: Eric Schumacher and David L. Ward.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**THE MORNING PRAYERS**

Ty Dedmon

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

John 12:20-26

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

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

"THE TRUE COST OF COSTLY GRACE"

Josh Johnson

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN OF THE CROSS

“Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”

Jesus, I my cross have taken, All to leave and follow Thee;
 Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shalt be.
 Perish every fond ambition, All I've sought or hoped or known;
 Yet how rich is my condition, God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, They have left my savior too;
 Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not like them untrue;
 Oh, while thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love and might,
 Foes may hate and friends disown me; Show thy face and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me, Twill but drive me to thy breast;
 Life with trials hard may press me, Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
 Oh 'tis not in grief to harm me While thy love is left to me;
 Oh 'twere not in joy to charm me, Were that joy unmixed with thee.

Go then, earthly fame and treasure; Come disaster, scorn and pain;
 In thy service pain is pleasure; With thy favor loss is gain.
 I have called thee Abba Father, I have stayed my heart on thee;
 Storms may howl and clouds may gather, All must work for good to me.

Words: Henry Lyte. Music: Bill Moore.

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2020

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 Michael Latta
 Charlie Logan
 Paul Loyless
 Bob Schaffeld
 Lee Sheppard
 Steve Stigler
 Mark Taylor
 John Wood

2021

Eric Getty
 Russell Martin
 Daniel Murray
 Warren Norville
 Sandy Stradtman
 Clay Wheeler

2022

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

DEACONS

2020

Tripp Alexander
 Paul Darden
 Jay Evans
 Bryan Flores
 John Gant
 John David Gray
 Marty Martin
 Bud Miller
 Tyler O'Connor
 John Shults
 Danny Smith
 Robert Stephens
 Clark Worrell

2021

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

2022

Jim Bennett
 William Edwards
 Merrill Johnston
 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.

MARCH READING PLAN

	JOSHUA	LUKE
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30	<input type="checkbox"/> 23-34	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:27-49
	JUDGES	
31	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-2	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:1-30

APRIL READING PLAN

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7	<input type="checkbox"/> 18-19	<input type="checkbox"/> 10:25-42
8	<input type="checkbox"/> 20-21	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:1-28
9	<input type="checkbox"/> RUTH	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:29-54
	1 SAMUEL	
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11/12	<input type="checkbox"/> 4-9	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:35-13:21
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