



The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pentecost Sunday
May 31, 2020

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Pentecost is the day on which Jesus pours out God's Spirit upon the apostles and believers gathered in Jerusalem. The Greek word for Pentecost literally means "the fiftieth," that is, the fiftieth day after the Passover, or, in this case, after Jesus' death. Since Jesus had appeared to His disciples after His resurrection "during forty days" (Acts 1:3), it has only been about ten days since His ascension (the "not many days from now" of His promise to them in Acts 1:5).

—George Knight

We may live in a culture that believes everyone will be saved, that we are "justified by death" and all you need to do to go to heaven is die, but God's Word certainly doesn't give us the luxury of believing that. Any quick and honest reading of the New Testament shows that the Apostles were convinced that nobody can go to heaven unless they believe in Christ alone for their salvation.

—R.C. Sproul

Way, truth, and life all have relevance, the triple expression emphasizing the many-sidedness of the saving work. "Way" speaks of a connection between two persons or things, and here the link between God and sinners. "Truth" reminds us of the complete reliability of Jesus in all that he does and is. And "life" stresses the fact that mere physical existence matters little. The only life worth the name is that which Jesus brings, for he is life itself.

—Leon Morris

CALL TO WORSHIP

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David Driskill

READING FROM THE ACT OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 2:36-39

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PENTECOST

"God the Spirit"

Holy fount of inspiration
By whose gift the great of old
Spoke the word of revelation,
Marvelous and manifold.

Refrain:

God the Spirit, we adore thee,
In the Triune Godhead, One;
One in love and power and glory
With the Father and the Son.

Author of the new creation,
Giver of the second birth,
May thy ceaseless renovation
Cleanse our souls from stains of earth.
(Refrain)

When we wander, Lord direct us,
Keep us in the Master's way.
Let thy strong, swift sword protect us
Warring in the evil day.
Shall the church now faint or fear
When the Comforter is near?
(Refrain, twice)

Words: Samuel J. Stone. Music: Matt Boswell, 2010.

READING FROM THE PROPHETS*Hollye Stigler*

Isaiah 35:3-5, 8-10

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart,

“Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God

will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.

He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁸And a highway shall be there,

and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;
the unclean shall not pass over it.

It shall belong to those who walk on the way;
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.

⁹No lion shall be there,

nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return

and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF SALVATION

“We Come, O Christ, to You”
to the tune of “Rejoice the Lord is King”

We come, O Christ, to you,
 true Son of God and man,
 by whom all things consist,
 in whom all life began.
 In you alone we live and move
 and have our being in your love.

You are the way to God,
 your blood our ransom paid;
 in you we face our Judge
 and Maker unafraid.
 Before the throne absolved we stand;
 your love has met your law's demand.

You are the living truth;
 all wisdom dwells in you,
 the source of every skill,
 the one eternal True!
 O great I AM! in you we rest,
 sure answer to our every quest.

You only are true life
 to know you is to live
 the more abundant life
 that earth can never give.
 O risen Lord! we live in you:
 in us each day your life renew!

We worship you, Lord Christ,
 our Savior and our King;
 to you our youth and strength
 adoringly we bring:
 so fill our hearts that all may view
 your life in us and turn to you!

Words: Edith Margaret Clarkson. Music: DARWALL.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Merciful Father in Heaven,
We come before you today knowing our feeble frame,
And we fully acknowledge our sin and our sinful disposition:
We have failed to trust you with our lives,
our well-being, our security, and our hope
In the midst of the uncertainty brought by our current circumstances.
We have sinfully tried to make our own way,
Believed falsehoods rather than rooting ourselves in your truth,
And vainly attempted to find true life from the world.
Father, forgive us, and by your Spirit renew our hearts
And help us to put these sins to death by the power of Christ in us.
We lift these prayers in the name of Jesus,
Who is the only way, the beautiful truth, and the true life, Amen.*

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity."

—2 Timothy 2:19

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 EPISTLES

Galatians 2:17-21

But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. ¹⁹For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. ²⁰I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

John Fountain

“Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me”

Emilie Alonso

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer,
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom;
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
For my life is wholly bound to his;
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine;
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
For by my side the Savior he will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need his power is displayed.

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me,
Through the deepest valley he will lead;
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome,
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven;
The future sure, the price it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
And he was raised to overthrow the grave.

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated;
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing, I am free,
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home.
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus;
All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

Words and Music: Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, Rich Thompson; CCLI: 7121852.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the LORD be with you.

And also with you.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MORNING PRAYERS

Kurt Senn

John 14:1-14

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹²“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

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

"I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE"

Dan Edwards

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 HOPE

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light my strength my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm;
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease;
My comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless Babe;
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid,
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again;
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny;
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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2021

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 Russell Martin
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 Warren Norville
 Sandy Stradtman
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2022

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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.

JUNE READING PLAN

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