



Morning Worship

THE LORD'S DAY
March 29, 2020

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Call to Worship

Psalm 2:10-12

Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
 be warned, O rulers of the earth.
Serve the LORD with fear,
 and rejoice with trembling.
Kiss the Son,
 lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
 for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Prayer of Invocation: Great You are, O Lord, and greatly to be praised; great is Your power, and Your wisdom is infinite. You would we praise without ceasing. You call us to delight in Your praise, for You have made us for Yourself, and our hearts find not rest until we rest in You; to whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit all glory, praise, and honor be ascribed, both now and forevermore. Amen.

Song of Praise: 429

[“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”](#)

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.
 Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
 and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
 he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
 O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander--Lord, I feel it-- prone to leave the God I love:
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism (1563)

52 Q. How does Christ's return "to judge the living and the dead" comfort you?

A. In all distress and persecution,
with uplifted head,
I confidently await the very judge
who has already offered himself to the judgment of God
in my place and removed the whole curse from me.
Christ will cast all his enemies and mine
into everlasting condemnation,
but will take me and all his chosen ones
to himself
into the joy and glory of heaven.

Song of Response: 100A:1

"Shout to the LORD, All Earth"

Shout to the LORD, all earth, and make a joyful noise! With gladness serve the LORD your God; before him lift your voice! Now know the LORD is God. He made us, we are his – his people and his sheep, who safely in his pasture graze.

God's Holy Law

Exodus 20:1-17

And God spoke all these words, saying,

"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, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

"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.

"Remember 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. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long 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 your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

Song of Confession: 450

[“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 the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!
Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me!
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.
Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee 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, freely let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.

Assurance of Pardon

Matthew 1:20b-23

But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel”
(which means, God with us).

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Scripture Reading

Psalm 46

Sermon: “A Mighty Fortress”

Amid crisis all around us, our ever-present God is our refuge.

1. His Secure Sovereignty
2. His Powerful Presence
3. His Divine Deliverance

Prayer of Application & Congregational Prayer followed by The Lord’s 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. **(end of video)**

Song of Application: 46C

[“God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength”](#)

God is our refuge and our strength, a helper ever near us.
We will not fear though earth be moved, for God is nigh to cheer us.
Although the mountains quake and earth's foundations shake,
though angry billows roar and break against the shore,
our mighty God will hear us.

God's city is forever blest with living water welling;
since God is there, she stands unmoved 'mid tumults round her swelling.
God speaks and all is peace, from war the nations cease;
the Lord of hosts is nigh. Our father's God Most High
is our eternal dwelling.

Behold what God has done on earth; his wrath brings desolation.
His grace, commanding wars to cease, brings peace in ev'ry nation.
Be still, for he is Lord, by all the earth adored;
the Lord of hosts is nigh. Our father's God Most High
is our strong habitation.

Prayer of Blessing: Now may you, the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip us with everything good that we may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. We ask this in the name of the only mediator between God and man, Jesus the Christ, Amen. (adapted from Hebrews 13:20-21).

Doxology: 571

[“Gloria Patri”](#)

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.



Evening Worship

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Psalm 92:1-4

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

Prayer of Invocation: O Lord our God, who is always more ready to bestow your good gifts upon us than we are to seek them, who is more willing to give more than we desire or deserve: help us so to seek your face, that we may truly find you, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, so to knock that the door of Your mercy may be opened for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song of Response: 23B

["The Lord's My Shepherd"](#)

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill,
for thou art with me; and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me;
and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

Sermon

Use Any Reformed Teaching
(e.g. sister churches, [Ligonier Ministries](#), [Monergism.com](#), etc.)

Prayer of Application : We thank you, merciful God and Father, that you have brought us to know you and your Son by your Spirit and Word and have caused your Word to be proclaimed to us. Grant that we, having received Christ Jesus the Lord, may live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith, as we were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. But since we, through ignorance, unthankfulness, and discontent, do not obey you as we should, we implore you, O Lord, remember your great mercy and have compassion on us. Teach us truly to know our sins, sincerely to repent, and to amend our life. Amen.

Song of Response: 538

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose,
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

Prayer for God's Blessing: Most Holy Triune God, May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us and your church, now and always. For we come boldly in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Doxology: 571

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

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.