



## ***Morning Worship***

THE LORD'S DAY  
April 26, 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:** Holy Father, giver of all perfect gifts, we join the heavenly choir to herald the news that You have defeated the powers of sin, death, and condemnation by the victory of Jesus Christ, Your Son, over the grave. We confess that the circumstances of this present age often rise up to testify against the promise that You have declared in Your Word. Nevertheless, we bring the experience of our hearts under Your judgment. You have raised Jesus Christ from the dead as the firstfruits of the whole harvest at the last day. As in His resurrection You have brought the new creation into this passing evil age, by faith may we know in this life that we have been raised up with Christ and seated at Your right hand, and by sight may we know in the life to come the resurrection of our bodies. All of this we pray, with joy and thanksgiving, in Christ's name. Amen.

All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing  
    alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
    O praise him, O praise him,  
    alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
    O praise him, alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
ye lights of evening, find a voice,  
    O praise him, O praise him,  
    alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for thy Lord to hear,  
    alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
that givest man both warmth and light,  
    O praise him, O praise him,  
    alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,  
forgiving others, take your part,  
    O sing ye, alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
praise God and on him cast your care,  
    O praise him, O praise him,  
    alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness,  
    O praise him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, three in one,  
    O praise him, O praise him,  
    alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism (1563)

88 Q. What is involved in genuine repentance or conversion?

A. Two things:  
the dying away of the old self,  
and the rising-to life of the new.

89 Q. What is the dying-away of the old self?

A. To be genuinely sorry for sin  
and more and more to hate  
and run away from it.

90 Q. What is the rising-to-life of the new self?

A. Wholehearted joy in God through Christ  
and a love and delight to live  
according to the will of God  
by doing every kind of good work.

## 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 Will for Our Lives

2 Peter 1:3-15

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

**Prayer of Confession:** Most holy and merciful Father; We acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned: in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. But you, O Lord, have pity upon us who are ashamed and sorry for all the ways in which we have displeased you. Teach us to hate our errors; cleanse us from our secret faults; And forgive our sins for the sake of your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

2 Corinthians 5:20-21

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**Song of Thanksgiving: Supp. 112**      *[“The Solid Rock \(ALT. TUNE\)”](#)* Use link for the tune only

My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Refrain:*

*On Christ the solid rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

His oath, his covenant, his blood  
support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way,  
he then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in him be found;  
dressed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 13:1-5

**Sermon:** *“The Necessity of Repentance”*

The Lord Jesus teaches that unless we repent, we will all perish.

1. The Report
2. The Response
3. The Repentance

**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!

**Song of Application: 67B**

*[“O God, Show Mercy to Us”](#)*

O God, show mercy to us, and bless us with your grace;  
and cause to shine upon us the brightness of your face;  
so that the whole world over may truly know your way,  
and so that your salvation all nations see displayed.

O God, let peoples praise you; let all the peoples praise.  
Let nations come rejoicing and songs of gladness raise.

For you will judge the peoples with perfect equity;  
to nations of the whole earth a governor you'll be.

O God, let peoples praise you; let all the peoples praise.  
The earth has brought its bounty throughout its harvest days  
since God, our God, will bless us. Yes, God will blessing send,  
that all the earth may fear him to its remotest end.

**Prayer of Blessing:** O Lord our God, our compassionate heavenly Father, please bless us and keep us, make Your face to shine upon us and be gracious to us in Christ, and lift up the light of your countenance upon us and give us your peace by Your Holy Spirit who dwells within us. For we ask all these things in Jesus' name, Amen. (based on Numbers 6:24-26)

**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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### **Call to Worship**

Psalm 32:10-11

Many are the sorrows of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.  
Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

**Prayer of Invocation:** Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we desire or deserve. Pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is convicted, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

### **Song of Response: 130B**

*["From out the Depths I Cry"](#)*

From out the depths I cry, O Lord, to you; Lord, hear my call.  
I love you, Lord, for you will hear my plea, forgiving all.  
If you should mark our sins, who then could stand?  
But grace and mercy dwell at your right hand.  
I wait for God, the Lord, and on his word my hope relies;  
my soul still waits and looks unto the Lord till light arise.  
I look for him to drive away my night,  
yes, more than watchmen look for morning light.  
Hope in the Lord, you waiting saints, and he will well provide,  
for mercy and redemption full and free with him abide.  
From sin and evil, mighty though they seem,  
his arm almighty will his saints redeem.

### **Sermon:**

*["The Dark Night of the Soul" Job Series](#)*

**Prayer of Application:** Almighty God, graciously grant that Your Word, which we have heard, may be inscribed inwardly on our hearts. As we receive Your Word meekly with pure affection, may our hearts be filled with love and reverence for You. Cause us to bear the fruit of the Spirit and to live in holiness, diligently following Your commandments. And may it please You to use us to lead those who are lost, wandering, and confused into the way of truth. All this we pray for the honor and praise of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Song of Application: 159**

*[“Abide with Me”](#)*

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:  
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see;  
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour;  
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:  
heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee:  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

**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.