



Potomac Hills

Presbyterian Church, PCA



By Grace Alone ~ Through Faith Alone ~ In Christ Alone

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest,
To all who mourn and long for comfort,
To all who struggle and desire victory,
To all who sin and need a Savior,
To all who are strangers and want fellowship,
To all who hunger and thirst after righteousness,
And to whosoever would come –
This church opens wide her doors
And offers welcome in the name of Christ.*

FOR THOSE COMMUNING — PLEASE PICK UP AN INDIVIDUALIZED PREFILLED COMMUNION CUP (WITH WAFER INCLUDED) AT THE TABLE IN THE BACK OF THE AUDITORIUM.

CALL TO COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Psalm 105:1-5, 8

Minister: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!

People: **Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works!**

Minister: Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually!

People: **Remember the wondrous works that He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He uttered... He remembers His covenant forever, the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION *(listen carefully)*

1 Corinthians 11:23-32 *(English Standard Version)*

*"For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread,²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."²⁵ In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."²⁶ **For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.**²⁷ Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and*

blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰ That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹ But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. ³² But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.”

Words for Sinners from an Elder of the Church

CONFESSION OF SIN

Prayer of Private Confession

(Silently confess your sins to God in repentance and turn to Christ)

Prayer of Public Confession *(read in unison)*

Dear Lord, we confess today that we're those who so often hide the light of Your truth and cower to the fear of man. Instead of spreading Your good news in word and deed, we shrink back in self-protection desiring the false peace of man instead of the true peace of God. We confess our love for approval and desire to be liked instead of lovingly presenting the truth of Your Gospel.

Forgive us for our laziness in prayer and lack of desire to be “fishers of men.” Replace our desire for personal peace and security with Your power to love and lay down our lives for our family, our church, our neighbors, and our community.

Lord, forgive us and renew our hearts. Let us know and experience the power of the Gospel anew so that we may tell forth Your Gospel with love and joy. We pray this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior, Amen.

The Lord's Prayer from Matthew 6:9-13 *(read in unison)*

**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.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(hear and receive gratefully)*

Hear the comforting words of Jesus for those who come to Him with nothing, **Colossians 2:13-14**

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross.

PROFESSION OF FAITH *(Hear God's Word and Consider Christ)*

Romans 10:9-10 *(English Standard Version)*

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

(Read in unison)

We affirm *Sola Scriptura* — that the Holy Scriptures alone are the sole authority for faith and practice. All tradition must yield to the authority of the Bible. We embrace the whole counsel of God, as it is revealed in the entirety of sacred Scripture.

We affirm *Sola Gratia* — that salvation is by grace alone, God's unmerited favor toward and power in the lives of His people.

We affirm *Sola Fide* — that justification is by faith alone. We are right before our heavenly Father only because of the saving faith, which He has worked in us. Our good works can never merit right standing before God.

We affirm *Solus Christus* — that salvation comes through Christ alone. All that He has done in His perfect life of obedience, death on the cross, bodily resurrection from the grave, and session at the right hand of the Father is sufficient for our salvation, for there is one Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus.

We affirm *Soli Deo Gloria* — that all things are to the glory of God alone.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*We will take the bread and cup together,
followed by a pastoral prayer.*

*If you would like to use this time to speak silently and personally with God,
there are some prayers in the bulletin insert you may use.*

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER

Here is an example of how we can pray from the Puritan Pastor Robert Hawker (1753-1827) who wrote Poor Man's Morning and Evening Portions. Taken from the book Piercing Heaven: Prayers of the Puritans, Robert Elmer, ed.

The congregation will pray in unison the parts in the bold print

Sovereign God, we pray on behalf of Your Church throughout the world, for this congregation, and for those who train the future pastors of the PCA, those who will pastor our children and grandchildren – fill these professors with Your Holy Spirit and bless their teaching and mentoring, in person and online, of Reformed Theological Seminary, Washington, DC and its faculty — Dr. Scott Redd, President and Prof. of Old Testament (EPC); Dr. Peter Lee, Dean of Students, Prof. of Old Testament (OPC); Dr. Thomas Keane, Academic Dean, Prof. of New Testament (PCA); Dr. Gray Sutanto, Prof. of Systematic Theology (IPC); Dr. Paul Jeon, Lecturer in New Testament (PCA); our own Mr. Timoteo Sazo, Admissions Coordinator (PCA); and its students, including our own Mr. Thomas Gardner, Ruling Elder.

Lord, Hear our Prayer

How good it is, Lord, to receive a broken Christ into a broken heart. We feed on Your body broken, and Your blood shed, as the sole, the only, the all-sufficient means of salvation by faith!

Lord, Hear our Prayer

Lamb of God! Keep Your table sacred from all leaven, both in the persons approaching it, and the offerings made upon it.

Lord, Hear our Prayer

Then Lord, make us Yours, altogether Yours! Let our whole body, soul, and spirit be all Yours, both by the conquests of Your grace, as they are justly Yours, and by the purchase of Your blood. And may we exult in this blessed assurance, "My beloved is mine, and I am His."

Lord, Hear our Prayer

Pastoral Prayer (listen carefully)

Oh Sovereign God, thank You that through this Sacrament, You have spoken to us by Your Son. Open our eyes that we might see our sin and then see our Savior. Thank You that You have given us a Your Son as our substitute, our Passover Lamb. Bring us to the cross and help us see Jesus. Help us to hear, and know, and believe, and obey our great King. Give us, we pray, the faith to trust in the work of Christ on the Cross for the forgiveness of our sins and the salvation of our souls. And draw us ever closer to our Lord and Savior, and help us to know and believe that He shall reign with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever, Amen and Amen.

Respond in unison —

O God, all of these spoken requests and all of our unspoken requests we present to you in the matchless name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior. Amen

BLESSING

Acts 13:36-39a (English Standard Version)

"For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption, but He whom God raised up did not see corruption. Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by Him everyone who believes is freed ..."

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief (trusting in Christ by faith)

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may I turn aside from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the Author and Perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.