

A LITURGY FOR WORSHIPING AT HOME  
April 19, 2020

INVITATION

*Psalm 98:1-3, John 1:16*

Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him. The Lord has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God... For from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

[*Quiet*]

LORD'S PRAYER

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.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

SONG

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

<https://youtu.be/4aob08HrVr0>

1.  
Praise to the Lord the Almighty,  
The King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him,  
For He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,  
Join me in glad adoration.

2.  
Praise to the Lord, Who over all things  
So wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings,  
Yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

3.  
Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper  
Thy work and defend thee!

Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
If with His love He befriend thee.

4.

Praise to the Lord!  
O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath,  
Come now with praises before Him!  
Let the amen sound from His people again;  
Gladly forever adore Him. (x2)

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## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Heidelberg Catechism: Question 60*

Q. How are you righteous before God?

A. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.

Even though my conscience accuses me  
of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments,  
of never having kept any of them,  
and of still being inclined toward all evil,  
nevertheless,  
without any merit of my own,  
out of sheer grace,  
God grants and credits to me  
the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ,  
as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner,  
and as if I had been as perfectly obedient  
as Christ was obedient for me.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

*Isaiah 64:6*

We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful Father, You have called us to be holy as You are holy, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We confess that we have rebelled against You, have not loved others, and have grumbled at Your goodness to others; we have sinned against You in word, thought, and deed. Forgive us, we pray. Have mercy on us for the sake of Jesus, our risen Lord and Savior. In His name we pray. Amen.

[Quiet]

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*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.

## SONG

“Jesus I Come”

[https://youtu.be/eTA39R\\_Mdso](https://youtu.be/eTA39R_Mdso)

1.

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of my sickness into Thy health,  
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into Thyself,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

2.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,  
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,  
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

3.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into Thy blessed will to abide,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,  
Out of despair into raptures above,  
Upward forever on wings like a dove,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

4.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the joy and light of Thy home,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of the depths of ruin untold,  
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

## PRAYING TOGETHER

- \* That the Lord would glorify Himself through the pandemic and draw many to saving faith in Christ; that His Church would be a faithful witness to the hope that is in us.
- \* That the Lord will end the pandemic, and restore those with the virus to full health.
- \* That the Lord would protect those serving on the frontlines of the pandemic, particularly those in our CtK family: Val Gorman, Billy Hollingsworth, Carolyn Bush, Julie Calcote, and Carol Hollingsworth.
- \* That the Lord would comfort Lillian Louie on the loss of her uncle.
- \* That the Lord would heal Karis Keating, and give the doctors wisdom in treating her.
- \* That the Lord would protect Liesl and Eowyn Raikes as they recover from the delivery, and rest at home.
- \* That the Lord would draw near to the Williams, and grant Wanda strength as she cares for Horace by herself during this time.
- \* That the Lord would ground us in the hope of the Gospel, that we might not be fearful but rest in the love of Christ for us.

## BIBLE SONG

*Psalm 134*

Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,  
who stand by night in the house of the LORD!  
Lift up your hands to the holy place  
and bless the LORD!  
May the LORD bless you from Zion,  
he who made heaven and earth!

[*Quiet*]

## BIBLE READING

*Matthew 20:1-16*

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup> After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup> And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup> and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ <sup>5</sup> So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup> And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup> They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ <sup>8</sup> And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ <sup>9</sup> And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup> Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup> And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup> saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup> But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a

denarius? <sup>14</sup> Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup> Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity? <sup>16</sup> So the last will be first, and the first last.”

THE SERMON

“The End of Bookkeeping”

Pastor Todd Gwennap

SONG

“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

<https://youtu.be/Uw89qxcfDV8>

1.

Let us love and sing and wonder  
Let us praise the Savior's name  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder  
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame  
He has washed us with His blood (x3)  
He has brought us nigh to God

2.

Let us love the Lord Who bought us  
Pitied us when enemies  
Called us by His grace and taught us  
Gave us ears and gave us eyes  
He has washed us with His blood (x3)  
He presents our souls to God

3.

Let us sing though fierce temptation  
Threatens hard to bear us down  
For the Lord, our strong salvation,  
Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown  
He has washed us with His blood (x3)  
Soon will bring us home to God

4.

Let us wonder grace and justice  
Join and point to mercy's store  
When through grace in Christ our trust is  
Justice smiles and asks no more  
He who washed us with His blood (x3)  
Has secured our way to God

5.

Let us praise and join the chorus  
Of the saints enthroned on high  
Here they trusted Him before us  
Now their praises fill the sky  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood (x3)  
Thou art worthy Lamb of God

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BLESSING

*Numbers 6:24-26*

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.