

A LITURGY FOR WORSHIPING AT HOME
May 3, 2020

INVITATION

Psalm 34:1-3

I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!

[*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

"Reformation Song"

<https://youtu.be/osKjBaYwq5k>

1.
Your Word alone is solid ground,
The mighty rock on which we build;
In every line the truth is found
And every page with glory filled.
2.
Through faith alone we come to You;
We have no merit we can claim.
Sure that Your promises are true,
We place our hope in Jesus' name.

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- Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone;
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3.
In Christ alone we're justified;
His righteousness is all our plea;
Your law's demands are satisfied;
His perfect work has set us free.

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4.
By grace alone we have been saved;
All that we are has come from You.
Hearts that were once by sin enslaved
Now by Your pow'r have been made new. (x2)

REFRAIN (x2)

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism: Question 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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Joel 2:12-13

"Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved You as we ought, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves; we have turned away from You, and have sought our own way. We grieve our waywardness of heart before You, and we humbly repent. We ask for Your mercy to forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. In His name we pray. Amen.

[Quiet]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jeremiah 31:33-34

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put My law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be My people. And no longer shall each one

teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

SONG

“Help My Unbelief”

<https://youtu.be/U-BK4SVi9HI>

1.

I know the Lord is nigh,
And would but cannot pray,
For Satan meets me when I try,
And frights my soul away.
And frights my soul away.

2.

I would but can't repent,
Though I endeavor oft;
This stony heart can ne'er relent
Till Jesus makes it soft.
Till Jesus makes it soft.

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Help my unbelief.
Help my unbelief.
Help my unbelief.
My help must come from Thee.

3.

I would but cannot love,
Though wooed by love divine;
No arguments have power to move
A soul as base as mine.
A soul so base as mine.

4.

I would but cannot rest,
In God's most holy will;
I know what He appoints is best,
And murmur at it still.
I murmur at it still.

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PRAYING TOGETHER

- That the Lord will glorify Himself through the pandemic and draw many to saving faith in Christ; that His Church will 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 will 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 will watch over Sandy DeVries as she recovers from heart surgery, and that He will sustain both her and Jim during these days.
- That the Lord will watch over Karis Keating, and give Brad, Christy, and the doctors wisdom as they care for her.
- That the Lord will continue to give strength to Wanda Williams as she cares for Horace, and that He will give them both rest and protection from the virus.
- That the Lord will watch over Hanna Jackson as she nears the due date for delivery; that He will protect the whole Jackson family from the virus or any other health concern that could raise complications surrounding the birth of Baby Jackson.
- That the Lord will 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

Revelation 5:9-14

And they sang a new song, saying,
 “Worthy are you to take the scroll
 and to open its seals,
 for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
 from every tribe and language and people and nation,
¹⁰ and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
 and they shall reign on the earth.”
¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the
 elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of
 thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice,
 “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
 to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
 and honor and glory and blessing!”
¹³ And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the
 sea, and all that is in them, saying,
 “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
 be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”
¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and
 worshiped.

[*Quiet*]

BIBLE READING

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

²⁴ He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷ And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸ He said to them, ‘An

enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’”

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴² and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

THE SERMON

“The Wheat and the Weeds”

Pastor Todd Gwennap

SONG

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

<https://youtu.be/zhMFifugZ8o>

1.

A mighty fortress is our God
A bulwark never failing
Our Helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe
His craft and pow'r are great
And armed with cruel hate
On earth is not his equal

2.

Did we in our own strength confide
Our striving would be losing
Were not the right Man on our side
The Man of God's own choosing
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus it is He
The Lord of hosts His name
From age to age the same
And He must win the battle

3.

And though this world with devils filled
Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us

The prince of darkness grim
We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure
For lo his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him

4.
That word above all earthly pow'rs
No thanks to them abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Thru Him who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go
This mortal life also
The body they may kill
God's truth abideth still
His kingdom is forever

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BLESSING

Proverbs 4:18

But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day.