

A LITURGY FOR WORSHIPING AT HOME  
May 31, 2020

INVITATION

*Psalm 126:1-3, 5*

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad. Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!

[*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

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

[https://youtu.be/KS3o\\_16OOhE](https://youtu.be/KS3o_16OOhE)

1

O Love that wilt not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
I give Thee back the life I owe,  
That in Thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

2

O Light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.

3

O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to Thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.

4

O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.

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## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Westminster Larger Catechism: Question 49*

Q. How did Christ humble himself in his death?

A. Christ humbled himself in his death by being betrayed by Judas, forsaken by his disciples, scorned and rejected by the world, condemned by Pilate, and tormented with physical persecution. He struggled with the terrors of death and the powers of darkness; he felt and bore the weight of God's anger. Finally, enduring the painful, shameful, and cursed death on the cross, he laid down his life as an offering for sin.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

*Psalm 34:11,13-14*

Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD...Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Written by Martin Bucer, Strasbourg, 1539*

Almighty, everlasting God and Father, we confess and acknowledge to you that we were conceived in unrighteousness, and are full of sin and transgression in all our life, as those who do not perfectly believe your Word nor follow your holy commandments. We implore you, remember your goodness and for your name's sake be gracious to us and forgive us our wrongdoing, which indeed is great.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*1 Peter 2:24*

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

## SONG

"The Gospel Song"

<https://youtu.be/k6njV2Jriic>

Holy God in love became  
Perfect Man to bear my blame  
On the cross He took my sin  
By His death I live again (x2)

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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.
- For our African-American brothers and sisters, as they mourn and grieve the death of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and George Floyd and for the fears and hurts the situation brings to the surface.
- 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.
- We rejoice with the Pitts family and thank the Lord for His mercy at the good result of Eloise's scan.
- That the Lord will continue His healing and care for 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 and peace 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 Session and Restart Committee would have the Lord's wisdom and insight as they explore resuming worshiping in person.
- 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

*Philippians 2:5-11*

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

[*Quiet*]

## BIBLE READING

*Luke 14:1-11*

One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy.

And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” And they could not reply to these things.

Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, “When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

THE SERMON

“The Way Up is Down”

Rev. Todd Gwennap

SONG

“How Firm a Foundation”

<https://youtu.be/cY6k2QhdCno>

1

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word  
What more can He say than to you He hath said  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

2

Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed  
For I am thy God I will still give thee aid  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee  
And cause thee to stand  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand

3

When through the deep waters I call thee to go  
The rivers of sorrow shall not thee overflow  
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress

4

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie  
My grace all-sufficient shall be thy supply  
The flames shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine

5

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not, desert to its foes  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake

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**BLESSING**

*1 Thessalonians 5:23-24*

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.