



The Lord's Day in Worship

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MORNING WORSHIP

The Christian Greeting and Announcements *Pastor Dylan Halter*

The Silent, Personal Preparation for Worship

We Enter Into God's Presence

☞ **The Call to Worship** Psalm 104:31-32, **33-34**

Leader: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works, who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke!

People: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

☞ **The Psalm of Ascents** *Bless the LORD, My Soul!* #104A, SZS 1-4

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

1 Peter 5:6-7

☞ **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

☞ **The Hymn of Praise** *Holy, Holy, Holy!* #230

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

The Confession of Our Faith *The Heidelberg Catechism*

LORD'S Day 18, Questions 46-48, pp. 879-880

The Psalm of Lament *O LORD, How Many Are My Foes!* #3

Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God.

Romans 12:19

We Receive Cleansing in Christ

The Morning Prayers

The 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.

The Silent, Personal Prayer of Confession

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our fellow men, in thought, word, and deed, in the evil we have done, and in the good we have not done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve You in newness of life to the glory of Your of Your holy name. Amen.

☞ **The Assurance of Pardon**

Psalm 32:1-6

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin against you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” And you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

☞ **Hymn of Praise**

Gloria Patri

#572

The Offering

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

We Receive God's Word

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which 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.

☞ **The Hymn of Petition** *Before the Throne of God Above* #277

☞ **The Scripture Reading** Genesis 2:18-25

The Preaching of God's Word *Pastor Dylan Halter*

"The Creation of the Woman: Man's Helpmate"

☞ **The Hymn of Preparation** *Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured* #198

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

☞ **The Hymn of Response** *And Can It Be That I Should Gain* #431

☞ **The Benediction**

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.

Personal Notes on Genesis (2: 18-25)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Reading of God's Law

Minister: God spoke all these words saying, I am the Lord your God, which have brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

All:

- 1. You shall have no other gods before me.**
- 2. You shall not make any graven image.**
- 3. You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.**
- 4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.**
- 5. Honor your father and your mother.**
- 6. You shall not kill.**
- 7. You shall not commit adultery.**
- 8. You shall not steal.**
- 9. You shall not bear false witness.**
- 10. You shall not covet. [Exodus 20:1-17]**

Minister: Hear also the words of our Lord Jesus, how he said:

ALL: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. [Matthew 22:37-40]

Invitation to the Sacraments and Fencing the Table.

Our Lord Jesus Christ instituted this sacred supper as the covenant meal of the New Testament, commanding us to “do this, in remembrance of (Him),” and by so doing proclaim His death, “until He comes,” the Supper superseding the Passover as the covenant meal for the people of God, even as the Cross supersedes the Exodus as the culminating redemptive event of history. Like all covenantal meals, it is both a sign (portraying Christ's benefits) and a seal (confirming or ratifying our covenant with Christ). As we partake of the emblems of Christ's suffering, God confirms afresh the promised benefits of the cross: pardon, reconciliation, and eternal life. We, in turn, reaffirm, our covenant privileges and responsibilities in the present, and anticipate His future return.

What is the meaning of the service?

We remind ourselves as we approach the Lord's Table that Christ is spiritually present at the Table as the common elements of bread and the cup are set apart, or consecrated through prayer. This is no mere memorial service. Neither are we to think that Christ is physically, carnally, or locally present. Though the bread remains bread and the cup remains cup, they do become the body and blood of Christ spiritually. We enjoy communion or fellowship in His body and blood (1 Cor. 10:16), as we feed upon Him by faith, in our hearts. Here we partake of “spiritual food” and “spiritual drink” (1 Cor. 10:3, 4)

What is the importance of the service?

Since Christ is spiritually present at His table, and since we enjoy spiritual “communion” with Him there, through the Lord’s Supper we receive His sustaining grace. Here our souls are fed. Here we find refreshment. Though we come with an awareness of weakness and failure, bruised and battered by the world, discouraged and compromised by sin, still Jesus extends His invitation and restores our honored place at His Table. Here we are renewed and strengthened. Here we “eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink His blood” (Jn 6:53). By this sacrament “Christ and all His benefits, are applied and sealed up unto us.” Here we find “medicine for the poor sick souls.”

Who may partake?

It is required of those who participate in this meal that they be sincere, instructed, and accountable members of the church of Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul warns us in the strongest terms not to participate in an “unworthy manner.” It is necessary, he says, to “judge the body rightly.” Hear his words:

“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.”

Therefore, if you are an unbeliever, if you are an unrepentant believer, living in defiance of Christ’s commands: if you do not understand are ignorant of the meaning of the bread and cup, or if you are not a member of Christ’s church, do not participate in this meal. We invite you instead to remain among us and use this time to ask God to speak to your hearts through His word and sacrament, and give you more light and understanding. But if you are a sincere believer, walking in obedience to Christ, understanding the meaning of the Supper, and are accountable, being a communicant in good standing in an evangelical church, we invite you to come to partake of His body and blood.

This is not a Presbyterian table, and we do not restrict it as such. But it is the Lord’s Table and an ordinance of the church. To the church Christ gave the “keys of the Kingdom” (Mt. 16:18; 18:18; Jn. 20:23). The church alone grants access to the Table, and must guard it from the leaven of unrighteousness (1 Cor. 5:6-8). Thus to all who are sincere, informed, and approved by the Church of Jesus Christ, “who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and truth,” we invite to come to the Lord’s Table, and “find ease, refreshment, and strength (for your) weak and wearied souls.”

The Words of Institution.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26, “23 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.”

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10:00 am Sunday School

11:30 am Morning Service

1:15 pm-3:45 pm Discipleship Groups

4:00 pm Evening Service