

Meditation

“Our assurance, our glory, and the sole anchor of our salvation are that Christ the Son of God is ours, and we in turn are in him sons of God and heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven, called to the hope of eternal blessedness by God’s grace, not by our worth.” – John Calvin

Call to Worship

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you ... In this you rejoice, though now for a little while you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith ... may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory. – I Peter 1:3-9

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Prayer Time

Profession of Faith

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. – Colossians 1:15-20

“Lord, I Need You”

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Confession of Sin

For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. – Romans 8:26-27

Assurance of Pardon

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. – Romans 8:28

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. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. – I Peter 2:24-25

“Amazing Grace”

Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found—
Was blind, but now I see.

Thro' many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
A life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.

Announcements and Offertory Reflection/Prayer

Preaching of the Word

Matthew 26:36-46

36 Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." 37 And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. 38 Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." 39 And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." 40 And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? 41 Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." 42 Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." 43 And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. 44 So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. 45 Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46 Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

"Doxology"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him, all creatures here below!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

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. – Numbers 6:24-26

Questions for Discussion/Reflection

1. What does worshiping like this teach or remind you about worship?
2. How do you think living as a follower of Jesus would be different if you could never gather with large groups for worship? How can we be the Church this week without the building, so to speak?
3. What are events or situations in your life right now where you really need to be looking to Jesus? In what situation are you fearful his will may not line up exactly with yours?
4. Why is it so hard submitting our wills and desires to anyone else's? Think of an example with another person. Think of an example with God.
5. How does relationship enable submission of our wills? Have you experienced your will being shaped during prayer, or how should that work in our relationship with God?
6. How aware was Jesus of what He was about to face on the cross for you? How does that reminder of his incredible love for you help you trust Him in your fears?

Prayer Guide 3/15/20

Core Commitment

We recognize our deep dependence and need for prayer.

Ask that God would help us live every day with the kind of desperate dependence on Him many have felt in recent days.

Pray for open eyes to see the spiritual battles going on in hearts and lives in the midst of serious physical battles as well.

Ask for opportunities to point others to a Father they can trust in their fears.

Mission Partner

Rob and Tunde Futo

The Futos, along with their daughters Hajni and Csenge, are church planters in Budapest, Hungary. Please join them in praying for the following requests.

Pray for perseverance, strength, and guidance for our daughter Csenge as she completes her high school tests and also applies to colleges. We are praying and hoping that if it is God's will, she would receive financial aid, tuition, and all needed for her to go.

Please pray for our family as we prepare to bring back Rob's father from America to Hungary. This will be a big change for all of us.

Remember Tunde as she continues classes to complete a counseling degree. Pray that she can prioritize well and also that the funding would be provided.

Specific Needs

Pray for Claire Waldrop who remains hospitalized in very serious condition with bacterial infection.

Pray for Reagan Turney, 9, as she recovers from surgery to remove a kidney on Friday.

Pray for Michael Broach and his family in the death of his mother this week.

Pray for Ron Brady as he recovers at home after being hospitalized with a stroke this week.

Pray for Rachel Martin and her family in the death of her mother this week.

Pray for Pete Meenen as he is in Tennessee caring for his father who is diagnosed with COVID-19.

Pray for our Women's Retreat this weekend to bear the fruit of rest, peace, and refreshment.

Pray for our community and world, particularly the most vulnerable, in light of the spread of COVID-19.

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Expectant Mothers

Molly Athey - April 2020

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Kristen Stevens - June 2020

Grace Crawford - July 2020

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