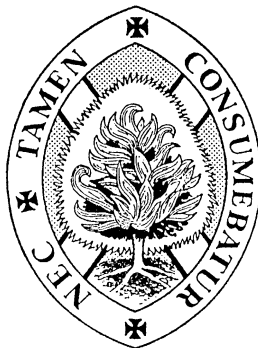


# LORD'S DAY

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*Upon entering the sanctuary, please be sensitive  
to the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make sure  
all electronic devices are turned off or set to silent mode.*

## **-DRAWING NEAR TO GOD-**

### **Welcome and Silent Prayer**

Lord of all power and might, Author and Giver of all good things: As we gather in your presence, graft in our hearts the love of your Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and by your great mercy keep us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### **\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 46.1-7, 10-11

### **\*Prayer of Adoration**

### **\*Song of Praise to God**

*Hymn No. 89*

*GOD IS OUR STRENGTH AND REFUGE*

## **-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-**

### **Confession of Sin**

Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed; not only in outward transgressions, but also in secret thoughts and desires that we are unable to understand, but which are all known to you. We, therefore, flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we can delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

*Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin*

**Assurance of Pardon**

1 John 2.1-2

**\*Song of Faith in Christ**

*Hymn No. 524*

*THY WORKS, NOT MINE, O CHRIST*

**\*Confession of Faith**

Is baptism with water the washing away of sin itself?

**No, only the blood of Christ and the renewal of the Holy Spirit can cleanse us from sin.<sup>1</sup>**

—The New City Catechism, No. 45

**Prayer for the Church and the World**

**-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-**

**Scripture Lesson**

Luke 22.39-62

**Sermon**

**“The Greatest Sinner Who Ever Lived”**  
Rev. Ron Gonzales

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<sup>1</sup> John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire” (Lk 3.16).

## \*Song of Response

### Many Woes Had Christ Endured

words Joseph Hart, 1759; mod. 2019  
music Richard Redhead, 1853

The musical score is written for piano in 4/4 time, featuring a treble and bass staff. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with chords primarily in the right hand. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each with four lines of text. The first system includes a numbered list of verses. The second and third systems continue the narrative of Christ's suffering. The score concludes with a double bar line.

1. Man - y woes had Christ en-dured, Man - y sore temp - ta - tions met,  
2. Came at length the dread - ful night; Ven - gence with its i - ron rod  
• 3. There my Sav - ior faced my guilt, Pend - ing judge-ment, un - re - lieved,  
4. All my sins a - gainst my God; All my sins a - gainst His laws;  
5. On His dy - ing love a - lone I de - pend with all my need,

Pa - tient, hard - ened to the pain, Still, the sore - est tri - al yet  
Stood, and with col - lect - ed might Bruised the harm - less Lamb of God.  
• And the hor - rors which He felt Were too vast to be con - ceived.  
All my sins a - gainst His blood; All my sins a - gainst His cause;  
Deeds of right - eous - ness I've none; No - thing of good works to plead:

Would be car - ried out in thee, Gloom - y, sad Geth - sem - a - ne!  
See, my soul, thy Sav - ior see, Pros - trate in Geth - sem - a - ne!  
• None can grasp the woe in thee, Dol - ful, dark Geth - sem - a - ne!  
Sins as bound - less as the sea; Wait - ed in Geth - sem - a - ne.  
O how Christ must act for me, Start - ing in Geth - sem - a - ne!

## Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

*\*DOXOLOGY*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Him, all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Words Thomas Ken, 1709; music Genevan Psalter, 1551; Public Domain

## -OBSERVING THE SACRAMENT-

### The Lord's Supper

We celebrate the Lord's Supper by coming forward and partaking of the bread and the cup. Wine is served in the inner rings of each tray; grape juice in the outer ring. We warmly invite to the Table all baptized Christians, who are living under the authority of Christ and his body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking of the cup, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Christ alone for salvation. If this does not describe you, we are glad you are here and commend to you the following prayers for your use.

#### *A Prayer for those Searching for the Truth*

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life you promise. Amen.

#### *A Prayer of Belief*

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### *A Prayer for those Struggling with Sin*

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need and may turn from every false pleasure to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

## **\*Song of Thanksgiving**

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VICTORY IN JESUS

## **-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-**

## **\*Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

## **Postlude**

\*Please stand if able

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### **Our Nursery Helpers**

Today: Kathy Martin

Next Week: Collie Parsons

### **Gatherings**

*How to Interpret the Bible:* A class taught by Pastor Ron and Pastoral Intern Ronnie Curfman on interpreting the Bible meets Mondays, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, in the chapel. It is open to all.

*A Children's Catechism Class,* taught by Pastoral Intern Ronnie Curfman and Pastor Ron, meets the first and third Thursdays of each month, during the school year, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM, at the church.

*The Tuesday Night Home Fellowship Group,* led by Eric Carpenter and Ronnie Curfman, meets at Kathy Martin's (213 Chapra St) the first and third Tuesdays of each month, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. They are studying the Gospel of Luke and all are welcome.

*A Men's Leadership Bible Study,* led by Kirk Alden, meets at Tate's Umapine Mercantile on Tuesdays, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. All men are invited. For more information, talk to Kirk.

*The Men's Group* meets Wednesdays, from 6:00 to 7:30 AM in the chapel, for Bible study, fellowship, and prayer. The group is studying Revelation and all men are invited.

*Prayer Meeting:* We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 5:15 PM in the chapel, to pray for one another, the kingdom, and our world. Please join us.

*Psalm Sing* meets Sundays at 6:30 PM, at the Schroeder's (55 Buttonquail Ln). All ages and voices are invited.

*The Women's Study,* led by Cherry Gonzales and Christina McBean, meets Thursdays, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM, in the chapel. The group is studying James and all are invited.

## **Sermon Notes: “The Greatest Sinner Who Ever Lived” (Luke 22.39-62)**

1. Prayer, Betrayal, and Denial

2. Reasons for the Lord’s Agony

## **Prayer Concerns**

*The Christian Aid Center* cares for those in our community who are hurting and in need. Pray that God continues to use its staff and volunteers to convey his love and grace to many.

*Vickie Myers* was at St Mary's this week, where a PICC line was inserted through which she will receive sustenance for the next two months, allowing her stomach time to rest and heal. Pray that it does, that Vickie continues to grow stronger, and that she is kept in God's peace day by day.

*Redeemer Presbyterian Church*: Pray for Rev. Jeff Glover, our church planter in Soldotna AK, that God strengthens him and blesses his labors as he gives himself to the community and to the church he is planting.

## **Announcements**

*Christian Aid Dinner*: We are serving dinner tomorrow night at the Christian Aid Center. If you would like to help prepare or serve the meal, please let Janice Vander Griend know.

*Operation Christmas Child*: You have one week left to pack your shoebox; the pickup date is next Sunday. All boxes go to third world countries and will include a short gospel message of salvation in Jesus Christ.

*Visitors*: Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and hope you will join us after the service for refreshments and a time of fellowship.

### **Explanation of the Cover Symbol**

Since the time of the Reformation, the burning bush has been a symbol of the Church. The Latin words are taken from Exodus 3.2 and read "...and yet it was not consumed." In one of his letters, Samuel Rutherford reminded his correspondent, "The bush has been burning these five thousand years, and no man yet saw the ashes of that fire."