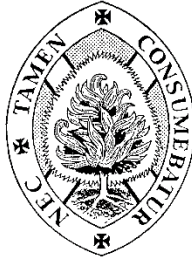


**Liturgy for Home Worship**  
**LORD'S DAY – May 3, 2020**



**Call to Worship**

Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name!  
Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits,  
who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,  
who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Bless the LORD, O you his angels,  
you mighty ones who do his word,  
obeying the voice of his word!  
Bless the LORD, all his hosts,  
his ministers, who do his will!  
Bless the LORD, all his works,  
in all places of his dominion.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul!

—Psalm 103.1-5, 20-22

**Prayer of Adoration**

**Explanation of 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."

## Song of Praise to God

*Hymn No. 2*

O WORSHIP THE KING

Audio and Lyrics: <https://bit.ly/2KLlbCL>

Music: <https://bit.ly/35kgKcF>

## Confession of Faith

Will God allow our disobedience and idolatry to go unpunished?

**No, every sin is against the sovereignty, holiness, and goodness of God, and against his righteous law, and God is righteously angry with our sins and will punish them in his just judgment both in this life, and in the life to come.<sup>1</sup>**

—The New City Catechism, No. 18

## Confession of Sin

O almighty God, we confess that we have committed sins which have rightly angered you, and had you been pleased to fix your eyes on punishing them, we would indeed be destroyed by your burning anger. We therefore ask, O God, that you be willing to forgive the sins and outrages by which we have offended you so that you do not give us over to eternal damnation. Rather may we draw from our present troubles this fruit: that recognizing the power and effectiveness of your wrath and the futility and brevity of our life, we may with greater zeal come to fear you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.<sup>2</sup>

*Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin*

## Assurance of God's Pardon

“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.”

—Ephesians 2.4-7

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<sup>1</sup> “For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience” (Eph 5.5-6).

<sup>2</sup> From *Sacred Prayers* by Peter Martyr Vermigli.

## Song of Faith in Christ

*Hymn No. 535*

*O THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS!*  
Audio and Lyrics: <https://bit.ly/3aXcLDP>  
Music: <https://bit.ly/3faOnC0>

## Prayers for the Church and the World

- Pray for the ongoing health concerns of our friends and loved ones, including Eric Carpenter, Tom Manning, Clint Miller, and Vickie Myers.
- Pray for the recovery of those who are battling COVID-19, and for the protection of the healthcare workers who are attending to them.
- Pray for those who have lost their jobs or have otherwise been harmed by the economic downturn that the pandemic has wrought; that God will not only meet their needs but show us how we can help them.
- Pray for Governor Inslee as he navigates the reopening of Washington State.

## Scripture Reading

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

—2 Corinthians 4.16-5.10

## Sermon

“Our Eternal Home”  
Psalm 90.1-17  
Elder Jacob Schroeder, Pastoral Intern

## **Song of Response**

*Hymn No. 32*

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Audio and Lyrics: <https://bit.ly/2SorP73>

Music: <https://bit.ly/35kChBX>

## **The Doxology**

Audio: <https://bit.ly/2S68Pud>

*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.*

## **Benediction**

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

—Hebrews 13.20-21