

Liturgy for Home Worship
LORD'S DAY – May 10, 2020



Call to Worship

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

“Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”
The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

—Psalm 46.1-7, 10-11

Prayer of Adoration

Explanation of Symbol: The anchor is an ancient Christian symbol for hope. It is derived from Hebrews 6.19: “We have this hope as an anchor for the soul...” When combined with a cross it makes plain that Christian hope is in Christ and His redemption. The symbol was frequently used in this sense in the catacombs of ancient Rome.

Song of Praise to God

Hymn No. 89

GOD IS OUR STRENGTH AND REFUGE

Audio and Lyrics: <https://bit.ly/2WF7v2L>

Lyrics: <https://bit.ly/2YNZuLI>

Perhaps you remember from our study of Psalm 46 that when the Lord says, “Be still and know that I am God,” he is essentially telling us to trust in him rather than all the other refuges we are tempted to turn to when we find ourselves in danger. To trust in anyone or anything other than him is not only pointless, since it does not ultimately work; it is also offensive to the God who is both our Maker and Judge of all the earth, which brings us to our Confession of Faith.

Confession of Faith

Is there any way to escape punishment and be brought back into God’s favor?

Yes, to satisfy his justice, God himself, out of mere mercy, reconciles us to himself and delivers us from sin and from the punishment for sin, by a Redeemer.¹

—The New City Catechism, No. 19

Praise God! In the Name of our Redeemer, let us confess our sins together, confidently assured that in him there is both reconciliation and deliverance for all who turn to him in faith.

Confession of Sin

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and listen to our groanings, for we acknowledge our iniquities and lay open our sins before you. Against you, O God, have we sinned; to you we make our confession and implore forgiveness. Turn your face again, O Lord, upon your servants whom you have redeemed with your own blood. Spare us, we pray. Assure pardon for our sins and be pleased to extend to us your loving-kindness and mercy; in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

¹ “Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities” (Is 53.10-11).

Assurance of God's Pardon

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

—1 John 2.1-2

Song of Faith in Christ

Hymn No. 465

MARVELOUS GRACE OF OUR LOVING LORD

Audio: <https://bit.ly/3bi3Kp2>

Music: <https://bit.ly/3dsGxCg>

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

- Give thanks to God for the mothers in our lives and in the church; ask that he would bless all of their work and grant them to see and enjoy the fruit of it.
- Pray for the complete healing and good health 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, for the protection of the healthcare workers who are attending to them, and for the protection of the elderly and at-risk.
- Pray that God would stop the spread of the virus, that he would give doctors wisdom in knowing how to treat patients, and that he would give researchers success in the search for a cure.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 also have forgiven 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.

Scripture Reading

On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

—Mark 4.35-41

Sermon

“Waiting in Silence”

Psalm 62.1-12

Rev. Ron Gonzales

Song of Response

Hymn No. 689

BE STILL MY SOUL

Audio ver. 1: <https://bit.ly/3dxFVLQ>

Audio ver. 2: <https://bit.ly/2A5fe2m>

Music: <https://bit.ly/3bo3epX>

The Doxology

Audio: <https://bit.ly/3b9bWIL>

*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

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

—2 Corinthians 13.14