

Liturgy for Home Worship
PENTECOST – May 31, 2020



Call to Worship

Sing to the LORD, all the earth!
Tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and he is to be feared above all gods.

—1 Chronicles 16.23-25

Prayer of Adoration

Song of Praise to God

Hymn No. 44

HOW GREAT THOU ART

Audio: <https://bit.ly/3eLn14L>

Music: <https://bit.ly/2TRkxJK>

Our God is great indeed, awesome in wonder and marvelous in all he does. No wonder he is feared above all gods! But as we learned last week, in order for this great God to bring us back to himself, it was necessary for our Redeemer to be truly human and also truly God.

Explanation of Symbol: The Chi Rho symbol is one of the most ancient Christian symbols. XP, the first two letters of the Greek “Christ,” is an abbreviation of the name of the Lord. This symbol is often, as here, accompanied by other symbols, in this case “Alpha” and “Omega,” the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. The symbol originates from Revelation 22.13: “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End” (cf. Rev 1.8, 17; 21.6). This particular symbol dates from the first few centuries of the Christian era and is often found on tombs.

Confession of Faith

Why must the Redeemer be truly human?

That in human nature he might on our behalf perfectly obey the whole law and suffer the punishment for human sin; and also that he might sympathize with our weaknesses.¹

—The New City Catechism, No. 22

He did, in other words, what we could not do—he lived a sinless life. And then, having done so, he took upon himself our sin and died the death our sin deserved. Let us therefore, with confidence, draw near to our understanding Savior and confess our sins together.

Confession of Sin

O Lord, we long to enter your presence and worship you face to face, awed by your majesty, greatness and glory, encouraged by your steadfast love. Yet there is often a coldness in our hearts, a hardness and an unwillingness to admit our sin and need of you. Forgive us, for Jesus' sake. Come near and strengthen us until Christ reigns supreme within; in every thought, word, and deed. Give us a faith that purifies the heart, overcomes the world, works by love, fastens us to you, and always clings to the cross; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silently add your own confession of sin.

Assurance of God's Pardon

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

—Matthew 11.28-30

¹ "Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people" (Heb 2.17).

Song of Praise to Christ

Hymn No. 172

LET US LOVE AND SING AND WONDER

Audio: <https://bit.ly/2MaaHP8>

Music: <https://bit.ly/2Md0Acr>

Prayers for the Church and the World

- Pray for the complete healing and good health of our friends and loved ones with ongoing health concerns, including Clint Miller and Vickie Myers.
- Pray for Eric Carpenter and Tom Manning as they begin receiving chemotherapy treatments in June. Pray that the treatments would be effective and that the Lord would sustain them in body and soul through the coming weeks.
- Continue to pray for protection from the coronavirus, that its spread would be halted, and its impact on our communities ended.
- Pray for peace and justice in Minneapolis, and for the healing of our fractured nation. Pray that God would give wisdom to the leaders addressing these difficult circumstances, and that he would protect those seeking to establish peace and good order.
- Pray that the various difficulties facing our world would prepare hearts to receive the gospel, that the Lord would send laborers into the harvest, and give us wisdom and eagerness to participate in the work.

Scripture Reading

Jesus said, “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

—Matthew 5.17-20

Sermon

“The Life that Pleases God”

Psalm 26.1-12

Rev. Ron Gonzales

Song of Response

Hymn No. 562

ALL TO JESUS I SURRENDER

Audio: <https://bit.ly/3gMXt98>

Music: <https://bit.ly/2XhxaQA>

The Doxology

<https://bit.ly/2Zw6qxs>

*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 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