

# LORD'S DAY

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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**

Father in heaven, we pray that you will in mercy look down upon us, your family, for whom the Lord Jesus was willing to be betrayed, given up into the hands of wicked men, and suffer death on the cross. Grant us the desires of our hearts this Lord's Day morning: to see you in your majesty and glory, to be renewed in our experience of your grace and love, and to hear your voice speaking in your Word. Help us, by your Spirit, to make a genuine and heartfelt offering of our praise, our love, and ourselves to you. Receive pleasure, this day, from your grateful people; for we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

Psalm 66.1-4

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

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

*Hymn No. 76*

*PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN*

## Confession of Faith

Does Christ's death mean all our sins can be forgiven?

**Yes, because Christ's death on the cross fully paid the penalty for our sin, God graciously imputes Christ's righteousness to us as if it were our own and will remember our sins no more.<sup>1</sup>**

—The New City Catechism, No. 25

## -HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

### Confession of Sin

O Lord, all that we are is laid bare before you. What could be hidden within us, even if we were unwilling to confess it? We would be hiding you from ourselves, not ourselves from you. And we make our confession not in words alone, but with the voice of our soul and in our thoughts which cry aloud to you. When we are evil, making confession to you is simply to be displeased with ourselves. When we are good, it is to make no claim on our own behalf, for without you we can do nothing. And so we confess our many sins of thought, word, and deed. We love you and so we are ashamed of ourselves and, once again, choose you and your will. Forgive us and help us to seek no pleasure for ourselves except that which is also pleasure for you; in Jesus' name. Amen.

—Adapted from Augustine's *Confessions*

*Silently add your own confession of sin.*

## Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 1.7

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<sup>1</sup> "For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Cor 5.21).

## **Congregational Petitions and the Lord's Prayer**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.

### **-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-**

#### **Scripture Reading**

Surely he has borne our griefs

and carried our sorrows;

yet we esteemed him stricken,

smitten by God, and afflicted.

But he was pierced for our transgressions;

he was crushed for our iniquities;

upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,

and with his wounds we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray;

we have turned—every one—to his own way;

and the LORD has laid on him

the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,

yet he opened not his mouth;

like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,

and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,

so he opened not his mouth.

By oppression and judgment he was taken away;

and as for his generation, who considered

that he was cut off out of the land of the living,

stricken for the transgression of my people?

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;

he has put him to grief.

—Isaiah 53.4-8, 10

## 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**

All who are baptized Christians, living under the authority of Christ and his body, the church, are warmly invited to partake of the Supper. Simply tell the elder or deacon who passes before you whether you prefer wine or grape juice. We will wait and partake together after everyone has been served. By eating the bread and drinking 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 but commend to you instead the following prayers for your use during this time.

#### *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.

## \*Song of Thanksgiving

### I Lay My Sins on Jesus

words Horatius Bonar, 1843  
music Eileen Davis, 2002

1. I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of  
2. I lay my wants on Je - sus; All ful - ness dwells in  
3. I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of  
4. I long to be like Je - sus, Meek, lov - ing, low - ly,

God; He bears them all, and frees us From the ac - curs - ed  
him; He heals all my di - seas - es, He doth my soul re -  
mine; His right hand me em - brac - es. I on his breast re -  
mild; I long to be like Je - sus, The Fa - ther's ho - ly

load: I bring my guilt to Je - sus, To wash my crim - son  
deem: I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my  
cline. I love the Name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the  
Child: I long to be with Je - sus A - mid the heav'n - ly

stains White in his blood most pre - cious, Till not a spot re - mains.  
cares; He from them all re - leas - es, He all my sor - rows shares.  
Lord; Like fra - grance on the breez - es His Name a - broad is poured.  
throng, To sing with saints his prais - es, To learn the an - gels' song.

**-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-**

## \*Benediction

2 Corinthians 13.14

\*Please stand if able.

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## **Sermon Notes: "The Benefits of God's Grace" (Psalm 103.1-22)**

*Psalm 103 is one of David's most beloved praise psalms. Why? What did the Lord do for David and his people of old that he has likewise done for us? And how did he accomplish it?*