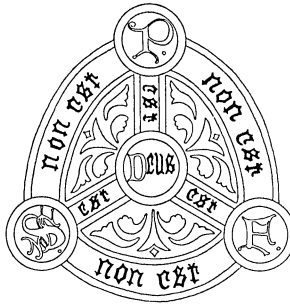


# LORD'S DAY

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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**

Lord God Almighty, King of glory and love eternal, you are worthy at all times to receive adoration, praise, and blessing; help us to praise you now for sending your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, for whom our hearts wait, and to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, be honor and dominion, now and forever. Amen.

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

Psalm 93.1-2

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

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

*Hymn No. 75*

*O FATHER, YOU ARE SOVEREIGN*

### **Confession of Faith**

What else does Christ's death redeem?

**Christ's death is the beginning of the redemption and renewal of every part of fallen creation, as he powerfully directs all things for his own glory and creation's good.<sup>1</sup>**

—The New City Catechism, No. 26

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<sup>1</sup>"For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross" (Col 1.19-20).

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

### **Confession of Sin**

Eternal and Almighty Father, we acknowledge and confess before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, prone to evil, who transgress without end your holy law, and have therefore drawn upon ourselves condemnation and death. But, O Lord, we repent and deplore our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways. Have compassion on us for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. And in removing our guilt, grant us the daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, so that acknowledging our unrighteousness, we may be touched with the sorrow that works true repentance, and that your Spirit, putting to death sin, may produce in us the fruits of holiness, which are well pleasing in your sight. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Silently add your own confession of sin.*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Micah 7.18-19

### **Prayer for the Church and the World**

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

### **Scripture Reading**

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

—Genesis 11.1-9

### **Sermon**

"The Meaning of History"

Revelation 5.1-14

Rev. Ron Gonzales

### **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.

#### *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**

**Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power**

words Horatius Bonar, 1866; alt.  
music Martin F. Shaw, 1935; arr. Eileen Davis 2010

1. Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow'r, wis - dom and  
2. Sound - eth the heav'n of the heav'ns with his name; ring - eth the  
3. Ev - er as - cend - eth the song and the joy; ev - er de -  
4. Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb; take we the

rich - es and strength ev - er - more give ye to him who our bat - tle hath  
earth with his glo - ry and fame; o - cean and moun - tain, stream, for - est and  
scend - eth the love from on high; bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and  
robe and the harp and the palm; sing we the song of the Lamb that was

won, whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne.  
flow'r ech - o his prais - es and tell of his pow'r.  
praise, this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.  
slain, dy - ing in weak - ness, but ris - ing to reign.

**-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-**

**\*Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

\*Please stand if able.

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## **Sermon Notes: "The Meaning of History" (Revelation 5.1-14)**