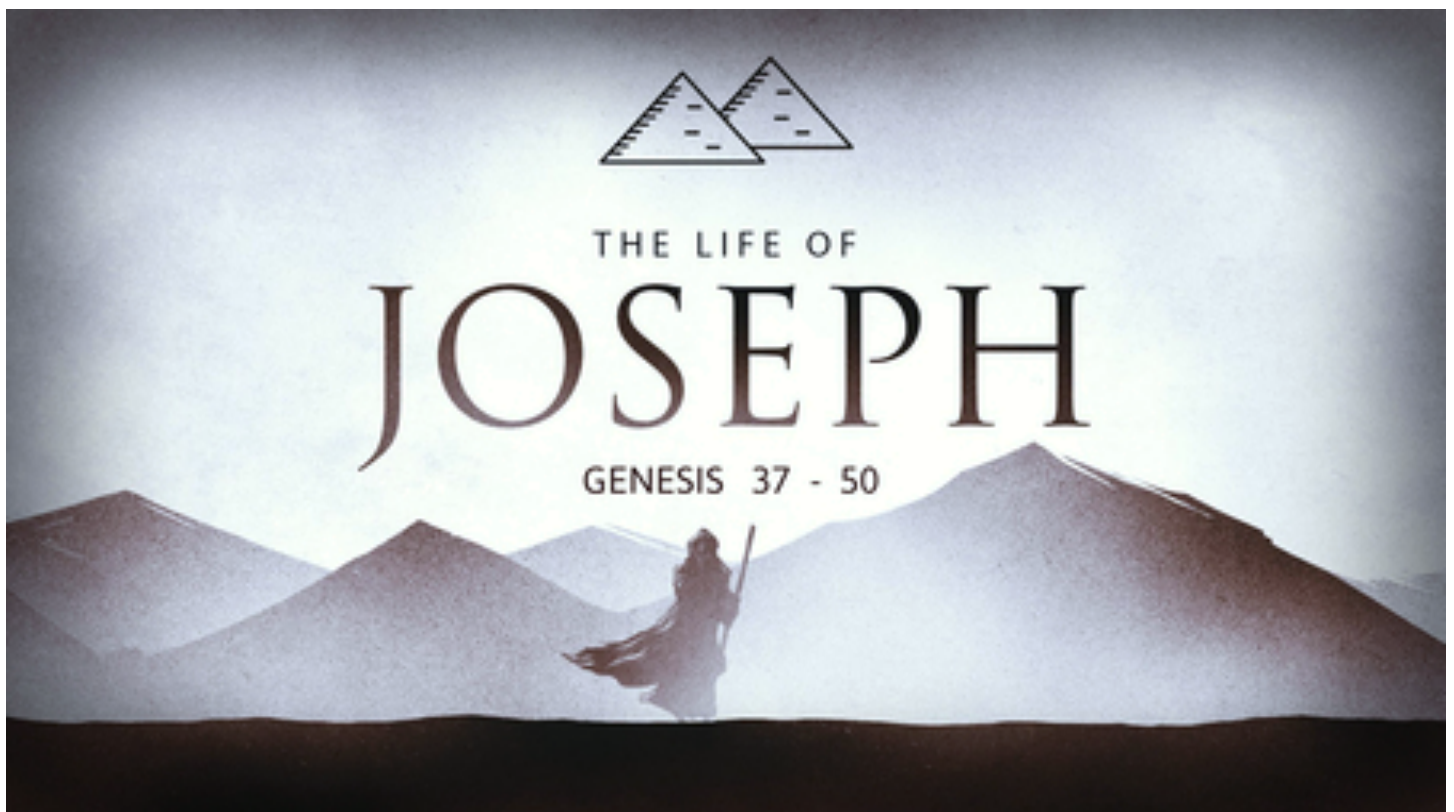




# CORNERSTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL  
*The Sundays of Pentecost—Ordinary Time*  
*13 October 2019*

# GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE AND REVEALS HIMSELF

*God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.*

## Prelude, Announcements & Preparation

### Introit—Jesus Shall Reign, Vs. I

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his king-dom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

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Text: Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: DUKE STREET, John Hatton, 1793.

### Call to Worship—Psalm 145:I, 10-13

Pastor: We will extol you, our God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

All: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!

Pastor: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,  
to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,

All: And the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Pastor: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

All: And your dominion endures throughout all generations.

### Hymn of Praise—Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore! Re -  
Je - sus, the Sav - ior, reigns, the God of truth and love; When  
His king - dom can - not fail, He rules o'er earth and Heav'n, The  
He sits at God's right hand till all His foes sub - mit, And  
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joyce, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more; Lift up your heart, lift  
 He had purged our stains He took His seat a - bove; Lift up your heart, lift  
 keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n; Lift up your heart, lift  
 bow to His com - mand, and fall be - neath His feet: Lift up your heart, lift  
 take His ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home. Lift up your heart, lift  
  
 up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!  
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Text: Charles Wesley, 1746; Music: DARWALL, John Darwall, 1770.

## Hymn of Praise—God is My Strong Salvation: Psalm 27

God is my strong Sal - va - tion: What foe have I to fear? In dark - ness and temp -  
 Re - ly on God Al - might - y; my soul, with cour - age, wait. His truth al - ways sus -  
  
 ta - tion, my Light, my Help is near. Though hosts en - camp a - round me, firm  
 tains me, when faint and des - o - late. His might my heart shall strength - en, His  
  
 in the fight I stand. What ter - ror can con - found me, with God at my right hand?  
 love my joy in - crease. Mer - cy my days shall length - en; the Lord will give me peace.

Text: Psalm 27, James Montgomery, 1822; Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1864.

## New Testament Reading—I John 4:13-21

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. <sup>17</sup>By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. <sup>21</sup>And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE & RECONCILIATION

*The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.*

### Sung Response—Lord, Have Mercy

Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy, have mer-cy, Lord.

Christ, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy, have mer-cy, Lord.

WOMEN Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy, have mer-cy, Lord.

MEN Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy, have mer-cy, Lord.

Text: Luke 18:13; Music: FRANKLIN KYRIE, Gregory D Wilbur, 2009. ©2009 Greyfriars Press.

## Congregational Prayer of Confession—based on Ephesians 4:17-24

Leader: Lord, we come confessing. You call us to not walk any longer as unbelievers do in the futility of their minds and in the darkness of their understanding.

All: Too often we are alienated from the life of God because of ignorance that is in us due to our hardness of heart.

Leader: We become callous and give ourselves up to sensuality—

pleasing our own thoughts and desires and practicing every kind of impurity.

All: But this is not the way we learned Christ—having heard about him and being taught in him—for truth is in Jesus.

Leader: Give us your Spirit to continually put off the old self which belongs to our former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires.

All: May we be renewed in our minds and put on the new self, created after your likeness in true righteousness and holiness.

## Silent Prayers of Confession

### Assurance of Pardon—Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

## Hymn of Praise—Speak O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You To re - ceive the food of Your Ho - ly Word.  
 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty;  
 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—

Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fash - ion us in Your like - ness, That the  
 Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our  
 Truths un - changed from the dawn of time That will ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by

light of Christ might be seen to - day In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
 faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.  
 grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es, And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us All Your pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry.  
 Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail— Let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.  
 Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built And the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

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## Sacrament of Baptism—Phillip Oxley Prince, *Son of John & Mary-Katherine Prince*

“For to you is the promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call unto him. ‘And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your seed after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto you and to your seed after you.’ Therefore, believe on the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your house.” (Acts 2:39; Gen. 17:7; Acts 16:31)

### Parental Vows:

1. Do you acknowledge your own, as well as your child's, need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises for him, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus—and only to the Lord Jesus—for his salvation, just as you do for your own?
3. Do you now consecrate your child to God; will you in humble reliance upon His sovereign grace set before him a godly example—praying with and for him, teaching him the good hope of the Gospel, opening to him the truth of the Scriptures, and striving by every means of grace God provides, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

### Congregational Vow:

Will you as a covenant community joyously commit to assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

## The Reading of the Word—Genesis 44:1-45:15

Then he commanded the steward of his house, "Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put each man's money in the mouth of his sack, <sup>2</sup>and put my cup, the silver cup, in the mouth of the sack of the youngest, with his money for the grain." And he did as Joseph told him.

<sup>3</sup>As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away with their donkeys.<sup>4</sup> They had gone only a short distance from the city. Now Joseph said to his steward, "Up, follow after the men, and when you overtake them, say to them, 'Why have you repaid evil for good?' <sup>5</sup>Is it not from this that my lord drinks, and by this that he practices divination? You have done evil in doing this.'"

<sup>6</sup>When he overtook them, he spoke to them these words. <sup>7</sup>They said to him, "Why does my lord speak such words as these? Far be it from your servants to do such a thing! <sup>8</sup>Behold, the money that we found in the mouths of our sacks we brought back to you from the land of Canaan. How then could we steal silver or gold from your lord's house? <sup>9</sup>Whichever of your servants is found with it shall die, and we also will be my lord's servants." <sup>10</sup>He said, "Let it be as you say: he who is found with it shall be my servant, and the rest of you shall be innocent." <sup>11</sup>Then each man quickly lowered his sack to the ground, and each man opened his sack.<sup>12</sup> And he searched, beginning with the eldest and ending with the youngest. And the cup was found in Benjamin's sack. <sup>13</sup>Then they tore their clothes, and every man loaded his donkey, and they returned to the city.

<sup>14</sup>When Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house, he was still there. They fell before him to the ground. <sup>15</sup>Joseph said to them, "What deed is this that you have done? Do you not know that a man like me can indeed practice divination?"<sup>16</sup> And Judah said, "What shall we say to my lord? What shall we speak? Or how can we clear ourselves? God has found out the guilt of your servants; behold, we are my lord's servants, both we and he also in whose hand the cup has been found." <sup>17</sup>But he said, "Far be it from me that I should do so! Only the man in whose hand the cup was found shall be my servant. But as for you, go up in peace to your father."

<sup>18</sup>Then Judah went up to him and said, "Oh, my lord, please let your servant speak a word in my lord's ears, and let not your anger burn against your servant, for you are like Pharaoh himself. <sup>19</sup>My lord asked his servants, saying, 'Have you a father, or a brother?' <sup>20</sup>And we said to my lord, 'We have a father, an old man, and a young brother, the child of his old age. His brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother's children, and his father loves him.' <sup>21</sup>Then you said to your servants, 'Bring him down to me, that I may set my eyes on him.' <sup>22</sup>We said to my lord, 'The boy cannot leave his father, for if he should leave his father, his father would die.' <sup>23</sup>Then you said to your servants, 'Unless your youngest brother comes down with you, you shall not see my face again.'

<sup>24</sup>"When we went back to your servant my father, we told him the words of my lord. <sup>25</sup>And when our father said, 'Go again,

buy us a little food,' <sup>26</sup>we said, 'We cannot go down. If our youngest brother goes with us, then we will go down. For we cannot see the man's face unless our youngest brother is with us.' <sup>27</sup>Then your servant my father said to us, 'You know that my wife bore me two sons.' <sup>28</sup>One left me, and I said, 'Surely he has been torn to pieces,' and I have never seen him since. <sup>29</sup>If you take this one also from me, and harm happens to him, you will bring down my gray hairs in evil to Sheol.'

<sup>30</sup>"Now therefore, as soon as I come to your servant my father, and the boy is not with us, then, as his life is bound up in the boy's life, <sup>31</sup>as soon as he sees that the boy is not with us, he will die, and your servants will bring down the gray hairs of your servant our father with sorrow to Sheol. <sup>32</sup>For your servant became a pledge of safety for the boy to my father, saying, 'If I do not bring him back to you, then I shall bear the blame before my father all my life.' <sup>33</sup>Now therefore, please let your servant remain instead of the boy as a servant to my lord, and let the boy go back with his brothers. <sup>34</sup>For how can I go back to my father if the boy is not with me? I fear to see the evil that would find my father."

Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. He cried, "Make everyone go out from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. <sup>2</sup>And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. <sup>3</sup>And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

<sup>4</sup>So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. <sup>10</sup>You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' <sup>12</sup>And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup>You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." <sup>14</sup>Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;  
All: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

## Sermon—New Beginnings: A Study of Genesis, Part 55

—Nate Shurden, *Pastor*

### Sung Response—Teach Me, O Lord, Thy Way of Truth, Vs 1

Teach me, O Lord, Thy way of truth, And from it I will not de - part; That  
I may stead - fast - ly o - bey, Give me an un - der - stand - ing heart.

Text: Joseph P. Holbrook, ca. 1878; Music: TALLIS' CANON, Thomas Tallis, ca. 1567.

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*God offers to His people the gift of communion with Him through the grace of the sacrament and we respond in thanksgiving.*

### Sursum Corda

Elder: The Lord be with you.	People: And also with you.
Elder: Lift up your hearts.	People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Elder: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
Elder: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.	

### Sung Response—Let Glory Be to God on High

Let glo - ry be to God on high: Peace be on earth as  
O Lord, the sole be - got - ten Son, Who bore the crimes which  
Have mer - cy on us, through Thy blood; Re - ceive our prayer, O  
in the sky; Good will to men! We bow the knee,  
we had done; Son of the Fa - ther, who wast slain  
Lamb of God! For Thou art ho - - ly; Thou a - lone,  
We praise, we bless, we wor - ship Thee; We give Thee thanks, Thy  
To take a - way the sins of men; O Lamb of God, whose  
At God's right hand, up - on His throne, In all His glo - ry,  
name we sing, Al - might - y Fa - ther! Heav'n - ly King!  
blood was spilt, For all the world, and all its guilt—  
art a - dored, With Thee, O Ho - ly Ghost, one Lord.

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## Profession of Faith—The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own,<sup>1</sup> but belong—  
body and soul, in life and in death<sup>2</sup>—  
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.<sup>3</sup>  
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,<sup>4</sup>  
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.<sup>5</sup>  
He also watches over me in such a way<sup>6</sup>  
that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven;<sup>7</sup>  
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.<sup>8</sup>  
Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life<sup>9</sup>  
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.<sup>10</sup>

1 I Cor. 6:19-20

2 Rom. 14:7-9

3 I Cor. 3:23; Titus 2:14

4 I Pet. 1:18-19; I John 1:7-9; 2:2

5 John 8:34-36; Heb. 2:14-15; I John 3:1-11

6 Jn 6:39-40; 10:27-30; 2 Thess. 3:3; I Pet. 1:5

7 Matt. 10:29-31; Luke 21:16-18

8 Rom. 8:28

9 Rom 8:15-16; 2 Cor 1:21-22; 5:5; Eph 1:13-14

10 Rom. 8:1-17

## Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

### Guidelines for the Lord's Supper

*The Lord's Supper is the family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians who are members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, and who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ to join us.*

*If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. You can find some sample prayers on the next page. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the church.*

*At Cornerstone, we come forward to receive communion. You may take the bread at the first table and then proceed to either side for the wine/grape juice.*

### Psalms for October—Psalm 103: O My Soul With All Your Powers



O, my soul, with all your pow - ers, Bless the Lord's most ho - ly name!  
He will not re - tain dis - plea - sure; Though a - while He hide his face.  
Mark the field - flower where it grow - eth; Frail and beau - ti - ful a - non.



O, my soul, till life's last hours, Bless the Lord, his praise pro - claim!  
Nor His God - like boun - ty mea - sure By our mer - it, but His grace.  
When the south wind soft - ly blow - eth, Look a - gain the flower is gone.

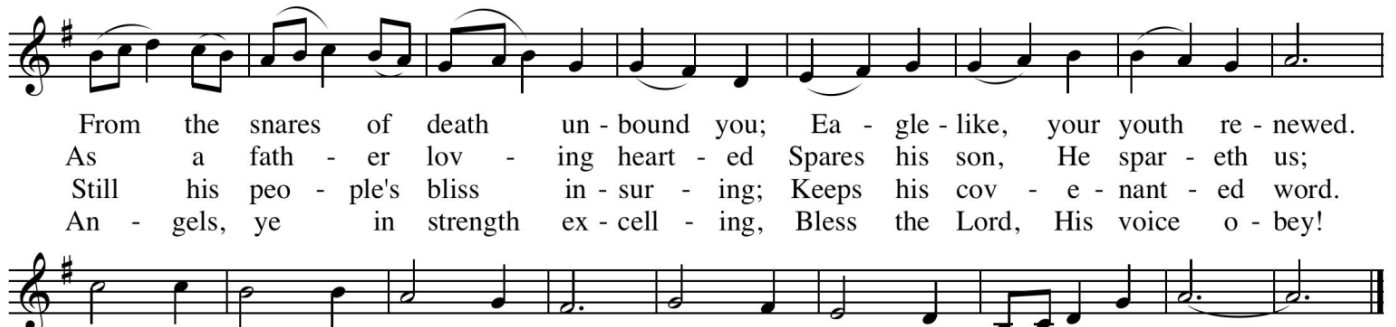


Your in - firm - i - ties He healed, And your peace and par - don sealed.  
As the heaven the earth trans - cends Ov - er us His care ex - tends.  
Such is man, his hon - ors pass Like the glo - ry of the grass.



He with lov - ing kind - ness crowned you; Sat - is - fied your mouth with good.  
Far as east and west are part - ed; He our sins hath sev - ered thus.  
From e - ter - ni - ty en - dur - ing, To e - ter - ni - ty, the Lord  
As in heaven, His throne and dwell - ing; King on earth he holds his sway.





From the snares of death un - bound you; Ea - gle - like, your youth re - newed.  
 As a fath - er lov - ing heart - ed Spares his son, He spar - eth us;  
 Still his peo - ple's bliss in - sur - ing; Keeps his cov - e - nant - ed word.  
 An - gels, ye in strength ex - cell - ing, Bless the Lord, His voice o - bey!

Rich in ten - der mer - cy He; Slow to wrath to fav - or free.  
 For He knows our fee - ble frame; He re - mem - bers whence we came.  
 Yea, with truth and right - eous - ness, Child - ren's child - ren He will bless.  
 All His works be - neath the pole, Bless the Lord with you, my soul!

CLLI #11121087 Text: Psalm 103, James Montgomery, *Songs of Zion*, 1822: Music: Greyfriars Press, 2014.

## Hymn of Communion—There is a Fountain Filled with Blood



There is a foun - tain filled with blood drawn from Em - man - uel's  
 The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see that foun - tain in his  
 E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream Thy flow - ing wounds sup -  
 Dear dy - ing Lamb, Thy pre - cious blood shall nev - er lose its

veins; And sin - ners plunged be - neath that flood lose all their guilt - y  
 day; And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins a -  
 ply, Re - deem - ing love has been my theme, and shall be till I  
 power, Till all the ran - somed church of God be saved, to sin no

stains. Lose all their guilt - y stains, lose all their guilt - y stains; And  
 way. Washed all my sins a - way, washed all my sins a - way; And  
 die. And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die; Re -  
 more. Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more; Till

sin - ners plunged be - neath that flood lose all their guilt - y stains.  
 there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins a - way.  
 deem - ing love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.  
 all the ran - somed church of God be saved, to sin no more.

Text: William Cowper, 1771; Music: FOUNTAIN, Lowell Mason, 1830.

# GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

### *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 forgive 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.*

## Hymn of Praise—Holy, Holy, Holy

The musical score is written for piano in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first system contains the first verse of the hymn. The second system contains the second verse. The third system contains the third verse. The fourth system contains the fourth verse. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady bass line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee;  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see;  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea;

ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in power, in love, and pur - i - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826; Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1861.

## GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

*After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.*

### Benediction—2 Corinthians 13:11, 14

<sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>14</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *Amen.*

### Sung Response—O Thou In Whose Presence, Vs 11

Dear Shep - herd, I hear and will fol - low Thy call; I know the sweet  
sound of Thy voice. Re - store and de - fend me, for Thou art my  
All, And in Thee I will ev - er re - joice.

Text: Joseph Swain, 1791; Music: DAVIS, 1813.

Prayer Focus—Dave and Robin Dillard serve with Servant Group International (SGI), a non-profit ministry focused on sharing the hope and love of Christ in Muslim communities. SGI was established in 1992 in response to the large number of Iraqi Kurdish refugees relocating to Nashville following the first Gulf War. Since that time, SGI has expanded to include outreach projects in Iraq, Turkey and Greece. In Nashville, SGI teams and volunteers offer programs designed to help Nashville-area Christians meet and build Christ-centered friendships with their Muslim and refugee neighbors. In Iraq, SGI helps staff and resource a network of K-12 schools enrolling thousands of Muslim students, and supports a number of projects designed to help refugee families return to their homes and rebuild their lives after ISIS. SGI also organizes short-term teams and projects to help serve among the large number of Syrian, Afghan and Iraqi refugees now in Greece and Turkey.

- Pray for our newest programs starting soon for refugee kids in Nashville.
- Pray for our new team members heading to Iraq and for their support-raising.
- Pray for our ability to encourage and shepherd a growing community of volunteers.
- Pray for current plans and work to convert the basement of our Nashville office into a refugee ministry center.

Today's message, "The Power of Forgiveness" is taken from Genesis 44:1-45:15. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group (HFG).

- How is Joseph's test of his brothers a display of spiritual wisdom?
- In the moment of crisis, what did the stepping forward of Judah to fulfill the pledge he made to his father indicate? Why is it significant that Judah specifically steps forward?
- Iain Duguid writes, "*Peace is not easy to find in this broken and fallen world, since we are all both sinners and sinned against, victims and victimizers. That means we all constantly have to deal with the bitter effects of other people's sins against us and with our own guilt over our sins against others.*" Take time to reflect on and discuss this quote with your family, friends or HFG. Make personal applications where appropriate.
- What moment in this reconciliation drama touched you most deeply and why?
- How is this passage drawing you into a deeper appreciation and experience of the forgiveness you've received from God through Jesus Christ?

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