

Christ Church

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Reformed Teaching † *Re-forming People*

Prelude

Moments of Concern

Call to Worship: Psalm 37:21, 23

The wicked borrows and does not repay,
But the righteous shows mercy and gives.

The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD,
And He delights in his way.

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 30

Q. Who are to come to the Lord's table?

A. Those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins,
but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their
continuing weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ,
and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to
lead a better life. Hypocrites and those who are unrepentant,
however, eat and drink judgment on themselves.

Q. Are those to be admitted to the Lord's supper who show by what
they say and do that they are unbelieving and ungodly?

A. No, that would dishonor God's covenant and bring down God's
anger upon the entire congregation. Therefore, according to the
instruction of Christ and his apostles, the Christian church is duty-
bound to exclude such people, by the official use of the keys of the
kingdom, until they reform their lives.

Call to Confession: Acts 3:19 "Repent therefore and be converted,
that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may
come from the presence of the Lord."

Prayer of Confession: Lord, we confess to You that we are displeased
with ourselves. We have failed to imitate Jesus' love for us that is
demonstrated in the Lord's Supper in that we have failed to

vigorously pursue in our prayers and through generosity the overall
spiritual health and holiness of our church family. By coming to the
Lord's Table but not vigorously pleading to You for such holiness we
have failed to truly draw near to You. Grant forgiveness to us we pray
in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Kyrie: (recited, not sung)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Christ, have mercy upon us.

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Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Assurance of Pardon: 2 Chronicles 7:14 "If My people who are called
by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and
turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will
forgive their sin and heal their land."

C: Thanks be to God.

Gloria Patri: (recited, not sung)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it
was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

Collect of the Day: O God, grant us grace to live as You have
designed us to live, freely spending ourselves and all You have given
us in order to make Your Name great rather than our own
names. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Old Testament Lesson: 1 Chronicles 29:10-20**

¹⁰Therefore David blessed the LORD before all the assembly; and
David said: "Blessed are You, LORD God of Israel, our Father, forever
and ever.

¹¹**Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, the power and the glory,
the victory and the majesty; for all that is in heaven and in earth is
Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and You are exalted as head
over all.**

¹²Both riches and honor come from You, and You reign over all.
In Your hand is power and might; in Your hand it is to make great
and to give strength to all.

13 “Now therefore, our God, we thank You and praise Your glorious name.

14 But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly as this? For all things come from You, and of Your own we have given You.

15 For we are aliens and pilgrims before You, as were all our fathers; our days on earth are as a shadow, and without hope.

16 “O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have prepared to build You a house for Your holy name is from Your hand, and is all Your own.

17 I know also, my God, that You test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these things; and now with joy I have seen Your people, who are present here to offer willingly to You.

18 O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep this forever in the intent of the thoughts of the heart of Your people, and fix their heart toward You.

19 And give my son Solomon a loyal heart to keep Your commandments and Your testimonies and Your statutes, to do all these things, and to build the temple for which I have made provision.”

20 Then David said to all the assembly, “Now bless the LORD your God.” So all the assembly blessed the LORD God of their fathers, and bowed their heads and prostrated themselves before the LORD and the king.

***First Epistle Lesson: Revelation 3:14-22**

14 “And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, ‘These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God:

15 “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.

16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

17 Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—

18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.

20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

22 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

***Second Epistle Lesson: 1 Timothy 6:17-19**

17 Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. **18** Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, **19** storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon: Generosity – Part 4

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer (unison): Our Father, which 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.

***Benediction**

***Postlude**