

Christ Church

Prelude

Moments of Concern

Call to Worship: *Psalm 106:47* - Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the Gentiles, to give thanks to Your holy name, to triumph in Your praise.

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 46 (page 34)

Q. Why did Christ command us to call God, "our Father"?

A. At the very beginning of our prayer Christ wants to kindle in us what is basic to our prayer - the childlike awe and trust that God through Christ has become our Father. Our fathers do not refuse us the things of this life; God our Father will even less refuse to give us what we ask in faith.

Q. Why the words, "in heaven"?

A. These words teach us not to think of God's heavenly majesty as something earthly, and to expect everything for body and soul from His almighty power.

***Hymn of Adoration:** 363 *"To God Be the Glory"*

Call to Confession: *Psalm 106:4-6* – Remember me, O LORD, with the favor You have toward Your people. Oh, visit me with Your salvation, that I may see the benefit of Your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation, that I may glory with Your inheritance. We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.

Prayer of Confession: Father in heaven, forgive us for the times we have by our actions attempted to divorce ourselves from Your family. We have not acted as children of God and have not cherished our adoption as sons and daughters which we received through the sacrifice of our Elder Brother Jesus. We have failed to acknowledge You as our loving Father in times of distress and have instead given in to rebellious complaining and anger. We have failed to acknowledge You as our Father when we are blessed and have neglected the gratitude that should be shown to the One who has blessed us with

all things needed for life and godliness. As You have provided all things for us, provide now a fresh covering of Your mercy. Remove our sins and cleanse us. We pray through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Have Mercy:

Have mercy on us. Have mercy on us.

Oh Lord, have mercy. Oh Lord, have mercy.

Oh, help my unbelief. Oh, help my unbelief.

Oh Lord, have mercy. Oh Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon: *Isaiah 66:2b* – "But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word."

C: Thanks be to God.

Gloria Patri: 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 (unison): Father, You have for the sake of Christ counted us worthy to be Your people and to serve as Your ambassadors in this world. Give us opportunity, courage and wisdom to share our faith. Teach us to love others as our Savior has loved us. Grant us grace to be willing to spend ourselves for the sake of Your kingdom. We love You and praise You for all the spiritual blessings You have given. Pour out Your Spirit that we might love You more and freely sacrifice ourselves to fulfill the glorious calling to be the Body of Christ in this world. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

***Old Testament Lesson:** *Isaiah 49:5-7*

⁵ "And now the LORD says, who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, to bring Jacob back to Him, so that Israel is gathered to Him (For I shall be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and My God shall be My strength),

⁶ Indeed He says, 'It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, that You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.' "

⁷ Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, their Holy One, to Him whom man despises, to Him whom the nation abhors, to the Servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the LORD who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel; and He has chosen You.”

***Gospel Lesson:** *Matthew 12:9-21*

⁹ Now when He had departed from there, He went into their synagogue.

¹⁰ And behold, there was a man who had a withered hand. And they asked Him, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”—that they might accuse Him.

¹¹ Then He said to them, “What man is there among you who has one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift it out?

¹² Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep? Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.”

¹³ Then He said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And he stretched it out, and it was restored as whole as the other.

¹⁴ Then the Pharisees went out and plotted against Him, how they might destroy Him.

¹⁵ But when Jesus knew it, He withdrew from there. And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all.

¹⁶ Yet He warned them not to make Him known,

¹⁷ that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

¹⁸ “Behold! My Servant whom I have chosen, my Beloved in whom My soul is well pleased! I will put My Spirit upon Him, and He will declare justice to the Gentiles.

¹⁹ He will not quarrel nor cry out, nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets.

²⁰ A bruised reed He will not break, and smoking flax He will not quench,

Till He sends forth justice to victory;

²¹ And in His name Gentiles will trust.”

Missions Moment

Children’s Sermon

***Hymn of Preparation:** *Psalms 136:1-9* (back of bulletin)

Sermon: “The Father’s Love for the Son”

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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

***Offertory Response:** Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn of Response:** “There Is One Gospel” (insert)

***Benediction**

***Threefold Amen**

***Postlude**