

Christ Church

Prelude

Moments of Concern

Call to Worship: *Psalm 107:1-2* – Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 45 (pages 33-34)

Q. Why do Christians need to pray?

A. Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us. And also because God gives His grace and Holy Spirit only to those who pray continually and groan inwardly, asking God for these gifts and thanking Him for them.

Q. How does God want us to pray so that He will listen to us?

A. First, we must pray from the heart to no other than the one true God, who has revealed Himself in His Word, asking for everything He has commanded us to ask for. Second, we must acknowledge our need and misery, hiding nothing, and humble ourselves in His majestic presence. Third, we must rest on this unshakable foundation: even though we do not deserve it, God will surely listen to our prayer because of Christ our Lord. That is what He promised us in His Word.

Q. What did God command us to pray for?

A. Everything we need, spiritually and physically, as embraced in the prayer Christ our Lord Himself taught us.

Q. What is this prayer?

A. Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Hymn of Adoration:** 318 *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

***Collect of the Day (unison):** O God, our refuge and strength, You are the author of all godliness. Be ready to hear the prayers of Your church. Grant that which we ask according to Your will. We give thanks for the way You have opened for us to offer our prayers because of the blood of Jesus our Savior, in whose Name we pray. Amen.

***Old Testament Lesson:** *Job 1:13-22*

- ¹³ Now there was a day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house;
¹⁴ and a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them,
¹⁵ when the Sabeans raided them and took them away—indeed they have killed the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you!"
¹⁶ While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants, and consumed them; and I alone have escaped to tell you!"
¹⁷ While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three bands, raided the camels and took them away, yes, and killed the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you!"
¹⁸ While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house,
¹⁹ and suddenly a great wind came from across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people, and they are dead; and I alone have escaped to tell you!"
²⁰ Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and worshiped.
²¹ And he said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD."
²² In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.

***Epistle Lesson:** 1 *Thessalonians 5:16-18*

- ¹⁶ Rejoice always,
¹⁷ pray without ceasing,

¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

***Gospel Lesson:** *Luke 22:14-23* (page 933)

Children's Sermon

Sermon: *1 Thessalonians 5:18*

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

Reading of the Law: *Exodus 20:1-17* (page 68)

Call to Confession: *1 Corinthians 11:27-29* – Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

Prayer of Confession: Father in heaven, forgive us for our lack of gratitude and humility in that we often neglect prayer. Forgive us also for not cherishing the fellowship You extend to us. We confess the foolishness and wickedness of thinking ourselves to be self-sufficient or independent of Your wise provision for our lives. Instead of confessing our need and pleading for Your Spirit and for grace to love and serve You, we look to be satisfied in things You have made, rejecting You, our Creator, as our Source of all good. Have mercy on us and turn our hearts toward Yourself. Teach us to desire what You have promised us and to run to You even when You discipline us. In Jesus' blessed Name we pray.
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.

Holy Communion

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:** "Thank You Jesus for the Blood" (insert)

***Benediction**