

CHRIST OUR REDEEMER

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OPENING PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus, you invite us to pray and promise that where two or three come together in your name, there you are with us. Answer our prayers, and fulfill our desires according to your wisdom and love. Strengthen us in the knowledge of your truth, and grant us life everlasting.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN – “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

CW 125

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride.

For-bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the death of Christ, my God.
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sor-row and love flow mingled down.

Did e'er such love and sorrow meet Or thorns com-pose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: O God our Father, since you have set forth the way of life for us in your beloved Son, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

P: Forgive us the poverty of our worship, our neglect of the Means of Grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibility in your service, our imperfect stewardship of your gifts.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

P: Forgive us that so little of your love has reached others through us, that we have been more concerned about temporal matters than spiritual matters, that we have done the important but not always the most important work that you have set before us.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

P: God promises forgiveness to those who repent and return to him. May he keep you in his grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you to stronger faith and obedience, and bring you to live with him forever in heaven, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD

By faith we are raised from death to life

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Ezekiel 37:1-6 – Dry bones live

¹ The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³ He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” I said, “Sovereign Lord, you alone know.”

⁴ Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! ⁵ This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶ I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.’”

VERSE OF THE DAY

The Son of man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Mark 10:45

GOSPEL LESSON – John 11:38-45 – A preview of things to come

³⁸ Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹ “Take away the stone,” he said.

“But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.”

⁴⁰ Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”

⁴¹ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.”

⁴³ When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”

⁴⁵ Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born

of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgive- ness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

'SERMON HYMN – “Grace Has a Thrilling Sound”

CW 381 vv 1, 4, 5

**Grace has a thrilling sound
To each believer's ear;
That peace with God through
Christ is found Is news I gladly hear.**

**Grace taught my soul to pray
And made my eyes o'erflow;
His grace has kept me to this day
And will not let me go.**

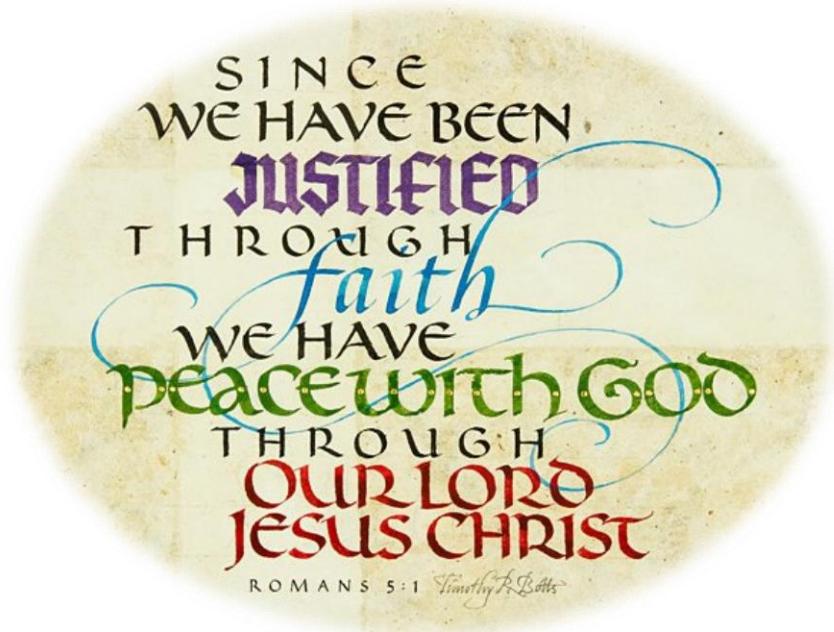
**Grace all our work shall crown
Through everlasting days;
The heavenly home god gives his own
Shall echo with our praise.**

SERMON – Romans 5:1-8

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¹ Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



LENTEN PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus, you are the author and perfecter of our faith. Obeying your Father's will, you endured the cross and scorned its shame. Now you sit at the right hand of the throne of God, governing all things.

C: Lord, we confess that it was for us and for our salvation that you came to this world to suffer and die. You bore our guilt. You endured our punishment. You experienced the wrath of God in our place. For your unselfish sacrifice on our behalf, help us show our gratitude to you in everything we think, say, and do.

P: As we walk through life, keep us from becoming entangled by sin. Remove all obstacles and stumbling blocks, and keep us from falling or going astray. Help us run with perseverance the race that you have marked out for us. When that way involves pain, suffering, or persecution, help us view these things as evidence of your loving discipline intended to draw us ever closer to you.

P: Hear us Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer

ALL: Hold before us the example of those who have gone before, bearing the cross for you. As you led them, so lead us. As you strengthened them, so strengthen us. Keep our eyes fixed on you, for then we will surely arrive safely at the heavenly home you have prepared for us. Hear us for your mercy's sake. Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

CLOSING VERSES – “Christ Be My Leader”

CW 367

**Christ Be My Leader by night as by day.
Safe through the darkness, for he is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future his care;
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.**

**Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for he is the truth.
Grant me to trust him, though shifting as sand.
Doubt cannot daunt me – in Jesus I stand!**

**Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for he is the life
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin, and its stain.
Can touch my salvation with Jesus I reign!**

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