

Sermon Outline

Bride *Revelation 21:9-14*

I. Bride: The Church Has the Splendid Metaphor of a Bride. *v9*

II. Bride: The Church Has the Holy Metaphor of the City of Jerusalem. *v10-14*

A. The Church is as Secure and Certain as the 12 Tribes of Israel. *v10-13*

B. The Church is as Established and Indefatigable as the 12 Apostles of Our Lord. *v14*

The vision for the New Geneva Orthodox Presbyterian Church is to preach, teach, and practice the Reformed faith in Southeast Idaho through a God-centered worship service, a variety of teaching ministries, and practical service to the community.

We are covenantal
Holding to the Old and New Covenants or Testaments

We are confessional
Holding to the historic Westminster Confessional Standards

We are community oriented
Caring for our brothers and Sisters

We are cross-cultural
Believing that the Church is to be Called from every nation and race

We are Presbyterian
Believing that our church is only a small part of the Universal Church and that church government should fall upon the Presbytery or elders

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**This is what the LORD says
Stand at the crossroads and look
ask for the ancient paths
ask where the good way is and walk in it
and you will find rest for your souls**
Jeremiah 6:16

New Geneva

ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday Covenant Renewal Worship

January 3, 2021

Prayer for Silent Meditation

We encourage you to use the moments preceding the commencement of holy worship in quiet meditation and preparation. Toward that end we offer the prayer below as food for thought.

Grant, O Lord, that as the years change, we may find rest in your eternal changelessness. May we meet this new year bravely, sure in the faith that, while men come and go, and life changes around us, you are always the same, guiding us with your wisdom, and protecting us with your love. Through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

William Temple, 1881-1944, Archbishop of Canterbury

* Apostolic Salutation * Congregation Standing

Minister: *The Lord be with your spirit.*

People: *And grace be with you.*

* Call to Worship *Psalms 122, #831*

* Hymn Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim, #12

* The Law of God *Genesis 35:16-29*

Prayer of Confession *Kneel (as able)*

Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all those who call upon you: Hear us as we come to you humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken your holy laws by our deeds and words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings towards you and our fellow men. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; and of your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please you in newness of life. Through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Louis F. Benson, 1855-1930, Presbyterian minister and hymnodist

* Assurance of Pardon

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace. *Ephesians 1:7*

Minister: *Herein is the pardon of the Savior.*

People: *Thanks be to You, O Lord.*

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

* Hymn For All the Saints, #358

* Hymn All My Heart This Night Rejoices, #217

* The Word of God

Old Testament Lesson *Isaiah 61:10-11*

New Testament Lesson *Mark 3:13-19*

Minister: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

People: *Thanks be to You, O God.*

* Gloria Patri #735

Prayer for the Sermon

O God, whose name is holy of itself, we pray that it may be hallowed also by us. To this end help us, O blessed Father in heaven, that your word may be taught in truth and purity, and that we, as your children, may lead holy lives in accordance with it. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen. *Martin Luther, 1483-1546*

Sermon

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Response to the Word of God

Reception of Matthew and Holly Astin and their covenant children into membership

The Lord's Supper

Instruction on the Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty God and merciful Father, we ask you that in this communion meal, in which we bring to mind the glorious remembrance of the bitter death of your Son Jesus Christ, that by your Holy Spirit you will work in our hearts. May we increasingly surrender ourselves to your Son Jesus Christ in true confidence so that, through the power of your Holy Spirit, our burdened and defeated hearts will be fed and refreshed by his body and blood – indeed by him, the matchless bread of heaven! May we remain no longer in our sins but rather let him live in us as we live in him. May we truly share in the new and eternal covenant of your grace. Let us not doubt that you will forever be our gracious Father who no longer takes account of our sins and who cares for our needs in body and soul as your beloved children and heirs. Hear us, O God and merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray along with your whole Church. Amen.

Reformed Church of Middleburg, Germany, circa 18th C

Giving of the Body and Blood of Christ

Minister: *He is risen!*

People: *He is risen, indeed!*

* Hymn Psalm 122B

Prayer for Alms and Offerings

* We Give Thee But Thine Own #432

* Our Mutual Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed #846

* Doxology #731

* Benediction

* Threefold Amen #740