

Sunday Worship

October 23, 2016

Prayer for Silent Meditation

O God – who has commanded us to be perfect as you our Father in heaven is perfect – put into our hearts a continual desire to obey your holy will. Teach us day by day what you would have us do and give us courage and strength to fulfill it. May we never for love of ease decline the path you point out nor for fear of shame turn away from it. We ask it for the honor of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Henry Alford, 1810 – 1871

Greetings and Announcements

* Apostolic Salutation

** Congregation Standing*

Minister:

The Lord be with your spirit.

People:

And grace be with you.

* Call to Worship

Psalms 19, #790

* Hymn

We Gather Together, #363

* The Law of God

Numbers 26:52-56

Prayer of Confession

Kneel (as able)

O gracious God eternal, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, eternal praise be given you because it has pleased you to enlighten our minds to recognize our abominations and to detest them in our hearts. In their place grant us to live and die in the truth which you have sent from heaven. Look not at what we deserve; forgive our sins and remember your promises in your Son Jesus Christ. Cause us to grow in all wisdom, zeal, discretion, and all other gifts that are so necessary to establish your house. Amen.

Theodore Beza, AD 1519 – 1605

* Assurance of Pardon

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:13-14

Minister:

Herein is the pardon of the Savior.

People:

Thanks be to You, O Lord.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

* Hymn

Blest Be the Tie That Binds, #359

* Hymn

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord, #353

* The Word of God

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 3:19-25

New Testament Lesson

Hebrews 2:5-18

Minister:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to You, O God.

* Gloria Patri

#735

Prayer for the Sermon

O heavenly Father, your Word is perfect, restoring the soul, making wise the simple, and enlightening the eyes of the blind, and a power of God unto salvation for everyone who believes. We ask you that you will illumine our darkened minds with your Holy Spirit and give us a humble heart free from all haughtiness and carnal wisdom in order that we – hearing your Word – may rightly understand it and regulate our lives accordingly. Amen.

Dutch Psalter, AD 1566

Sermon

Sons

Romans 8:12-17

Response to the Word of God

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. May we remain no longer in our sins but let him live in us as we live in him. May we truly share in the new and eternal covenant of your grace. Hear us, O God and merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray along with your whole church. Amen.

Reformed Church of Middelburg, AD 1966

Giving of the Body and Blood of Christ

Minister:

He is risen!

People:

He is risen, indeed!

* Hymn

Psalms 19B

Prayer for Alms and Offerings

* We Give Thee But Thine Own

#432

* Our Mutual Confession of Faith

The Westminster Confession of Faith,
Chapter XII, Of Adoption

#855

* Doxology

#733

* Benediction

* Threefold Amen

#740