

Sunday Covenant Renewal Worship

May 16, 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 God, that your Church – as it has only one foundation and one head – may truly and indeed be one body, holding forth one faith, proclaiming one truth, and following one Lord in holiness of living and love, even your Son our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Rev. Lesslie Newbigin, AD 1909 – 1998

* Apostolic Salutation * Congregation Standing

Minister: *The Lord be with your spirit.*

People: *And grace be with you.*

* Call to Worship *Psalm 23, #791*

* Hymn God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength, #40

* The Law of God *Genesis 39:1-23*

Prayer of Confession *Kneel (as able)*

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. The remembrance of them is grievous to us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake. Forgive all that is past and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please you in newness of life. To the honor and glory of your Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The First English Prayer Book, AD 1549

* 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 Jesus, Lover of My Soul, #508

* Hymn Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming, #221

* The Word of God

Old Testament Lesson *Ezekiel 23:1-21*

New Testament Lesson *Matthew 2:13-23*

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

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

* Gloria Patri #735

Prayer for the Sermon

O Lord, you have given us your Word for a light to shine upon our path. Grant us so to meditate on that Word and to follow its teaching that we may find in it the light that shines more and more until the perfect day. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Jerome, AD 347 – 420

Sermon

Dream *Song of Solomon 3:1-5*

Response to the Word of God

Reception into Membership of Samuel Nate

The Lord's Supper

Instruction on the Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Since by your fatherly goodness you invite us here today to receive the holy testimonies of our peace and reconciliation with you and since your son Jesus calls to himself all those who labor and are heavy laden, you will surely not reject your servants who beg your grace and salvation and life in the death of Jesus Christ. With thanksgiving we lift our hearts to you. Grant us grace to approach this table with humble repentance and a thirsty soul that desires your grace. Strengthen our faith so that receiving these visible signs we may receive by faith the broken body of Jesus Christ and his blood shed for us as the nourishment of eternal life. Amen.

John Calvin, AD 1509 – 1564

Giving of the Body and Blood of Christ

Minister: *He is risen!*

People: *He is risen, indeed!*

* Hymn Psalm 46C

Prayer for Alms and Offerings

* We Give Thee But Thine Own #432

* Our Mutual Confession of Faith

The Westminster Confession of Faith,
Chapter XXIV, Of Marriage and Divorce,
Section 2 #863

* Doxology #731

* Benediction

* Threefold Amen #740