

Sunday Covenant Renewal Worship

March 16, 2025

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.

Mercifully receive, O Lord, the prayers of your people, that all adversities and errors may be destroyed; and that your people may serve you in quiet freedom, and may you be pleased to give your peace in our times. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Leonine Sacramentary, mid 5th C*

* Second Sunday in Lent *Mark 8:31-38*

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer, 1976

* Apostolic Salutation ** Congregation Standing*

Minister: *The Lord be with your spirit.*

People: *And grace be with you.*

* Call to Worship *Psalm 136, #835*

* Hymn *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing, #164*

* The Law of God *Exodus 20:1-17*

Prayer of Confession *Kneel (as able)*

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and listen to our groaning, for we acknowledge our iniquities and lay open our sins before you. Against you, O God, have we sinned. To you we make our confession and implore forgiveness. O Lord, turn your face again upon your servants whom you have redeemed with your own blood. Spare us, we pray you, and vouchsafe pardon to our sins and be pleased to extend to us your loving kindness and mercy. Amen. *Mozarabic Liturgy, circa 6th C*

* 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 *God Moves in a Mysterious Way, #128*

* Hymn *Great is Thy Faithfulness, #32*

* The Word of God

Old Testament Lesson *Leviticus 25:18-28*

New Testament Lesson *1 Peter 1:17-21*

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

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

* Gloria Patri *#735*

Prayer for the Sermon

Almighty God, we invoke you, the fountain of everlasting light, and entreat you to send forth your truth from the Scriptures into our hearts and to pour upon us the glory of your brightness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sarum Breviary, late 11th C

Sermon

A Bitter and Sweet Providence *Ruth 1*

Response to the Word of God

* Hymn *Psalm 25A*

Prayer for Alms and Offerings

* We Give Thee But Thine Own *#432*

* Our Mutual Confession of Faith

The Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter VIII, Of Christ the Mediator, Section 8, *#854*

* Doxology *#731*

* Benediction

* Threefold Amen *#740*

Sermon Outline

A Bitter and Sweet Providence

Ruth 1

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

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