

Sunday Covenant Renewal Worship

4 May, 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.

Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and supplication: Deliver us when we draw near to you from coldness of heart and wandering of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer, 1979

* Apostolic Salutation * Congregation Standing

Minister: The Lord be with your spirit.

People: And grace be with you.

* Call to Worship Psalm 92, #817-8

* Hymn For All the Saints, #358

* The Law of God Genesis 15:12-16

Prayer of Confession Kneel (as able)

Minister: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.

People: Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity; cleanse us from our sin; for we know our transgressions and our sin is ever before us.

Minister: Against you have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

People: Hide your face from our sins and blot out our iniquities.

Minister: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

People: Cast us not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from us.

Minister: Restore to us the joy of your salvation and uphold us with a willing spirit.

People: For you do not delight in sacrifice or we would give it.

Minister: You will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

People: Our sacrifice is a broken spirit.

Minister: A broken and contrite heart you will not despise.

All: This we ask by the blood and in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Adapted from Psalm 51

* Assurance of Pardon

I acknowledged my sin to you and I did not cover my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

Minister: Herein is the pardon of the Savior.

People: Thanks be to You, O Lord.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

* Hymn Come, Dearest Lord, Descend and Dwell, #340

* Hymn The Church's One Foundation, #347

* The Word of God

Old Testament Lesson Daniel 2:17-23

New Testament Lesson Galatians 4:1-7

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, AD 1483 - 1546

Sermon

Mystery Ephesians 1:9-10

Response to the Word of God

The Lord's Supper

Instruction on the Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Merciful God and Father, whose grace abounds beyond all our sins, we pray that in this Supper, in which we commemorate the death of your dear Son, you will so work in our hearts that we may yield ourselves ever more fully to Jesus Christ. May our contrite hearts, through the power of the Holy Spirit, be nourished and refreshed with His body and blood in the bread and wine, yea, with Him, true God and man, the only heavenly bread, so that we may no longer live in our sins, but he in us and we in him. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalter Hymnal of the Christian Reformed Church, AD 1959

Giving of the Body and Blood of Christ

Minister: He is risen!

People: He is risen, indeed!

* Hymn Psalm 92C

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

Mystery *Ephesians 1:9-10*

- I. Mystery: In Christ God Set Forth and Revealed to Us the Mystery of His Will Which is in Full Accord with His Purpose for the Ages. *v9*
- II. Mystery: In Christ God Purposed to Unite All Things in Heaven and on Earth as His Plan for the Complete Fullness of Time. *v10*

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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