

# *Lord's Day Service for Palm Sunday 2023*



## *Call to Worship: Where God Calls Us Into His Presence*

The Call from God's Word:

[congregation standing]

*"The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of Jehovah!' The King of Israel!" Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: "Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, Sitting on a donkey's colt." John 12:12-15*

**God's People Respond with a Hymn of Praise:** (based on Psalm 145:10)  
**Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**

ELLACOMBE (7 6. 7 6. D)  
 Gesangbuch der Herzogl.  
 Hofkapelle, Württemberg, 1784

Jeannette Threlfall, 1873

1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
 2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,  
 3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

Thro' pil - lared court and Tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.  
 The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and loud.  
 For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast,  
 The Lord of men and an - gels Rode on in low - ly state  
 Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice

The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.  
 Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.  
 And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

**Salutation and Response:** [based on Matthew 28:19, Ruth 2:4 and Luke 19:38]

*In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit* **Amen!**  
*The Lord be with you!* **And also with you!**  
*Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!*

**Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!**

# Confession of Sins: Where God Cleanses Us In Christ

## The Call for Confession from God's Word:

"Now as Jesus drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation." *Luke 19:41-44*

**God's People Join in a Hymn of Confession:**    2 pages    [congregation standing]

## *The Singing of Psalm 51; verses 1-10*

EVENING HYMN (S.M.)  
Elisha West, 1802

Tate and Brady  
A New Version of the Psalms of David, 1696

1. 1Have mer - cy, God, on me, As Thou wert ev - er kind;  
2. 2Wash off my foul of - fense, And cleanse me from my sin;

Melody

(Soprano) Let  
3For

(Alto) Let me, op - pressed with  
3For I con - fess my

(Tenor) Let me, op pressed with loads of guilt, Thy  
3For I con - fess my crime, and see How

(Bass) Let me, op - pressed with loads of guilt, Thy  
3For I con - fess my crime, and see How  
wont - ed mer - cy  
great my guilt has

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I con - fess my crime, and see How great my guilt has

loads of guilt, Thy wont - ed mer - cy find.  
crime, and see How great my guilt has been.

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great my guilt has been. 3For I con - fess my

find.  
been. Let me, op - pressed with loads of guilt,  
3For I con - fess my crime, and see

find. Thy wont - ed mer - cy find.  
 been. How great my guilt has been.

Thy wont - - - - ed mer - cy find.  
 How great \_\_\_\_\_ my guilt has been.

loads of guilt, Thy wont great - ed mer - cy find.  
 crime, and see How great my guilt has been.

Thy wont - - - - ed mer - cy find.  
 How great \_\_\_\_\_ my guilt has been.

3. 4A•gainst Thee, Lord, a•lone,  
 And on•ly in Thy sight,  
 Have I trans•gressed, and, though con•demned  
 Must own Thy judg•ment right.

6. 7With hys•sop purge me, Lord,  
 And so I clean shall be;  
 I shall with snow in white•ness vie,  
 When puri•fied by Thee.

4. 5In guilt each part was formed  
 Of all this sin•ful frame;  
 In guilt I was con•ceived, and born  
 The heir of sin and shame.

7. 8Make me to hear with joy  
 Thy kind for•giv•ing voice;  
 That so the bones which Thou hast broke  
 May with fresh strength re•joice.

5. 6Yet Thou, whose search•ing eye  
 Doth in•ward truth re•quire,  
 In sec•ret did with wis•dom's laws  
 My ten•der soul in•spire.

8. 9Blot out my cry•ing sins,  
 Nor me in an•ger view;  
 10Cre•ate in me a heart that's clean;  
 An up•right mind re•new.

**Silent Confession:** *"This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief." 1 Timothy 1:15*

Those who are willing and able are invited to kneel for our time of confession.

**Corporate Prayer of Confession:**

We confess to Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and before all the company of heaven, that we have sinned, in thought, word and deed, through our fault, our own fault, our own most grievous fault; wherefore, we pray Almighty God to have mercy upon us, to forgive all our sins, and to make clean our hearts. For we pray in the Father's love, pleading the shed blood of Christ His Son, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon and Forgiveness:     *From the Gospel of John*

“The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of Jehovah! The King of Israel!" Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: "Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt." His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. “And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.” *John 12:12-16; 20:30,31*

Though our sins do stand against us, the punishment for them has been taken away in the finished sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ, for “There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.” “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” We have been cleansed and clothed in the righteousness of Jesus. And not only that, we are now **in** Christ and **in** Him we are in the heavenly places, in the very midst of the blessed Trinity with the Saints of all the ages, from every tongue, tribe and nation prepared to worship in the beauty of holiness. **Come, let us worship the Lord!**

### Come Bless the Father:

Come bless the Fath - er, all you ser - vants of the Son, who stand by the Spir - it in the House of the Lord. Lift up your hands to the Ho - ly Place and bless your God. May the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ bless you from Zi - on, He Who made hea - ven and earth. \_\_\_\_\_

### **Lift up your hearts!**

We lift them up un - to the Lord!

### **Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!**

It is pro - per and right to do so.

Truly it is proper and right that we should at all times and in all places give praise to you O Lord, so with the angels and all the company of heaven and with the Church on earth, we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you & singing:

# God's People Sing a Hymn of Thanks:

[congregation standing]

## All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*"Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the King of Israel!"* John 12:13

1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,  
2. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!  
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent:  
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

Thou art the King of Is - rael, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
to thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One!  
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

# *Consecration: Where God Equips & Prepares His People*

*"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" Romans 12:1,2*

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## **THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD:**

### **The Triumphal Entry: Responsive readings for Palm Sunday:**

#### **Mark 11:7-10**

*"Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it.*

**And many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread them on the road.**

*Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:*

**"Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of Jehovah!"**

*Blessed is the kingdom of our father David That comes in the name of the Lord!*

**Hosanna in the highest!"**

#### **Luke 19:37-40**

*Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, saying:*

**"'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of Jehovah! 'Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"**

*And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples."*

**But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out."**

#### **Revelation 15:3-4:**

*They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying:*

**"Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints!**

*Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name?*

**For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, for Your judgments have been manifested."**

## God's People Sing a Hymn of Preparation:

### Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA (S.M.D.)  
George J. Elvey, 1868

Matthew Bridges, 1851  
st. 2, Godfrey Thring, 1874

1. Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne; Hark!  
2. Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave, And  
3. *Crown Him the Lord of love, Be - hold His hands and side, Rich*  
4. Crown Him the Lord of peace, Whose pow'r a scep - ter sways From  
5. Crown Him the Lord of years, The Po - ten - tate of time, Cre -

how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own. A -  
rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save. His  
*wounds yet vis - i - ble a - bove In beau - ty glo - ri - fied. No*  
pole to pole, that wars may cease, Ab - sorbed in prayer and praise. His  
a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, In - ef - fa - bly sub - lime. All

wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who  
*an - gel in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But*  
reign shall know no end, And round His pierc - ed feet Fair  
hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For Thou hast died for me; Thy

hail Him as thy match - less King Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
died, e - ter - nal life to bring, And lives that death may die.  
*down - ward bends his burn - ing eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.*  
flow'rs of Par - a - dise ex - tend Their fra - grance ev - er sweet.  
praise and glo - ry shall not fail Through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

## God Speaks to Us Through His Word: Scripture, Prayer for Illumination, and Sermon

"Blessed is the man whom You instruct, O Jehovah, and teach out of Your law." Psalm 94:12

### "The Faithfulness of Jesus"

From Pastor John Stoos

Based on Luke 9:51



# God's People Sing a Hymn of Response:

[congregation standing]

## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO [JOANNA] (11 11. 11 11)

Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867

from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, John Roberts, 1839

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3. To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;  
In all life Thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
Thy jus - tice, like moun - tains, high soar - ing a - bove  
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,  
All laud we would ren - der; O help us to see

Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great Name we praise.  
Thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
And with - er and per - ish - but naught chang - eth Thee.  
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee.

**The Heidelberg Catechism** – Holding forth faith in Jesus Christ as our only comfort in life and in death, we read responsively the weekly questions from the Heidelberg Catechism as a personal and eloquent reminder of what we must know to live and die in that comfort. Lord’s Day 14

35. What is the meaning of “conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary?”

**That the eternal Son of God, who is [1] and continues true and eternal God,[2] took upon Himself the very nature of man, of the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary,[3] by the operation of the Holy Spirit;[4] so that He might also be the true seed of David,[5] like unto His brethren in all things,[6] except for sin.[7]** [1] Jn. 1:1; Rom. 1:3–4. [2] Rom. 9:5. [3] Gal. 4:4; Jn. 1:14. [4] Matt. 1:18–20; Lk. 1:35. [5] Ps. 132:11. [6] Phil. 2:7. [7] Heb. 4:15; \*1 Jn. 5:20.

36. What benefit do you receive from the holy conception and birth of Christ?

**That He is our Mediator,[1] and with His innocence and perfect holiness covers, in the sight of God, my sin, wherein I was conceived.[2]** [1] Heb. 2:16–17. [2] Ps. 32:1; \*1 Jn. 1:9.

## **Member Covenant Signing: The Pitts Family & The Holst Family**

*“Then the king stood in his place and made a covenant before the Lord, to follow the Lord, and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant that were written in this book. And he made all who were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin take a stand. So the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers.” II Chronicles 34:31,32*

*“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.” Acts 2:42*

### **Response to God’s Word through the Tribute Offering** [read in unison]

**“Give to the Lord the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come into His courts. Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth. Say among the nations, “The Lord reigns; The world also is firmly established, It shall not be moved; He shall judge the peoples righteously. Psalm 96:8-10**

### **Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings:**

#### **With the singing of Psalm 100:1-3, & the Doxology**

*Words composed by William Kethe, 1561*

<b>1: All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice. Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell; Come ye before Him and rejoice.</b>	<b>2: Know that the Lord is God indeed; Without our aid He did us make; We are His folk, He doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.</b>
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**5: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

### **The Great Prayer, Concluding with the Lord’s Prayer**

*Communion: Where God Communes With His People*

**Preparation for Communion:** Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared His table for all who love and trust Him for their salvation. All those who have repented of their sins, have been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and are not under discipline from Christ’s Church are welcome at this table. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as our Lord our God will call.

# Our Confession of Faith – The Apostle’s Creed

[sung with music by Amber Bartels]

Piano

I be - lieve in God the Fa - ther Al - migh - ty, Ma - ker of hea - ven and earth;

8 And in Je - sus Christ, His on - ly be - got - ten Son, our Lord; Who was con - ceived by the

16 Ho - ly Spi - rit, born of the vir - gin Ma - ry, Suf - fered un - der Pon - tius

25 Pi - late, was cru - ci - fied, dead and bur - ied; He de - scend - ed in - to

35 hell, the third day He rose a - gain from the dead; He as - cend - ed in - to

43 heav - en, and sit - teth at the right hand of God the Fath - er Al - migh - ty; From

52 thence He shall come to judge the liv - ing and the dead. I be - lieve in the Ho - ly Spi - rit;

60 I be - lieve a ho - ly cath - olic Church, the com - mun - ion of saints, the for - give - ness of sins; the

70 re - sur - rec - tion of the bo - dy, and the life ev - er - last - ing. A - - - men.

# **THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE** (Peace Offering, Gift of Life)

## *A Word of Encouragement -- Giving of Thanks -- Breaking of the Bread*

### **God's People Sing a hymn of thanks and celebration:**

(Sung as a representative of each family comes forward to receive their bread and wine)

### **Holy, Holy, Holy!**

NICAEA (11 12. 12 10)  
John B. Dykes, 1861

Reginald Heber, 1826

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,  
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,  
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee.  
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,  
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
Which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.  
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

### **Feasting At The Lord's Table:** A simple act of obedience on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of a new Week

### *Partaking of the bread together -- Giving Thanks -- Partaking of the wine*

*"For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes." 1 Corinthians 11:26*

## ***Commissioning: Where God Sends Out His People***

*“Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.” Matthew 9:35-37*

### **Final Responsive Reading: Psalm 118** (2 pages) [congregation standing]

[118:1] Oh, give thanks to Jehovah, for *He is good!*

**For His mercy *endures* forever.**

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel now say,

**“His mercy *endures* forever.”**

<sup>3</sup> Let the house of Aaron now say,

**“His mercy *endures* forever.”**

<sup>4</sup> Let those who fear Jehovah now say,

**“His mercy *endures* forever.”**

<sup>5</sup> I called on Jehovah in distress;

**Jehovah answered me *and set me* in a broad place.**

<sup>6</sup> Jehovah *is* on my side;

I will not fear.

**What can man do to me?**

<sup>7</sup> Jehovah is for me among those who help me;

**Therefore I shall see *my desire* on those who hate me.**

<sup>8</sup> *It is* better to trust in Jehovah

Than to put confidence in man.

<sup>9</sup> ***It is* better to trust in Jehovah**

**Than to put confidence in princes.**

<sup>10</sup> All nations surrounded me,

**But in the name of Jehovah I will destroy them.**

<sup>11</sup> They surrounded me,

Yes, they surrounded me;

**But in the name of Jehovah I will destroy them.**

<sup>12</sup> They surrounded me like bees;

They were quenched like a fire of thorns;

**For in the name of Jehovah I will destroy them.**

<sup>13</sup> You pushed me violently, that I might fall,

But Jehovah helped me.

**14 Jehovah is my strength and song,  
And He has become my salvation.**

<sup>15</sup> The voice of rejoicing and salvation  
*Is* in the tents of the righteous;

**The right hand of Jehovah does valiantly.**

**16 The right hand of Jehovah is exalted;**  
The right hand of Jehovah does valiantly.

**17 I shall not die, but live,  
And declare the works of Jehovah.**

<sup>18</sup> Jehovah has chastened me severely,  
But He has not given me over to death.

**19 Open to me the gates of righteousness;  
I will go through them,  
And I will praise Jehovah.**

<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of Jehovah,  
Through which the righteous shall enter.

**21 I will praise You,  
For You have answered me,  
And have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup> The stone *which* the builders rejected  
**Has become the chief cornerstone.**

**23 This was Jehovah's doing;**  
It *is* marvelous in our eyes.

**24 This is the day Jehovah has made;  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

<sup>25</sup> Save now, I pray, O Jehovah;  
O Jehovah, I pray, send now prosperity.

**26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of Jehovah!  
We have blessed you from the house of Jehovah.**

<sup>27</sup> God *is* Jehovah,  
And He has given us light;  
**Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.**

**28 You are my God, and I will praise You;**  
*You are* my God, I will exalt You.

**29 Oh, give thanks to Jehovah, for He is good!  
For His mercy endures forever.**

**God's People Go Forth Singing God's Word!**

**Psalm 110**

# Psalm 110

Psalm 2, Anglo-Genevan Psalter 1556  
Harmony by Edward Millar, c1635

The Book of Psalms for Singing, 1973

1. Je - ho - vah to my Lord has said, "Sit Thou — at My right hand,  
2. A will - ing peop - le in Thy day Of pow'r — shall come to Thee,  
3. The LORD at Thy right hand shall smite Earth's rul - er's in His wrath.

10

Un - til I make Thy foes a stool Where - on — Thy feet may stand."  
Thy youth arr - ayed in ho - li - ness Like morn - ing dew shall be.  
A - mong the na - tions He shall judge; The slain — shall fill His path.

19

Je - ho - vah shall from Zi - on send The scep - ter of Thy pow'r.  
Je - ho - vah swore, and from His oath He nev - er will de - part  
In man - y lands He'll ov - er throw Their kings — with ru - in dread;

28

In batt - le with Thine en - e - mies, Be Thou — the con - quer - or.  
"Of the'or - der of Mel - chiz - e - dek A priest — Thou ev - er art"  
And march - ing, He'll drink from the brook, And so — lift up His head.

28

## God Blesses His People – The Benediction:

[congregation standing]

*Then Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and blessed them,  
and he came down from offering the sin offering and the burnt offering and the peace offerings. Leviticus 9:22*

**“And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit *be* with you all. Amen.” *Philippians 4:19-20; 2 Corinthians 13:14***

## Let us go forth singing Simeon’s Prayer & the Gloria Patri

Lord, now let- test Thou Thy ser- vant de- part in peace, ac- cord- ing to Thy Word:

For mine eyes have seen Thy sal-va- tion, Which Thou hast pre- pared be- fore the face of all peo- ple;

A light to ligh- ten the Gen- tiles, and the glo- ry of Thy peo- ple is - - - ra- el.

-- With Lifted Hands --

Glo- ry be to the Fa- ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost;

as it was in the be- gin- ning, is now and ev- er shall be, world with- out end. A- men.



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## PRAYER REQUESTS

- For all who claim the Name of Jesus, that we would live in a manner worthy of our calling, serving one another to the glory of God. May we be humble in all our interactions, having patience & bearing with one another in love, uniting in the bond of our Savior, worshipping Him in spirit & in truth, seeking His face in prayer, & faithfully studying His Word.
- For our expectant mothers, Marianne Poindexter, Alma Ryan, and Marie Choban, that their babies would continue to grow healthy & strong; for Baby Theodore Poindexter, who will need heart surgery soon after he is born, that the procedure would restore him to health & he would quickly recover & be able to be home with his family; & for renewed energy & strength for all of the mothers in our midst.
- For the family & friends of Pastor Jim West, as they mourn his death on March 25th: comfort & peace in the midst of great grief while resting in the hope of the resurrection.
- For the families in Tennessee who are grieving over the death of loved ones after the horrific attack, that they would look to Jesus for the peace that passes all understanding, & find strength in the comfort of the Holy Spirit.
- For all who are dealing with illness, injury, other health issues, grief, or personal trials, that our Lord would grant patience, healing, wisdom, comfort, & trust in the perfect will of the One Who does all things well.
- For family members & friends who are under discipline, unsaved, or have strayed from the faith, that our Lord would bring them to repentance & restore them to the fellowship of Christ's church; & that we would boldly & lovingly proclaim the truth to them at every opportunity, standing strong in the Lord & in the power of His might.
- For churches who are in need of pastors, elders, & deacons, that our Lord would continue to raise up Godly men to lead these flocks, & for those men who are currently serving, that they may have strengthened faith & abundant wisdom as they minister to their congregations.
- For the saints throughout the world who are suffering & dying in the Name of Jesus, that they would find strength, comfort, & hope as they fully trust in God's goodness. And also for their persecutors, that their hearts would be softened to the Gospel.
- For President Biden, Vice President Harris, Governor Newsom, & all elected & appointed officials, that they would recognize their need to depend on God for knowledge, wisdom, & the courage to do what is right, reject all counsel that violates righteousness, & bring dignity, honor, trustworthiness, & integrity to their positions, remembering their accountability to Almighty God, Who is angry with the wicked every day.
- For the Church worldwide, that the Word of God would be faithfully preached, believed, & obeyed, & that His Name would be glorified as we seek to obey His Word & love our neighbors.

**Our fellowship lunch follows today's worship service. We welcome all to be our guests & to sing as we ask the Lord's blessing:**

Be present at our table Lord,  
Be here and everywhere adored.  
These mercies bless and grant that we  
May feast in Paradise with Thee.

We thank Thee Lord for this our food,  
For life and health and every good.  
By Thine own hand may we be fed,  
Give us this day our daily bread.

**Weekly Meetings (also detailed on our website):**

**Men's Fellowship Breakfast:**

~ Meets at 8:00am on Wednesdays at Denny's on Sunrise; reading A New Day of Small Beginnings by Pierre Courthial. Contact Pastor Stoos.

**Sacramento Area Bible Study:**

~ Meets at 7:00pm on Tuesdays at Richard Otterstad's. Contact Patrick Avanto.

**Grass Valley Area Book Study:**

~ Meets for potluck at 6:00pm, study starts at 7:00pm on Wednesdays at rotating locations; viewing The Holiness of God video series by R.C. Sproul. Contact John Pekarek.

**Ladies' Book Study:**

~ Meets at 9:00am on Saturdays at the Stoos home. Reading How To Be Free From Bitterness & Other Essays on Christian Relationships by Jim Wilson. Contact Linda Stoos.

**Vallejo Area Study:**

~ Meets at the Kendrick home every two weeks. Contact Danell Kendrick.

**Birthday**

Seneya Kendrick ~ April 5th

**Anniversary**

Phil & Cherie Smith ~ March 31st

**Hall Takedown Today**

John Sifford, John Pekarek, Jonathan Liberati, Birken Vogt & Sons

**Next Week's Playground Duty**

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