



THE LORD'S DAY ~ November 1, 2020

The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church



Prelude

"Glorious and Mighty"

Majesty, Your glory is shining brighter than the moon and the stars.
Marveling, we honor and fear You above all gods.

*Glorious and mighty, You're awesome in beauty. Joyful songs we raise.
Glorious and mighty, You're awesome in beauty, greatly to be praised.*

Majesty, You fashioned the heavens, Your decrees can never be changed.
Over all the plans of the nations Your judgments reign.

Majesty, we'll sing with creation when You come again in the clouds.
Every knee will bow down and worship the one true God.

Pastor's Welcome

Prayer of Invocation and Praise

*Call to Worship

Psalm 149:1

*Hymn of Praise

"All Creatures of Our God and King" (T115)

*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Question 124

Leader: *Christian, what does the third request of The Lord's Prayer mean?*

People: Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven means ~
Help us and all men to reject our own wills and to obey your will without any back talk.
Your will alone is good. Help everyone carry out the work he is called to as willingly and faithfully as the angels in heaven.

Scripture Reading

John 16:1-15

Hymn of Confession

"Thy Mercy, My God"

Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue.
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affection and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy, I could not live here.
Sin would reduce me to utter despair,
But through Thy free goodness, my spirit's revived,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart.
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own
In the covenant love of Thy crucified Son.
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.

*For those who are able, please stand at these times.

Confession of Sin

Based on Isaiah 1:10-17

Almighty and merciful Father, we confess to You that too often we approach You out of duty and obligation rather than genuine love and affection for Your presence. Forgive us for uttering songs of praise to You without being transformed by the truths that we are singing. Forgive us for muttering prayers of adoration to You without depending upon Your love and grace. And forgive us for acting as though You are pleased with our show, pretense, and religious activities, when we do not love our neighbor. We confess that we seek comfort and isolation rather than moving toward people, like You have moved toward us. We humbly ask that You would teach us to do what is truly good; that we would seek justice and correct oppression. We pray that we would love seeing things made right in this world because You have first made us right through the cross of Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 5:2

Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Philippians 4:12-13

Offertory Hymn

"From Depths of Woe" (Words: T554)

Prayer of Illumination

Psalm 119:113

Sermon

Nehemiah 6:1-14

"Wise as Serpents, Harmless as Doves"

The God Restores Series

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*Hymn of Response

"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within His hand? What comes apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore the rock of Christ.

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

*Benediction

I Thessalonians 5:28

*Hymn of Benediction

"Our God Reigns" (C372)