

**Lord's Day Worship**

**Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

## ***Sing Praise to the Lord***

### **\*Call to Worship**

**1 John 3:1-3**

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

### **\*We Come, O Christ to You**

We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man,  
By whom all things consist, in whom all life began:  
In you alone we live and move, and have our being in your love.

You are the Way to God, your blood our ransom paid;  
In you we face our Judge and Maker unafraid.  
Before the throne absolved we stand, your love has met your law's demand.

You are the living Truth! All wisdom dwells in you,  
The Source of every skill, the one eternal True!  
O great I AM! In you we rest, sure answer to our every quest.

You only are true Life, to know you is to live  
The more abundant life that earth can never give:  
O risen Lord! We live in you: in us each day your life renew!

We worship you, Lord Christ, our Savior and our King,  
To you our hearts with praise adoringly we bring:  
So fill our hearts, that all may view your life in us, and turn to you.

### **\*Prayer of Invocation**

*We ask God's presence to enable us to worship him as we ought.*

## ***Recount the Wonders of His Mercy***

### **Call to Confession**

**Luke 9:23-24**

And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.

## **Prayer of Confession**

**(from *Prone to Wander*)**

Wonderful Savior,

We thank you for your wondrous grace and love in bearing our sin in your own body on the cross. May your cross be to us the tree that sweetens every bitterness in our lives; the rod that blossoms with hope and beauty; the vine that connects us to you, the only source of all our strength. We have died with you, have risen with you, and are even now seated with you in heavenly places. Yet we find that sin continues to have great power over us in our daily lives. Selfishness is in the very fabric of our flesh, and we struggle to choose love for others over pleasing ourselves. When we do manage to serve others, we often take pride in our own good conduct. Father, forgive us for the self-gratifying and self-exalting lives we lead.

Jesus, thank you for giving up the glory of heaven to please your Father, and to rescue us. You denied yourself the adoration you deserved to enter a world full of people who would reject you. You willingly carried the enormous burden of our sinfulness and carried it throughout your life. You lived a life of self-denial and sacrificial love for others, always obeying your Father. We thank you for your radiant robe of righteousness that replaces the filthy and shredded rags of our attempts to be good. You took our sin to the cross and paid the full price we owed, so that we could be free from bondage to sin and death, and from our relentless self-worship, and we are so thankful for this immeasurable gift.

Holy Spirit, we have been given a cross to carry before we wear the crown. We confess that self-love causes us to reproach that cross, and human reason leads us to run from it. Remind us that Jesus has carried that cross already for us, and he will surely carry it with us from day to day. Increase our joy in the cross of Christ, and our wonder and admiration for all that was accomplished there, until our hearts melt and our self-worship gives way to delight in our salvation. As true worship fills our souls, may we grow into people who swiftly turn away from our own desires to love others as we have been so greatly loved. We pray in the name of our glorious Redeemer, amen.

## **Silent Prayers of Confession**

### **\*Assurance of Pardon**

**1 Corinthians 1:18, 22-24**

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God... For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

### **\*Not In Me**

No list of sins I have not done, no list of virtues I pursue,  
No list of those I am not like, can earn myself a place with you.  
O God! Be merciful to me—I am a sinner through and through!  
My only hope of righteousness is not in me, but only you.

No humble dress, no fervent prayer, no lifted hands, no tearful song,  
No recitation of the truth can justify a single wrong.  
My righteousness is Jesus' life, my debt was paid by Jesus' death,  
My weary load was borne by him and he alone can give me rest.

No separation from the world, no work I do, no gift I give,  
Can cleanse my conscience, cleanse my hands;  
I cannot cause my soul to live.  
But Jesus died and rose again—the pow'r of death is overthrown!  
My God is merciful to me and merciful in Christ alone.

### **Prayer for the Church and Congregation**

### ***Give Attention to His Powerful Word***

### **Children's Message**

### **\*Scripture Reading**

**Galatians 6:11-18**

See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who would force you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who are circumcised do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

### **Sermon**

### **Glorying in the Cross of Jesus Christ**

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## **Sermon Outline**

Proposition: As the Apostle Paul closes his letter to the Galatians, he warns them from following the Judaizers and their vainglory in the flesh, but encourages them to glory in the Cross of Jesus Christ alone.

I. The Final \_\_\_\_\_ from the Apostle Paul (v.12-13)

II. The Final \_\_\_\_\_ from the Apostle Paul (v.14-16)

### **\*Confession of Faith**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

### **The Apostles Creed**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*(We will receive our gifts and offerings for the Lord's work during the singing of the next song.)*

### **\*My Worth Is Not in What I Own**

My worth is not in what I own, not in the strength of flesh and bone,  
But in the costly wounds of love, at the cross.  
My worth is not in skill or name, in win or lose, in pride or shame,  
But in the blood of Christ that flowed, at the cross.

*I rejoice in my Redeemer, greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul  
I will trust in him, no other. My soul is satisfied in him alone.*

As summer flowers we fade and die. Fame, youth and beauty hurry by.  
But life eternal calls to us, at the cross.  
I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom's fleeting light  
But I will boast in knowing Christ, at the cross. *Refrain*

Two wonders here that I confess: My worth and my unworthiness.  
My value fixed - my ransom paid, at the cross. *Refrain*

## **The Ordination/Installation of Officers**

### ***Receive the Gifts of His Grace***

#### **The Lord's Supper**

*All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, who are communicant members of a Bible-believing church, and who seek strength and grace to live more faithfully to Christ are invited to participate. While communion is being served, please feel free to join in song or meditate quietly on Christ's sacrifice.*

#### **Near the Cross**

Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain  
Free to all, a healing stream flows from Calvary's mountain.  
*In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;  
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;  
There the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me. *Refrain*

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;  
Help me walk from day to day, with its shadows o'er me. *Refrain*

Near the cross I'll watch and wait hoping, trusting ever,  
Till I reach the golden strand, just beyond the river. *Refrain*

### **Behold the Lamb**

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us: and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.  
*So we share in this Bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.*

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you: eat and remember  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, paid the price to make us one.  
*So we share in this Bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.*

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you: drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.  
*So we share in this Bread of life, and we drink of his sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.*

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond: and to remember.  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as his body here on earth.  
*As we share in his suffering, we proclaim: Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.*

### **\*Benediction**

#### **\*Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below,  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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