

Call to Worship

from Psalm 33

Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!
Praise befits the upright.
For the word of the LORD is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.
He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.
Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

Music: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

(words: J. Neander, trans. C. Winkworth; music: *Straslund Gesangbuch*)
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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen how thy desires all have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the "Amen," sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&A 33-34

What is justification?

Justification is an act of God's free grace, whereby he pardons all our sins and accepts us a righteous in his sight only because of the righteousness of Christ, which is imputed to us and received by faith alone.

What is adoption?

Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number and have a right to all the privileges, of the sons of God.

Music: What Wondrous Love Is This

(words and music: American Folk Hymn)
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What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down;

When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on!

Community Prayer

Music: Doxology

(lyrics: Thomas Ken, music: Old Hundredth)

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.

Sermon: "A Day of Preparation"

Mark 14:1-11

Music: Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

(words: Fanny Crosby, music: W. Doane)
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Pass me not, O gentle Savior; hear my humble cry;
while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

Refrain:

Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;
while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

Let me at thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief;
kneeling there in deep contrition, help my unbelief. [*Refrain*]

Trusting only in thy merit, would I seek thy face;
heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by thy grace. [*Refrain*]

Thou the spring of all my comfort, more than life to me,
whom have I on earth beside thee? Whom in heaven but thee? [*Refrain*]

Benediction