

The Lord's Day
All Saints Parish Church
December 31, 2023

Meditations for Worship

*You are my hiding place; You preserve me from trouble;
You surround me with songs of deliverance.*
(Ps. 32:7)

"Though poor in this world's goods, though grieving the loss of loved ones, though suffering pain of body, though harassed by sin and Satan, though hated and persecuted by worldlings, whatever be the case and lot of the Christian, it is both his privilege and duty to rejoice in the Lord."

A.W. Pink

*Call to Worship

Ps. 98:1-3

O sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done wonderful things,
His right hand and His holy arm have gained the victory for Him.
The LORD has made known His salvation;
He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.
He has remembered His lovingkindness and His faithfulness to the house of Israel;
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy!

No. 230

Public Confession

We come before You, dear Father, burdened by our many sins. Our conduct exposes us, and our words condemn us. But You have not left us in our sins. Wash us, and we will be clean. Bind up our wounds. Grant us hearts that long to know Your ways, and give us hands to do Your will from this day forward—for the glory of Your Son alone. Amen.

Words of Assurance

1 John 3:1, 2

See how great a love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is.

Response

Beautiful Savior

*You are fairer than the sons of men; grace is poured upon Your lips;
therefore God has blessed You forever. Ps. 45:2*

1. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King_ of Cre - a - tion,
2. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord_ of the na - tions,

Son of_ God and_ Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love_ Thee,
Son of_ God and_ Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,

Tru - ly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.
Praise, ad - o - ra - tion, Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

Anonymous, 1677
Tr. by Joseph A. Seiss, 1873

CRUSADER'S HYMN 5.6.8.5.5.8
Silesian folk song
Schlesische Volkslieder, Leipzig, 1842

Prayer and Collection of the Tithe and Offerings

*Doxology

No. 567

*Old Testament Reading

Sayings of the Wise Prov. 30:20-33

*Response to the Word

"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever."

Amen!

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, Who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever.
Amen.*

*Hymn

My Jesus, I Love Thee

No. 496

*New Testament Reading *Jesus the Way to the Father* John 14:20-31

*Response to the Word

The Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God!

*Prayer for the Ministry of the Word

Sermon *A Biblical Perspective on the Past* Deut. 30; Phil. 3

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

No. 338

*Benediction

* Congregation will please stand

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“If Christ is not all to you, He is nothing to you. He will never go into partnership as a part Saviour of men. If He be something He must be everything, and if He be not everything, He is nothing to you.”

Charles Spurgeon

The Use of Wine in the Observance of the Lord’s Supper

In light of the biblical account of the Last Supper and Jesus’ use of wine in representing His blood, All Saints Parish Church believes that the use of wine in the observance of the Lord’s Supper remains the proper symbol for representing His blood. We do, however, make occasional exceptions for the use of grape juice, with the hope that those holding such an exception will seek to understand the conviction of the church in this matter. Please speak to one of the elders if you wish to discuss this issue.

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