

The Lord's Day  
All Saints Parish Church  
April 14, 2024

Meditations for Worship

*Fear the LORD, you His saints,  
for to those who fear Him there is no want.*  
(Ps. 34:9)

*"There is a reason given us in these words why we should not faint under divine chastisements, as the redditive conjunction 'for,' signifies. And this reason consists in a general rule, whereby what is spoken before is confirmed as highly reasonable, and way is made for what ensues. And this rule is of that nature, as is suited to answer all objections against the doctrine of afflictions, and God's dealing with us in them; which, when we come to the trial, we shall find to be many."*

John Owen, Commentary on Heb. 12:6

\*Call to Worship

Ps. 150:1, 2

Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary;  
*Praise Him in His mighty expanse.*  
Praise Him for His mighty deeds;  
*Praise Him according to His excellent greatness.*

\*Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn *Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah* No. 148B

Public Confession

*For Your glory, O LORD, we confess that we have sinned in thought and word. We confess that we have sinned in withholding what has been so freely and abundantly given to us. By Your grace, grant us true repentance and a restored joy in Christ our Savior.*

Words of Assurance

Ps. 34:22

The LORD redeems the soul of His servants, and none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

Response

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

1. I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot- less Lamb of God;  
2. I lay my wants on Je - sus, All full- ness dwells in Him;  
3. I long to be like Je - sus, Meek, lov - ing, low - ly, mild;

He bears them all, and frees us From the ac - cur - sed load.  
He heals all my dis - eas - es; He doth my soul re - deem.  
I long to be like Je - sus, The Fa - ther's ho - ly Child;

I bring my guilt to Je - sus, To wash my crim - son stains  
I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares,  
I long to be with Je - sus, A - mid the heav'n - ly throng;

While in His blood most pre - cious, Till not a spot re - mains.  
He from them all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.  
To sing with saints His prais - es, To learn the an - gels' song.

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Prayer and Collection of the Tithe and Offerings

\*Doxology No. 567

\*Old Testament Reading *God's Deliverance* Ps. 18:1-24

\*Response to the Word

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

*Amen!*

Prayers of the People

\*Responsive Reading: The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 57. Which is the fourth commandment?

*A. The fourth commandment is, Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD your God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and made it holy.*

Q. 58. What is required in the fourth commandment?

*A. The fourth commandment requires the keeping holy to God such set times as he has appointed in his Word; expressly one whole day in seven, to be a holy Sabbath to himself.*

Q. 59. Which day of the seven has God appointed to be the weekly Sabbath?

*A. From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly Sabbath; and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian Sabbath.*

\*Hymn *The Church's One Foundation* No. 404

\*New Testament Reading *Response to Peter's Sermon* Acts 2:22-47

\*Response to the Word

The Word of the LORD.

*Thanks be to God!*

\*Prayer for the Ministry of the Word

Sermon *Final Expectations (part 2)* Heb. 12:4-8

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

\*Hymn *Not What My Hands Have Done* No. 435

\*Benediction

\* Congregation will please stand

**The Lord's Discipline**

*"That which the believer suffers for sin is not penal, arising from vindictive justice, but medicinal, arising from a fatherly love. It is His medicine, not His punishment; His chastisement, not His sentence; His correction, not His condemnation."*

Samuel Bolton, *The True Bonds of Christian Freedom*

**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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