

The Lord's Day
All Saints Parish Church
March 16, 2025

Meditation for Worship

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name;
and deliver us and forgive our sins for Your name's sake.
(Ps. 79:9)

"It is the glory of God to send help to the helpless
and hope to the hopeless."

Matthew Henry

Response

In Thee, O Lord, I Put My Trust

In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge. Ps. 31:1

Unison

1. In thee, O Lord, I put my trust, I call up - on thy name;
2. Bow down thine ear to my re - quest, and swift de - liv - 'rance send;
3. Since thou my rock and for - tress art, my lead - er be, and guide;
4. Oh, Lord, in thee is all my trust; "Thou art my God," I cried.

O save me in thy righ - teous - ness, nor let me suf - fer shame.
be thou to me a rock of strength, a for - tress to de - fend.
from all temp - ta - tion res - cue me, thou dost my strength a - bide.
"My life, my times, are in thy hand, I in thy strength con - fide."

From Psalm 31:1-4, 14, 15
Anon., 1977
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IN THEE, O LORD C.M.
Attr. to J. C. Lowry, 1818
Arr. by Tom Fetke, 1977

Who, for us men and for our salvation,
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures;
and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the
Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the
dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life;
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and
glorified;
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Hymn *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* No. 499

*New Testament Reading *Paul's Defense before Agrippa (cont'd)*
Acts 26:21-32

*Response to the Word
The Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God!

*Prayer for the Ministry of the Word

Sermon *Covenant Theology: Distinctive Features*
The Sovereignty of the Creator
Gen. 1:1 (additional references on back page)

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Hymn *God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory* No. 122

*Benediction

* Congregation will please stand

Prayer and Collection of the Tithe and Offerings

*Doxology No. 731

*Old Testament Reading *The Soul Satisfied in God* Ps. 63

*Response to the Word
"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand
forever."
Amen!

Prayers of the People

*Reading: The Nicene Creed
*I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.*
*And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds;
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God;
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made.*

*Call to Worship Ps. 34:1-3

I will bless the LORD at all times;
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul will make its boast in the LORD;
The humble will hear it and rejoice.
O magnify the LORD with me,
And let us exalt His name together.

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn *Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim* No. 12

Public Confession

*Father, as we find ourselves in Your presence, we are made aware
of Your holiness and purity. As we are reminded of Your majesty
and goodness and truth, our transgressions cannot be denied.
Please give us a growing disinterest in all that is opposed to Your
glory and help us to walk in the fear of the LORD as those who have
been redeemed by the blood of Your Son.*

Words of Assurance Rom. 8:33, 34

Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who
justifies; who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died,
yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also
intercedes for us.

The Sovereignty of the Creator

(Further Scriptural Examples)

In Deut. 4:39, we find: *"Know therefore today, and take it to your heart, that the LORD, He is God in heaven above and on the earth below; there is no other."*

Deut. 10:14 says: *"Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the highest heavens, the earth and all that is in it."*

In the book of Psalms, we read: *"The earth is the LORD's, and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it." (24:1)*

"For every beast of the forest is Mine, the cattle on a thousand hills." (50:10)

"The LORD has established His throne in the heavens; and His sovereignty rules over all." (103:19)

"But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases." (115:3)

"Whatever the LORD pleases, He does, in heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deeps." (135:6)

Chosen by God

"Man, until sovereign grace opens his ears, is deaf to the heavenly harmonics of the love of God in Christ Jesus."

Charles Spurgeon

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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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