

The Lord's Day
All Saints Parish Church
December 28, 2025

Meditation for Worship

Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him,
"Where are you?"
(Gen. 3:9)

"To believe in Christ is no achievement of man, but the gift of God."

Martin Luther

*Call to Worship

Ps. 91:1-4

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust!"

For it is He who delivers you from the snare of the trapper

And from the deadly pestilence.

He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings you may seek refuge;

His faithfulness is a shield and bulwark.

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn *Who with God Most High Finds Shelter* No. 91B

Public Confession

Almighty God, we come before You guilty. We have not loved You with our entire heart, soul, or strength. We have loved ourselves more than we have loved one another. We have sinned against You in our thoughts, by our words, and with our actions. Please forgive us, we pray. Forgive us for the sake of Your Son, and cause us to walk in freedom from sin.

Words of Assurance Rom. 6:20-23

For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 *Praise for the Lord's Goodness* Ps. 92

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: Heidelberg Catechism

55 Q. What do you understand by "the communion of saints"?

A. First, that believers one and all, as members of Christ the Lord, have communion with him and share in all his treasures and gifts.

Second, that each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and joyfully for the service and enrichment of the other members.

56 Q. What do you believe concerning "the forgiveness of sins"?

A. I believe that God, because of Christ's satisfaction, will no longer remember any of my sins or my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather, by his grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ that I may never come into judgment.

*Hymn *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* (back page)

New Testament Reading *Admonition Regarding Marriage and the Pending Crisis* 1 Cor. 7:1-23

Response to the Word

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Prayer for the Ministry of the Word

Sermon *The Gospel* Gen. 3; Col. 2; Phil. 3

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Hymn *Union with Thee* No. 448

*Benediction

* Congregation will please stand

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Glorious things are said of you, O city of God. Ps. 87:3

1. Glo - rious things of thee are spo-ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God;
 2. See the streams of liv - ing wa-ters, spring-ing from e - ter - nal love,
 3. Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov-'ring, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
 4. Sav - ior, if of Zi - on's cit - y I, thro' grace, a mem - ber am,

he whose word can - not be bro - ken formed thee for his own a-bode;
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of want re-move;
 for a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, show - ing that the Lord is near;
 let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will glo - ry in thy name;

on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
 who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows their thirst t'as - suage?
 thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
 fad - ing is the world - ling's plea - sure, all his boast - ed pomp and show;

With sal - va - tion's walls sur-round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 Grace, which like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which he gives them when they pray.
 sol - id joys and last - ing trea - sure none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

John Newton, 1779

Abbot's Leigh, 8.7.8.7 D
Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941

By Grace

“The grace of God does not find men fit for salvation, but makes them so.”

Augustine

SOLI DEO GLORIA

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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