



**Sunday Evening Worship Service**  
**March 3, 2024**

*"Such prayer, then, is to be our protection and defense now. It is to repel and put down all that the devil, pope, bishops, tyrants, and heretics can do against our Gospel. Let them all rage and attempt their utmost and deliberate and resolve how they may suppress and exterminate us, so that their will and counsel may prevail. Over and against this one or two Christians with this petition alone shall be our wall, against which they shall run and dash themselves to pieces."*

*—Martin Luther's Large Catechism, on the Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer*

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City Reformed Presbyterian Church  
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Presider: Reverend Joseph Bianco

## Call to Worship: Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22

*Please stand for the Call to Worship if you are able.*

Leader Bless the LORD, O my soul,

People **And all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

Leader Bless the LORD, O my soul,

People **And forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,**

Leader Who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with  
steadfast love and mercy,

People **Who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed  
like the eagle's.**

Leader Bless the LORD, O you his angels,

People **You mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his  
word!**

Leader Bless the LORD, all his hosts,

People **His ministers, who do his will!**

Leader Bless the LORD, all his works,

People **In all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!**

## Prayer of Invocation

## Come Ye Sinners

*(Words: Joseph Hart 1759; Music: Southern Harmony Folk 1835; Arrangement: Daniel Snoko 2018)*

Come ye sinners, poor and needy  
Weak and wounded, sick and sore  
Jesus ready stands to save you  
Full of pity love and pow'r  
He is able, He is able  
He is willing doubt no more

Come ye thirsty, come and welcome  
God's free bounty, glorify  
True belief and true repentance  
Ever'y grace that brings you nigh  
Without money, without money  
Come to Jesus Christ and buy

Let not conscience make you linger  
Nor of fitness fondly dream  
All the fitness He requireth  
Is to feel your need of Him  
This He gives you, this He gives you  
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Come ye weary, heavy laden  
Bruised and broken by the Fall  
If you tarry 'till you're better  
You will never come at all.  
Not the righteous, not the righteous  
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Agonizing in the garden  
Lo! your Master prostrate lies  
On the bloody tree behold Him  
Hear Him cry before he dies  
"It is finished, it is finished"  
Sinner, will not this suffice?

Lo! incarnate God ascended  
Pleads the merit of His blood  
Venture on Him, venture wholly  
Let no other trust intrude  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus  
Can do helpless sinners good.

Saints and angels joined in concert  
Sing the praises of the Lamb  
While the blissful seats of heaven  
Sweetly echo with His name  
"Hallelujah, hallelujah!"  
Sinners here may do the same.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*(Music: Daniel Snoko 2021)*

Our Father in heaven  
Hallowed be your Name  
Your kingdom come  
Your will be done  
On earth as in heaven

*Give to us today the bread that we need  
Forgive us our debts as we forgive  
Lead us not into temptation we pray  
Deliver us from the evil one*

*For the kingdom power glory are yours  
Forever amen forever amen  
For the kingdom power glory are yours  
Forever amen forever amen*

Lord hear our prayer  
Lead us in love for  
Yours is the name above all names

## **Call to Confession: Deuteronomy 30:15-18**

"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish."

## **Prayer of Confession:**

O Lord, you have called us to be your people and have given us a covenant to follow. We ought to receive your precepts cheerfully and readily. We ought to delight in your laws and take joy in doing them. We ought to seek your will in your Word diligently and faithfully.

Instead, we often are unwilling to do your will. More than that, we are prone to rebel against your Word and to murmur against your providence. We more readily submit to the will of the flesh than to yours.

Cause us, O Lord, to delight in your ways. Forgive us for the times we have disobeyed your will. Give us hearts that yearn to see your will accomplished, both in the world around us and in our own lives. Make us walk faithfully in your ways, as do the angels in heaven. Amen.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: Romans 10:8-11**

But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."

# Song of Renewal

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## We Are Listening

*(Words & Music: Jeremy Quillo 2006)*

Father I long to be wise  
To see with new eyes  
The truth that was written by your hand  
Father speak truth into me  
For I still believe  
That you always help me understand

*We are listening to your word  
We are listening to your word*

*Morning and evening we come  
To delight in the Word of our God  
Give us eyes to see  
Give us faith to hear  
That the Lord has come  
That the Lord is here*

Father I long to see Christ  
The Truth and New Life  
Your Word that has made the universe  
Father speak now I believe  
And I am set free  
By the Word that lived and died for me

## Scripture & Homily: Romans 12:1-2

"Thy Will Be Done, on Earth as in Heaven"

- Elder Ben Chidester

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

**Leader** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

## Additional References

Deuteronomy 29:29 / "The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law."

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Matthew 26:37-39 / And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."

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1 Thessalonians 4:3a / For this is the will of God, your sanctification...

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WSC Q103: What do we pray for in the third petition? A: In the third petition, (which is, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven) we pray, That God, by his grace, would make us able and willing to know, obey, and submit to his will in all things, as the angels do in heaven.

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WLC Q192: What do we pray for in the third petition? A: In the third petition, (which is, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven) acknowledging, that by nature we and all men are not only utterly unable and unwilling to know and do the will of God, but prone to rebel against his word, to repine and murmur against his providence, and wholly inclined to do the will of the flesh, and of the devil: we pray, that God would by his Spirit take away from ourselves and others all blindness, weakness, indisposedness, and perverseness of heart; and by his grace make us able and willing to know, do, and submit to his will in all things, with the like humility, cheerfulness, faithfulness, diligence, zeal, sincerity, and constancy, as the angels do in heaven.

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## Sermon Outline

When we pray for God's will to be done on earth as in heaven, we pray:

1. that we would be sanctified
2. that we would grow in the knowledge of his Word
3. that we would be prepared for sacrificial obedience

## Corporate Prayer

# Song of Thanksgiving

## I Stand Amazed

*(Words & Music: Charles H. Gabriel 1905)*

I stand amazed in the presence  
Of Jesus the Nazarene  
And wonder how He could love me  
A sinner condemned unclean

For me it was in the garden  
He prayed not my will but thine  
He would not yield to his own grief  
But sweat drops of blood for mine

*How marvelous how wonderful  
And my song shall ever be  
How marvelous how wonderful  
Is my Saviour's love for me*

In pity angels beheld Him  
And came from the world of light  
To comfort Him in the sorrows  
He bore for my soul that night

He took my sins and my sorrows  
He made them His very own  
He bore the burden to Calvary  
And suffered and died alone

When with the ransomed in glory  
His face I at last shall see  
'Twill be my joy through the ages  
To sing of His love for me

## Benediction