



HOME LITURGY // MAY 17th

Call to Worship:

Psalm 92:1-4

A Psalm. A Song for the Sabbath.

- [1] *It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;*
[2] *to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,*
[3] *to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.*
[4] *For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy. (ESV)*

(All Songs can be accessed on our [YOUTUBE](#) playlist)

Song: Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death

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Verse 1

*What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to him belong.
Who holds our days within his hand?
What comes, apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand.*

Chorus

*O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death*

Verse 2

*What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?*

Verse 3

*Unto the grave, what shall we sing?
"Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord,
Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy,
When Christ is ours forevermore.*

Confession of Sin

We are sinners in need of his grace. God graciously invites us to confess our sins to him so that we may experience times of refreshing through genuine repentance. Pray this prayer of confession:

*O gracious and accessible God,
God of peace, father of mercy, God of all comfort:
We confess before you the evil of our hearts;
We acknowledge that we are too inclined toward jealousy, and revenge, to ambition and pride, which often give rise to conflict and bitter feelings between others and us.
Too often have we both offended and grieved you, in this way, o long suffering father.
Forgive us this sin and permit us to share in the blessing
you have promised the peacemakers,
Who shall be called the children of God.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

In addition to the above prayer, spend some time confessing specific sins in private prayer.

Assurance of Pardon

God didn't wait for us to fix ourselves before redeeming us. If so, we would never be saved! He pursued us while we were his enemies, reconciling us to himself. Receive and rejoice in this assurance of pardon as you read it aloud, Romans 5:8–10

[8] but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. [9] Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. [10] For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

Missional Prayer

Spend some time praying for God's Kingdom to come and his will to be done on earth as it is in heaven (Matthew 6:10).

- **Trinity Cambridge Church - Cambridge, MA** - Pray for Pastor Shawn Woo and the congregation as they seek to love one another during this challenging time. Pray their love for God would not wane. Pray they would be a faithful gospel witness to their neighbors.
- **Pray for Your Neighbors** - Ask God to protect them and draw them to himself. Pray for discernment for practical ways you can love, serve, and bless them during this time.

Passing of Peace

During this time we encourage you to send a text message to a few people in the church. Let them know you are praying for them and perhaps send them an encouraging passage from Scripture.

Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:12–21

[12] Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. [13] Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, [14] I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. [15] Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. [16] Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

[17] Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. [18] For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. [19] Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. [20] But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, [21] who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. (ESV)

Philippians 4:1

[1] Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved. (ESV)

Teaching Video

Click either link - Vimeo or YouTube to watch a Teaching on Philippians 3:12-21 from Pastor Clint --

[07 Joy in Heaven \(Vimeo\)](#)

[07 Joy in Heaven \(YouTube\)](#)

(Find an additional lesson and activity for the kids [HERE](#))

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

HEAD: Questions aimed at our minds to help us ***understand*** God's word.

- What does it mean to forget what lies behind? (verse 13)
- What is discipleship? Why is it so important?
- What are some earthly things that you are tempted to focus on instead of the goal/prize of the upward call of God? (Verses 13-14, 19)
- What future graces does Paul list that await believers at the return of Christ? (verse 20-21)
- KIDS -- Think about a finish line in a race. What does it take to make it to the finish line? (Parents -- help your children make the connection between the metaphor of running a race and living life).

HEART: Questions aimed at our affections to help us *love* God.

- Are there things in your past that paralyze you from living in the present? Do you have remorse or regret that is hard to move past?
- What wounds from your past do you need to attend to?
- What does it mean to you that Christ Jesus has made you his own?
- If you look at your spiritual life — do you see an increase in maturity. Do you see an increase in devotion to Christ? Do you see an increase in victory over sin? Again — not perfection — but progression. Do you see progress?
- How does future grace (resurrection, life with God forever) help sustain you to press on?
- KIDS -- What do you think Heaven will be like? (Parents -- enjoy this conversation. And be sure to let them know the greatest thing about Heaven is that God is there with us).

HANDS: Questions aimed at our hands to help us *live for* God (Personally, Communally, and Missionally).

- What spiritual discipline do you need to grow into maturity? (Bible reading, scripture memorization, prayer, tithing, etc.)
- What spiritual fathers/mothers/brothers/sisters do you look up to? How are you imitating them to grow into spiritual maturity?
- When will you spend time in 1 Corinthians 15 this week to meditate on the doctrine of the resurrection? Who will you Zoom with this week to discuss?
- KIDS -- Let's memorize Philippians 3:14 -- I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Song: God is For Us

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Verse 1:

*We won't fear the battle,
We won't fear the night
We will walk the valley, with You by our side
You will go before us, You will lead the way
We have found a refuge, only You can save*

Chorus:

*Sing with joy now: our God is for us,
The Father's love
is a strong and mighty fortress*

*Raise your voice now, no love is greater,
Who can stand against us
if our God is for us*

Verse 2:

*Even when I stumble, Even when I fall
Even when I turn back, still Your love is sure
You will not abandon, You will not forsake
You will cheer me onward
with never-ending grace*

Bridge:

*Neither height nor depth can separate us
Hell and death will not defeat us
He who gave His Son to free us
Holds me in His love*

Song: Take, Lord, All of Me

Verse 1:

*Take, Lord, and receive
All my liberty
Take my mind and take my heart.
Take Lord all of me.*

Verse 2

*Take, Lord, all I own.
Freely you have giv'n
Everything belongs to you,
Take, Lord, all I own*

Chorus

*Give me only your love
Lavish on me your grace
You alone are enough for me
I have all I need*

Verse 3

*Take, Lord, my desires
Cleanse and purify
Take my thoughts
and make them yours
Take, Lord, my desires.*

Verse 4

*Take, Lord, all I fear
You promised to be near,
Be my strength and be my shield
Take, Lord, all I fear*

Song of Benediction: Now To Him

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*Now to Him who is able to keep you from falling,
To him who will keep you 'till the end
To Him be the glory, the honor, and power,
Forever and ever, Amen,
Forever and ever, Amen*