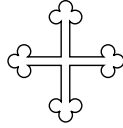


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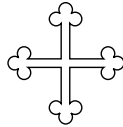
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in
your sight, O Lord, my rock and redeemer.

Psalm 19:14 ESV



To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
Who mourn and long for comfort;
Who struggle and desire hope;
Who sin and need a savior;
Who are strangers and yearn for fellowship;
Who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
And to whoever will come...

This church opens wide her doors and offers
Welcome in the name of the risen
Lord Jesus Christ



Upcoming Events

- **August**

25th Morning worship

- **September**

1st Morning worship

8th Communion

15th Morning worship

22nd Communion; SS/CE; Evening Service/Member's Class

29th Morning worship; SS/CE; Evening Service/Member's Class

See our online calendar at

<http://www.pcapalmdesert.org/calendar.html>

Serving in the Church

Snacks

- August
 - 25th White & Gustafson
- September
 - 1st Buskirk & Cochrane
 - 8th
 - 15th

Nursery

- August
 - 25th Hailey W. & Vivien W.
- September
 - 1st
 - 8th
 - 15th

Greeters

- August
 - 18th
 - 25th
- September
 - 1st
 - 8th
 - 15th

Ushers

- August
 - 18th
 - 25th
- September
 - 1st
 - 8th
 - 15th

Family Worship Guide

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday, August 25: Job 17-19;	Psalm 51;	Luke 15
Monday, August 26: Job 20-21;	Psalm 52;	Luke 16
Tuesday, August 27: Job 22-23;	Psalm 53;	Luke 17
Wednesday, August 28: Job 24-26;	Psalm 54;	Luke 18
Thursday, August 29: Job 27-28;	Psalm 55;	Luke 19
Friday, August 30: Job 29-30;	Psalm 56;	Luke 20
Saturday, August 31: Job 31-32;	Psalm 57;	Luke 21

Prayer

- Sunday, Pray for the parents in our congregation.
- Monday, Pray for our sister church, Grace Presbyterian, in Yorba Linda, CA.
- Tuesday, Pray for our missionaries as they proclaim the gospel around the world.
- Wednesday, Pray for those who are sick that God would bring them healing.
- Thursday, Pray for our troops, especially those who are apart from their families.
- Friday, Pray that God would raise up elders and deacons in the congregation.
- Saturday, Pray for the pastor and elders and deacon of PPC, and for Sunday's worship service.

Preparing to Receive the Lord's Supper

WLC Question 171: How are they that receive the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to prepare themselves before they come unto it?

Answer: They that receive the sacrament of the Lord's Supper are, before they come, to prepare themselves thereunto, by examining themselves of their being in Christ, of their sins and wants; of the truth and measure of their knowledge, faith, repentance; love to God and the brethren, charity to all men, forgiving those that have done them wrong; of their desires after Christ, and of their new obedience; and by renewing the exercise of these graces, by serious meditation, and fervent prayer.

WLC Question 172: May one who doubts of his being in Christ, or of his due preparation, come to the Lord's Supper?

Answer: One who doubts of his being in Christ, or of his due preparation to the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, may have true interest in Christ, though he be not yet assured thereof; and in God's account has it, if he be duly affected with the apprehension of the want of it, and unfeignedly desires to be found in Christ, and to depart from iniquity: in which case (because promises are made, and this sacrament is appointed, for the relief even of weak and doubting Christians) he is to bewail his unbelief, and labor to have his doubts resolved; and, so doing, he may and ought to come to the Lord's Supper, that he may be further strengthened.

Preparation for Worship

Devotional Prayer

Great God,

In public and private, in sanctuary and home, may my life be steeped in prayer, filled with the spirit of grace and supplication, each prayer perfumed with the incense of atoning blood.

Help me, defend me, until from praying ground I pass to the realm of unceasing praise.

Urged by my need, invited by thy promises, called by thy Spirit, I enter thy presence, worshipping thee with godly fear, awed by thy majesty, greatness, glory, but encouraged by thy love.

I am all poverty as well as all guilt, having nothing of my own with which to repay thee, but I bring Jesus to thee in the arms of faith, pleading his righteousness to offset my iniquities, rejoicing that he will weigh down the scales for me, and satisfy thy justice.

I bless thee that great sin draws out great grace, that, although the lest sin deserves infinite punishment because done against an infinite God, yet there is mercy for me, for where guilt is most terrible, there thy mercy in Christ is most free and deep.

Bless me by revealing to me more of his saving merits, by causing thy goodness to pass before me, by speaking peace to my contrite heart;

Strengthen me to give thee no rest until Christ shall reign supreme within me, in every thought, word, and deed, in a faith that purifies the heart, overcomes the world, works by love, fastens me to thee, and every day clings to the cross.

Men will never worship God with a sincere heart, or be roused to fear and obey Him with sufficient zeal, until they properly understand how much they are indebted to His mercy.

~John Calvin
(1509-1564)

Notes on Worship

- **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** Overjoyed by the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed to us in God's word, we respond together in song. We hear God's voice, and we answer in turn, singing His praises, singing about the wonder and majesty of a God who would have mercy on His rebellious creatures! This morning, we respond by singing the well-known hymn by Isaac Watts: *When I Survey The Wondrous Cross*.

The Public Worship of God

August 25, 2013; 9:30am

Prayer for Illumination

* Greeting

Leader: In the Name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit;

People: Amen!

Leader: Praise the LORD!

People: Give thanks to the LORD,

Leader: for He is good!

People: His steadfast love endures forever! Amen!

* Blessing

* Call to Worship

Psalm 141 (Trinity Hymnal p. 836)

* Song of Adoration

Hymn 1 -- All People That On Earth Do Dwell

* Reading of the Law

Deuteronomy 5:6-7

First Commandment

‘I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ‘You shall have no other gods before me.’

Exposition of the Law

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q & A #46 & 47. Trinity Hymnal p.872

Corporate Confession of Sin

Leader: Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature; prone to evil and slow to do good.

People: We confess that we have not believed in You, our one God and Father, but have put our faith and trust more in creatures than in You, our God and Creator.

Leader: Be pleased to have compassion on us, O most gracious God, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Father, forgive us and remember our sins no more for the sake of the Lord Jesus, our righteousness. Make us joyful people this morning, boasting throughout the week in your holy Son. In his name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

Congregational Response

Hymn 252 -- When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed (Trinity Hymnal p. 845)

Tithes and Offerings

If you are visiting with us, please do not feel obligated to give. Our church depends upon the generous gifts of those who partner with us in seeking to pursue Christ in their lives.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

* Doxology (*Trinity Hymnal 731*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Lord's Prayer

* Reading of Scripture

Ephesians 3 -- The revelation of the mystery of the gospel and a second prayer for the Ephesian church with doxology.

Psalm of the Month

Psalm 9 -- (bulletin)

Children ages five and under may be dismissed to the nursery.

Pastoral Prayer

Proclamation of the Word

1 Peter 2:11-12 -- *Godly Conduct Displayed to an Unbelieving World --*
Rev. Ben Muresan

* Song of Thanksgiving

Hymn 693 -- Blessed Assurance

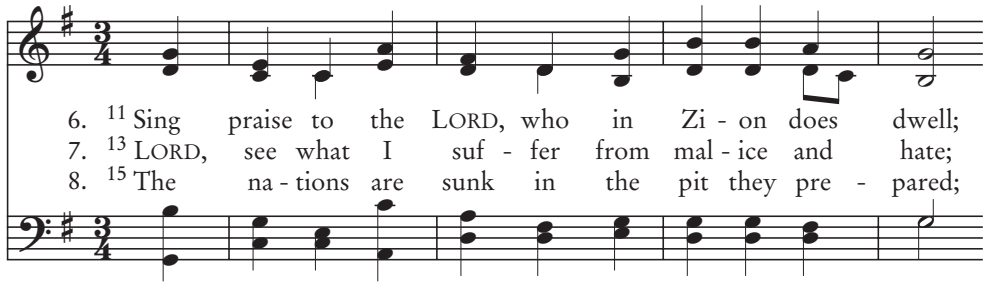
* Benediction

* Congregational Amens

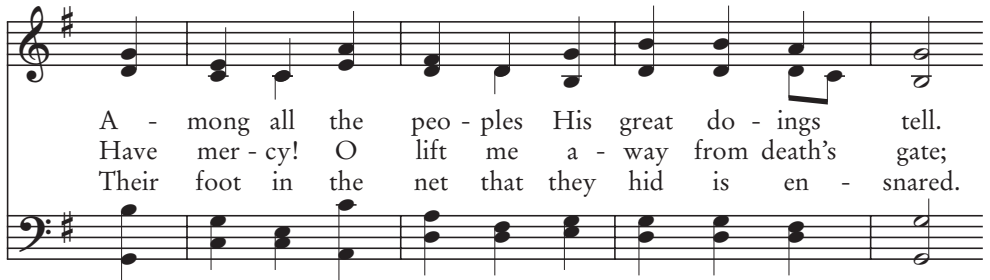


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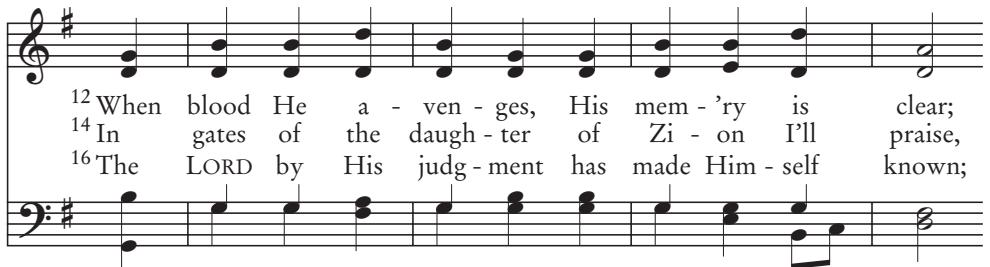
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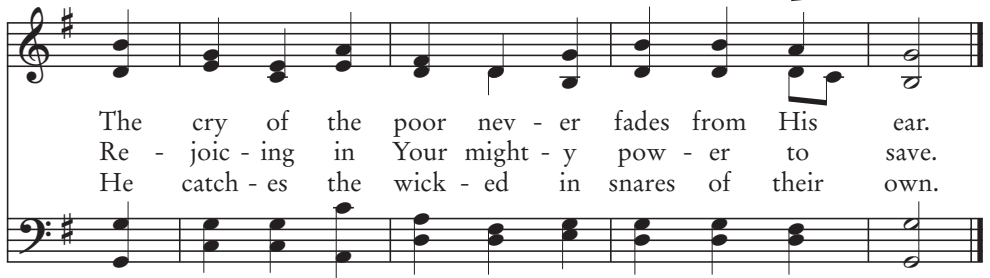
6. ¹¹ Sing praise to the LORD, who in Zi-on does dwell;
 7. ¹³ LORD, see what I suf-fer from mal-ice and hate;
 8. ¹⁵ The na-tions are sunk in the pit they pre-pared;



A-mong all the peo-ples His great do-ings tell.
 Have mer-cy! O lift me a-way from death's gate;
 Their foot in the net that they hid is en-snared.



¹² When blood He a-ven-ges, His mem-'ry is clear;
¹⁴ In gates of the daugh-ter of Zi-on I'll praise,
¹⁶ The LORD by His judg-ment has made Him-self known;



The cry of the poor nev-er fades from His ear.
 Re-joic-ing in Your might-y pow-er to save.
 He catch-es the wick-ed in snares of their own.

9. ¹⁷ The wicked to death's realm of darkness are brought;
 All nations who would not keep God in their thoughts.
¹⁸ Forgotten no longer the cause of the weak,
 Nor perished forever the hope of the meek!
10. ¹⁹ Arise, LORD, that man may not make himself strong;
 Let nations be judged in Your presence for wrong.
²⁰ O LORD, put Your fear and Your terror in them;
 Let nations know truly that they are mere men.

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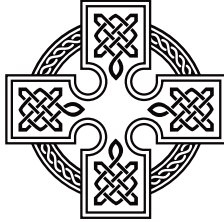
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