

WORSHIP GUIDE

PREPARING FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP: PART 2

SINCE IT IS BOTH A GREAT PRIVILEGE and serious responsibility of every Christian to worship God together with the people of God every Lord's Day, we should ask, "what should be our daily preparation?" Another way to ask the question is, "what should I be doing to reflect a lifestyle of worship?" The easiest way to figure this out is to simply look to our churches.

Every element of a worship service has its purpose, and, with an exception of the Sacraments and the preaching of the Word, we have every reason to repeat these elements frequently outside of the Lord's Day. We should consider how the ordinary means of grace which exist inside of the worship service can be brought into our everyday life. Paul brings this to light in Colossians 3, where he explains the nature of a "new self": "If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God." This, of course, in no way, can replace the corporate nature of the service where Christ speaks to His people and His people collectively respond in worship to the Almighty God of heaven and earth.

However, it is a command to the new heart to seek the things of God. This is practical for our lives, and not just for preparing for worship on the Lord's Day. Paul later instructs us, as new selves, to: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

So, we are to dwell with each other, as husbands and wives, parents and children, masters and servants, and do everything in the name of the Lord, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, along with teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom! We do this faithfully by praying daily, reading God's Word daily, by singing as families and as brothers and sisters daily, and being gracious with our neighbors and the larger world.

How can we expect to devote ourselves rightly to God on the Lord's Day if we are not first prepared to understand and love Him in our everyday lives? Through the ordinary acts of prayer, singing, reading the scriptures, and brotherly or sisterly fellowship we are nourishing our souls and preparing our hearts for the divine worship of our King.

"You are serving the Lord Christ." - Colossians 3:24b

Sermon Notes

Guest Minister, Rev. Rodney Vermeulen

Our Deep Need for Redemption

Ruth 1:1-5; Judges 2:6-23

One covenant family's story calls out for redemption.

We'll consider...

I. The ominous time stamp of this story

II. The actions of the family at the centre of the story

III. The emptiness of the women after the first 10 years of this story

Coming Up:

11/19/23 PM Service:

Guest Minister, Rev. Rodney Vermeulen

Redemption Begins with Return

Ruth 1:22

11/26/23 AM Service:

The Suffering of the Son of Man

The Triumphal Entry of the King

Luke 19:28-40

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The Lord's Day Morning

Sunday, November 19, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

Guest Minister, Rev. Rodney Vermeulen, *Presiding*
Ruling Elder Mr. LeRoy Osborn, *Assisting*

The Silent Preparation

The Announcements

The Greeting and Call to Worship

Psalm 81:1

* The Hymn of Praise

Praise to the Lord The Almighty

see bulletin

* The Prayer of Invocation and Adoration

* The Reading of the Law and Confession of Sin

Exodus 20:4-6; Isaiah 40:18; Isaiah 44:9, 18-20; 2 Samuel 24:10b

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* The Gospel Promise

John 3:14-16

see bulletin

* The Response of Thanksgiving

Psalm 75:1

see bulletin

* The Doxology

* The Pastoral Prayer

The Old Testament Reading

Leviticus 23:4-14

The New Testament Reading

John 1:35-51

* The Prayer of Thanksgiving

* The Worship of God with Our Offerings

* The Songs of Preparation

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Psalm 89:7-14 - *God is Revered*

see bulletin
Psalm 89B

The Prayer of Illumination

The Preaching of God's Word

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Our Deep Need for Redemption

Ruth 1:1-5; Judges 2:6-23

* The Prayer of Application

* The Song of Response

Psalm 33:6-22 - *The LORD by His Word Has Created*

Psalm 33C

* The Benediction

* The Gloria Patri

* — Please stand as you are able. Following Scriptural principle for public prayer (Neh. 9:2-4, 2 Chron. 20:5-13; Mark 11:25), we follow in the footsteps of the early church and our Presbyterian heritage in standing for most of the public prayers.

Praise to the LORD, the Almighty

1. Praise to the LORD, the Al - might - y, the King of
 2. Praise to the LORD, Who o'er all things so won - drous -
 3. *Praise to the LORD, Who doth pros - per thy work and*
 4. Praise to the LORD, Who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom
 5. Praise to the LORD! O let all that is in me

cre - a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for
 ly reign - - eth, shel - ters thee un - der His
de - fend thee! Sure - ly His good - ness and
 hath made thee, decked thee with health, and with
 a - dore Him! All that hath life and breath,

He is thy health and sal - va - - tion!
 wings, yea, so gen - tly sus - tain - - eth!
mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee;
 lov - ing hand guid - ed and stayed thee.
 come now with prais - es be - fore Him.

All ye who hear, now to His tem - ple draw near,
 Hast thou not seen how thy de - sires e'er have been
pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y will do,
 How oft in grief hath not He brought thee re - lief,
 Let the a - men sound from His peo - ple a - gain;

join me in glad ad - or - a - - tion.
 grant - ed in what He or - dain - - eth?
if with His love He be - friend thee!
 spread - ing His wings to o'er - shade thee!
 glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore Him.

The Reading of the Law

Exodus 20:4-6; Isaiah 40:18; 44:9, 18-20

You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

To whom then will you liken God, or what likeness compare with him?

All who fashion idols are nothing, and the things they delight in do not profit. Their witnesses neither see nor know, that they may be put to shame.

They know not, nor do they discern, for he has shut their eyes, so that they cannot see, and their hearts, so that they cannot understand. No one considers, nor is there knowledge or discernment to say, "Half of it I burned in the fire; I also baked bread on its coals; I roasted meat and have eaten. And shall I make the rest of it an abomination? Shall I fall down before a block of wood?" He feeds on ashes; a deluded heart has led him astray, and he cannot deliver himself or say, "Is there not a lie in my right hand?"

The Confession of Sin

2 Samuel 24:10b

I have sinned greatly in what I have done. But now, O LORD, please take away the iniquity of your servant, for I have done very foolishly.

The Gospel Promise

John 3:14-16

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

The Response of Thanksgiving

Psalm 75:1

We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near. We recount your wondrous deeds.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To Thee, Re - dee - mer, King,
 2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels Are prais - ing Thee on high,
 3. To Thee, be - fore Thy pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise;

To Whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet hos - an - nas ring:
 And mor - tal men and all things Cre - at - ed make re - ply:
 To Thee, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise:

Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, Thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore Thee went;
 Thou didst ac - cept their praises— Ac - cept the praise we bring,

Who in the Lord's name com - est, The King and bles - sed One!
 Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore Thee we pre - sent.
 Who in all good de - lightest, Thou good and gracious King!