

Sovereign Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church

Evening Devotion Outline

The whole Lord's Day is to be a day of worship and praise to God. This evening devotion is a great way to close out the Lord's Day by reflecting on God's word and works through Christ. Begin with reading the opening Scriptures. Pray the Lord's Prayer together and sing a Psalm or hymn. Have someone read the passage of Scripture (taken from the "first reading" of the morning service). Once you listen to the devotion, reflect with a few (or all) of the questions for reflection and close with singing and prayer.

The audio for the devotion can be accessed at sgrpc.org/sermons.

Suggested Scripture readings for the week ahead are included as well.

All Scripture is quoted from the English Standard Version.

Opening Scriptures

¹² So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³ Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴ For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵ Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

Hebrews 13:12-15

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done
in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

Suggested Psalms and Hymns (from the *Trinity Psalter Hymnal*)

29A – Now Unto the LORD, All You Sons of the Mighty

283 – Fairest Lord Jesus

Scripture Reading Matthew 3:13-17

Devotion Pastor Jeffrey Carter
"The Baptism of Jesus"

[This audio devotion can be accessed at sgrpc.org/sermons.]

Outline: Jesus's Baptism teaches us that:

1. Jesus is *with* us: He's our Great High Priest
2. Jesus is *for* us: He's the Lamb of God
3. Jesus is *united* to us: He's our source of comfort and glory

Questions for Reflection:

1. Why was John baptizing people?
2. What did John's baptism symbolize?
3. Why was Jesus baptized and what does his baptism have to do with your salvation?
4. Did Jesus have any sin that he needed to repent of? Why does it matter whether he sinned or not?
5. What was Jesus doing before he began his public ministry? Why do you think he began his ministry around 30 years old?
6. How is God's Triune nature on display in Jesus's Baptism?
7. What's the significance of the Spirit's descent being "like a dove"?
8. How does the Father's announcement in verse 17 bring you comfort?

Closing Hymn TPH #243

How Firm a Foundation

Closing Scripture and Prayer Hebrews 13:20-21

²⁰ Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Scripture Readings for the Week

To build on your understanding of God's Word, read the following passages and reflect on what they tell you about Jesus himself, the Father, your own life, and your salvation.

Monday: Isaiah 11:1–10 – A prophecy about Jesus and the world-wide effects of his ministry.

Tuesday: Isaiah 42:1 – 4 – A prophecy about Jesus and the personal effects of his ministry.

Wednesday: Mark 10:35 – 45 – Jesus responds to his prideful disciples by pointing them to his cross as the chief act of service (and a fulfillment of the imagery of baptism).

Thursday: Titus 1:1 – 4 – A preface to a letter that highlights the truth-speaking God and the promise he keeps by sending Christ.

Friday: Ephesians 1:3–14 – A one-sentence (in Greek) masterpiece detailing redemption predestined, accomplished, and applied to us.

Saturday: Psalm 63 – A Psalm to help us recognize our need for the Lord's grace as we close out another week.