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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

30 MARCH 2025

PRAYER

“Mediator, We Give You Glory”

Ephraim the Syrian, from *Fount of Heaven: Prayers of the Early Church*

Glory to you who clothed yourself in the body of mortal Adam,
and made a fountain of life for all mortals.

You are the one who lives, and those who killed you
were actually like gardeners,
sowing your life like a seed of wheat
in the depths of the earth,

so that it could rise and raise up many with it.

Lord, may our love be now like a sweet offering,
and may the hymns and prayers of your people rise up
to you who made your own offering on the cross,
an offering on behalf of all humanity.

You stooped down from above to us below,
so you could pass along your treasures to us.

You became the treasurer of your riches,
bringing your gifts from the storehouse
and distributing them to the needy.

We give you glory, our Mediator.

For through you we receive life,
just as we once received death
from the one who would slay us.

Amen.

PRELUDE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PREPARATION

For Preparation

“Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!”
(Psalm 96:9)

The Gloria Patri *–with uplifted hands–*

Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.

THE LORD CALLS US

The Call to Worship

The Lord be with you
And also with you!

From Psalm 145

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.
One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.
On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.
They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your saints shall bless you!
They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,
to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

Hymn – “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” (508)

WE CONFESS AND ARE CLEANSED

Corporate Prayer of Confession (from Exodus 16)

Our Lord and our God. You are the One who, by grace alone, redeemed us from the greater Pharaoh of sin, Satan, and futility.

Everything we have and every breath we take is of grace.

Yet, in our sin, like the Israelites, we are tempted towards grumbling

You give us fresh spiritual manna day by day, through your indwelling Holy Spirit and the communion of the saints. You give us the meat of your Word to feed on freely. And you have given us greater physical comforts than humanity has ever known.

We confess that our abundance often leads to entitlement.

Our affluence often leads to idolatry.

Where this has been true, forgive us O Lord.

Search our hearts now, and cleanse us from every trace of ingratitude and sin.

Franklin Kyrie

Dm C Bb Dm C Bb Dm C Bb Gm Am Dm

Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer-cy; have mer-cy, Lord.

⁹ Dm C Bb Dm C Bb Dm C Bb Gm Am Dm

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer-cy; have mer - cy, Lord.

¹⁷ Dm C Bb Dm C Bb Dm C Bb Gm Am Dm

Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer-cy; have mer - cy, Lord.

Music: Gregory D. Wilbur, 2009 © wilburmusic.com

Text: Traditional

Silent Prayers of Confession –*kneeling, if able*–

Assurance of Pardon – 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.”

Sursum Corda

So, lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is right to give him thanks and praise!

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. Therefore, we praise You, Triune God, and we join our voices with the angels, the archangels, and the whole company of Heaven in this hymn of eternal praise:

THE LORD CONSECRATES US

Sanctus

with vigor

fff Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Lord, God of Hosts! Hea-ven and earth are
full of Your glo-ry! Ho - san-na in the High - est! Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the High - est.

Profession of Faith – The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*catholic refers to the universal collection of God's people throughout all time and from all places.

The Westminster Shorter Catechism: #25-26

Q. 25. How doth Christ execute the office of a priest?

A. Christ executeth the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.

Q. 26. How doth Christ execute the office of a king?

A. Christ executeth the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

Hymn – “Not What My Hands Have Done” (573)

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 40:32-38

*The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!***

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12-18

*The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!***

Psalm – “I Waited for the Lord” (123)

Prayer of Adoration and Intercession

*When you hear, “Lord, in your mercy,” please respond with: **“Hear our prayer.”***

Sermon – “We Have Seen His Glory”

John 1:6-18

Pastor Brooks Potteiger

The Lord’s Prayer (see #1108 for music)

Our Father, which art in Heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done on 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.

TITHES AND TRIBUTE OFFERINGS

Generous and loving God,
We bring you our tithes and offerings
With glad and grateful hearts.
Guide us as stewards of your abundance,

**For the glory of Christ and the good of our neighbor.
Amen.**

Psalm – “All Peoples Clap Your Hands for Joy” (143)

Hymn – “Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life” (772)

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Words of Institution and the Lord’s Table

The Lord’s Supper is a sacramental family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians, who are in good standing at a church that proclaims the gospel, to the table. By coming, you acknowledge that you have trusted in Christ alone for your justification before God, that you are currently at peace with God and neighbor, and that you are seeking to grow daily in holiness. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Brooks.

THE BREAD – “Before the Throne” (see next page)

To display our unity, please wait to eat the bread until instructed.

Before the Throne

Capo 1: D G D Bm

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect
 2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, And tells me of my guilt with -
 3. Be - hold Him there: the ris - en Lamb, My per - fect spot - less Right - eous -

4 F#m D G D A Bm Em

plea; A great High Priest whose name is Love Who ev - er lives and
 in, I will look up and see Him there, Who made an end of
 ness, The great un - chang - a - ble I AM, The King of glo - ry

7 G/A D G D A D G D

pleads for me. My name is gra - ven on His hands! My life is writ - ten
 all my sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, My sin - ful soul is
 and of grace! One with my Lord, I can - not die! My soul is pur - chased

11 A Bm F#m G D A Bm

on His heart! I know that while in Heav'n He stands No tongue can
 count - ed free! For God the Just is sat - is - fied To look on
 by His blood! My life is hid in Christ on high: In Christ, my

15 Em G/A Bm Em G/A D

bid me thence de - part, No tongue can bid me thence de - part.
 Him and par - don me, To look on Him and par - don me!
 Sav - ior and my God, In Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

Music: Vikki Cook © 1997, Sovereign Grace Praise (BMI) [admin. Integrity's Praise! Music]
 Text: Charitie Lees Bancroft, 1863

BEFORE THE THRONE
 8 8 . 8 8 . 8 8 . 8 8 . w/ repeat

THE WINE

We pass the wine with "the peace of Christ." You are welcome to drink the wine immediately and to fellowship freely during this time. If juice is desired, it will be the lighter liquid in the tray.

THE LORD COMMISSIONS US

Commissioning Psalm – “We Will Sing Your Love Forever” (272)

Exhortation

Benediction (Romans 15:5-6)

“May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Closing Doxology –with uplifted hands–

Doxology

The musical score is written for a two-part setting in G major. The treble clef part has a melody with lyrics underneath. The bass clef part provides harmonic support with chords. The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen." The score includes a 3-measure rest at the beginning of the second line.

Music: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551
Text: Thomas Ken, 1709

OLD 100th
8 8. 8 8.

Pastor: Peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

For Family Worship

Daily Catechesis

- **Weekly Westminster Shorter Catechism:** #25-26 (see liturgy, pg. 5)
- **Hymn of the Week:** “Before the Throne” (see liturgy, pg. 7)
- **Proverb of the Week:** “Whoever troubles his own household will inherit the wind.” (Proverbs 11:29a)
- **Prayer:** “Mediator, We Give You Glory” (From *Fount of Heaven*) (see liturgy, pg. 1)

Prayer Requests

Current

- Health for all the pregnant mothers
- For Laura Sturm, that the doctors would be able to discern the best treatment for her autoimmune diabetes
- Healing for Charlee Martin amidst sickness this week
- For baby Blythe - friends of the Woodards who is having serious health issues
- Prayer for the Haymes family as they look towards Caleb’s kidney transplant in the next few months. Peace, provision, and logistical grace
- Comfort for Sydney Boyd and family, as they grieve the passing of their beloved horse
- For healing for Brooke Stanifer amidst a prolonged physical affliction, and a clear diagnosis
- Great wisdom for Pete in his role as SecDef and continued protection - both spiritual and physical - for the Hegseths
- For a permanent building
- Provision, peace, wisdom, and diligence for those feeling the financial pinch
- For marriages that are having challenges. Humility, perseverance, and faithfulness

Ongoing

- For a teaching elder for the new CREC plant in Columbia, King’s Cross Reformed Church
- Favor and wisdom for those who have businesses, or are dreaming of starting one.
- For those who are waiting to hear back about job promotions, and the opening of other vocational doors. May the Lord bless us with productive plows and fruitful fields.
- For repentance, reformation and revival to grow in our land.
- For salvation for extended family members who have not turned to Christ.
- For healing for all who are suffering from physical ailments.
- For the ministries we financially support:
 - Cumberland Crisis Pregnancy: Provision, protection, and wisdom
 - The Joint Eastern European Project (J.E.E.P.): See their website for current prayer requests
 - Recovery Refuge House in Ridgetop

Upcoming Events

PARISH GROUPS

- **The 1st and 3rd weeks of the month. Contact group for specifics.**
- Purpose: to facilitate greater fellowship amongst geographically-connected saints
- Accomplished primarily through bi-weekly meetings for table fellowship, prayer, singing, and typically sermon-based questions or a series-guided study
- Groups
 - **Goodlettsville - the Potteigers**
 - **Ridgetop - the Lums**
 - **Whites Creek/S. Goodlettsville - the Tawlks/Coppers**
 - **North - hosted by the Pitts**
- Use QR code below to get connected in one
- *days subject to change for some groups

SUNDAY SCHOOL – A Study Through Ecclesiastes

- Sundays, at 9am (except the 1st Sunday of the Month)
- Hot coffee, warm fellowship, rich teaching and discussion!

APRIL

18th - Good Friday Service

- 6:30pm at the church

OTHER

Monthly Fellowship Meals

- First Sunday of every month
- Immediately following the service at the church
- No Sunday School on these days
- **If you would like to serve on the fellowship team, email Sharon Haney at daylily1980@comcast.net**

Officers:

The Session:

- Pastor Brooks Potteiger – brooks@pilgrimhill.church
- The Session of St. Mark Reformed (pro tempore) – stmarkreformed.com/contact

The Diaconate:

- Chris Boyd
- Nathan Haney
- Shelvy Huffman

Add info to digital directory:



To connect to Pilgrim Hill on the Sing Your Part app:



For the church website & calendar:



Meal sign-up for Recovery Refuge:



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