

April 24, 2016

Preparation for Worship – Please use this time for silent preparation of heart and mind for worship of the Almighty God.

Prelude – “The Musical Clocks”

Franz J. Haydn

Announcements

Choral Introit

*Call to Worship – 1 John 1:7-9

Minister: “... if we walk in the light, as he is in the light,

Congregation: we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Minister: If we say we have no sin,

Congregation: we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Unison: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

*Invocation

*Lord's Prayer

*Hymn - “Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

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Word of Greeting – Please pass the Friendship Registers found on the right end of each row.

Responsive Reading – Psalm 103

p.502 in Pew Bibles

Confession of Sin (Unison)

Book of Common Prayer

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Thy ways, like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders. Spare Thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore Thou them that be penitent, according to Thy promises declared unto mankind, in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy name.

Assurance of Pardon (Unison)

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Jesus Christ.”

Romans 3:23, 24

Morning Prayer (8:30 AM)

Ordination and Installation of Ryan Clarke as Deacon

Questions to the Candidate

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of deacon in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity, and edification of the church?

Question to the Congregation

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive this brother as deacon, and do you promise to yield him all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which his office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this church, entitles him?

*Hymn - “Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”

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*Confession of Faith – The Larger Catechism, Question 194

Q. What do we pray for in the fifth petition?

A. In the fifth petition (which is, *Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors*), acknowledging, that we and all others are guilty both of original and actual sin, and thereby become debtors to the justice of God; and that neither we, nor any other creature, can make the least satisfaction for that debt: we pray for ourselves and others, that God of his free grace would, through the obedience and satisfaction of Christ, apprehended and applied by faith, acquit us both from the guilt and

punishment of sin, accept us in his Beloved; continue his favor and grace to us, pardon our daily failings, and fill us with peace and joy, in giving us daily more and more assurance of forgiveness; which we are the rather emboldened to ask, and encouraged to expect, when we have this testimony in ourselves, that we from the heart forgive others their offenses.

*Doxology #731
Offering
Offertory Anthem – “Glory, Praise, and Worship” arr. Tom Fettke
(Children 4 through K may be dismissed to Children’s Church, 11AM)
Scripture Reading –Matthew 6:12 p.811 in Pew Bible
Sermon The Reverend Mr. David G. McKay

“FORGIVE US”

*Hymn – “God, Be Merciful to Me” #486
*Benediction
*Postlude – “Classic Style” Gordon Young

Sermon Outline

Matthew 6:12

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“FORGIVE US”

“forgive us our debts...”

Introduction: What a blessing that we can pray for and receive forgiveness.

- I. Forgiveness – “The First Need of the Soul” (Andrew Murray)
4th petition has to do with physical needs, 5th with spiritual needs.
Watson, “we are to be more careful for our souls than for our bodies...”
Luke 16:19; 12:19,20.
Calvin: “judgment without the hope of pardon strikes terror..”

- II. “Our Debts”
“Debt” in v. 12 is different than word in v. 14, “trespass”
We owe God – big time!
Watson, “a debt arises upon non-payment,” Mt. 18:24. We cannot tell how much we owe,” Ps. 40:12.
“Forgive us” – “forgive” meant “to let go, cancel, remit, forgive”
Colossians 2:13-15, p. 984. “Record of debt,” a certificate signed by debtor.
Isaiah 43:25, 53:6; Jer. 33:8; Micah 7:18,19

- III. Debt Sorrow
Puritans spoke of “renewing our repentance”
Book of Common Prayer – “heartily sorry,” “the burden ... is intolerable”

Conclusion: Yet, we pray this petition week after week.