

# *The Lord's Day*

March 4, 2018

10:30 AM

*We welcome you to worship today. It is a privilege to have you as our guest.  
As you enter the sanctuary, begin to worship quietly with personal prayer.  
Please turn off your cell phone and turn your thoughts toward God.*

## **We prepare for worship**

*Take a moment and meditate on this as you prepare for worship...*

*Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*The Book of Common Prayer*

Prelude

Dr. Luis Engelke & Mr. Guy McIntosh, trumpets  
Mrs. Gloria Hague, Director of Music

## **We praise our great God**

\*Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 28:6-8 (ESV)

Blessed be the LORD! for he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

**The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.**

The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

\*Hymn No. 342

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

Regent Square

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,  
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;  
Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high,  
In exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody;  
God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.

To this temple where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today;  
With thy wonted loving kindness hear thy people as they pray;  
And thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always.

Here vouch-safe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain,  
What they gain from thee forever with the blessed to retain,  
And here-after in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,  
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,  
One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

\*Invocation

## **We embrace Christ our Savior**

Confession of Sin

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

**Matthew 22:37-40**

**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confession of Faith (responsive)

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 87  
Westminster Confession of Faith, XV.3

What is repentance unto life? **Repentance unto life is a saving grace,<sup>1</sup> whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin,<sup>2</sup> and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ,<sup>3</sup> doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God,<sup>4</sup> with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.<sup>5</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Acts 11:18 <sup>2</sup> Acts 2:37, 38 <sup>3</sup> Joel 2:12; Jer. 3:22 <sup>4</sup> Jer. 31:18, 19; Ez. 36:31 <sup>5</sup> 2 Cor. 7:11; Is. 1:16, 17

**Although repentance is not to be rested in, as any satisfaction for sin, or any cause of the pardon thereof,<sup>1</sup> which is the act of God's free grace in Christ;<sup>2</sup> yet it is of such necessity to all sinners, that none may expect pardon without it.<sup>3</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Ez. 36:31, 32; 16:61-63 <sup>2</sup> Hos. 14:2, 4; Rom. 3:24; Eph. 1:7 <sup>3</sup> Lk. 13:3, 5; Acts 17:30, 31

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

1 John 1:8-2:1 (ESV)

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

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

If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin.

**But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.**

\*Hymn No. 101

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

Trinity

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing,  
Help us to praise, Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,  
Our prayer attend. Come and thy people bless, and give thy Word success,  
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,  
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To the great One in Three eternal praises be,  
Hence evermore. His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,  
And to eternity love and adore.

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

The Prayers of God's People and the Lord's Prayer (in unison)

### **We respond in gratitude for God's blessing**

\**The Doxology (Hymnal, pg. 731)* and Prayer of Dedication

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory

*Nothing But the Blood of Jesus*

arr. Courtney

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. **O precious is the flow that makes me bright as snow; No other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.** For my pardon this I see: nothing but the blood of Jesus. For my cleansing this my plea: nothing but the blood of Jesus...This is all my hope and peace: nothing but the blood of Jesus. This is all my righteousness: nothing but the blood of Jesus. Nothing can for sin atone: nothing but the blood of Jesus. Naught of good that I have done; nothing but the blood of Jesus

*Musical Interlude*

*After the Offertory, children grades 1-4 may recess for Children's Church through the side door, or may remain with their families.*

### **We hear God speak in Word and Sacrament**

Scripture Reading

Matthew 26:69-27:10

(Pew Bible, pg. 704)

#### **Peter Denies Jesus**

<sup>69</sup> Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." <sup>70</sup> But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you mean." <sup>71</sup> And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." <sup>72</sup> And again he denied it with an oath: "I do not know the man." <sup>73</sup> After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you." <sup>74</sup> Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately the rooster crowed. <sup>75</sup> And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

#### **Jesus Delivered to Pilate**

<sup>27</sup> When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. <sup>2</sup> And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor.

#### **Judas Hangs Himself**

<sup>3</sup> Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, <sup>4</sup> saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." They said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." <sup>5</sup> And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. <sup>6</sup> But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money." <sup>7</sup> So they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field as a burial place for strangers. <sup>8</sup> Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. <sup>9</sup> Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, <sup>10</sup> and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me."

Sermon  
Hymn No. 505

"The Kingdom's Assessment"  
*I'm Not Ashamed to Own My Lord*

Pastor Bell  
Pisgah

I'm not ashamed to own my Lord, or to defend his cause,  
Maintain the honor of his Word, the glory of his cross.

Jesus, my God! I know his name, his name is all my trust;  
Nor will he put my soul to shame, nor let my hope be lost.

Firm as his throne his promise stands, and he can well secure  
What I've committed to his hands till the decisive hour.

Then will he own my worthless name before his Father's face,  
And in the new Jerusalem appoint my soul a place.

The Lord's Supper

**We respond to God's grace**

\*Hymn No. 426 (vv. 1, 3)

*"Till He Come"*!

Redhead 76

"Til he come"! O let the words linger on the trembling chords;  
let the little while between in their golden light be seen;  
let us think how heav'n and home lie beyond that "Til he come."

Clouds and conflicts round us press; would we have one sorrow less?  
All the sharpness of the cross, all that tells the world is loss,  
Death and darkness, and the tomb, only whisper, "Til he come."

\*Benediction and Three-Fold *Amen* (*Hymnal*, pg. 740)  
Postlude

Danish

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\*Those who are able, please stand.

**The deadline for Easter Tulips is TODAY!** They are the same price again this year, \$8.50. The flower book will be on the back table. You can call Carolyn Clark at [410-931-6392](tel:410-931-6392) if you have questions.

**This Week at Aisquith**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b> Worship and the Lord's Supper Children's Church (grades 1-4) <b>6:30 PM</b> Youth Group tonight!
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b> Ladies' Bible Study (church library) <b>10:30 AM</b> Men's Bible Study (1 <sup>st</sup> floor classroom) <b>7:00 PM</b> Ladies' Bible Study (church library)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b> Youth Bible Study (call for location)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b> Choir practice
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship Children's Church (grades 1-4) <b>6:30 PM</b> Youth Group (grades 7-12)

**Coming soon**

Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> Lenten Service  
 Soup & Salad at 6:30 PM and Service at 7:15 PM  
 Maunday Thursday Service, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at APC  
 Good Friday Service, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at LRPC  
 Easter Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 AM (music by the Baltimore Brass)

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