

Offering for the Poor

Psalm 124

(Trinity Hymnal # 614):

(sung during offering)

Benediction

(Please Stand)

Minister:

The LORD bless you and keep you,

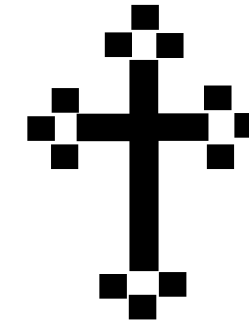
The LORD make his face to shine upon you,

The LORD lift up his countenance unto you and give you peace.

All: Amen.

Geneva Psalter (1551)

OLD 124TH



Form of Prayers

About the sermon today:

John Calvin preached this sermon on Sunday, January 26, 1550, as part of a series on Acts. His practice was to preach through books of the Bible over many weeks. Acts 2:41-42 is the passage where he found some central norms for the worship and life of the church—“the three marks of the church”—drawing on the example of the apostolic church. We have combined this sermon with a passage from his *Short Treatise on the Lord’s Supper* (1541) in place of his sermon comments on Roman Catholic views and practices. The *Short Treatise* contrasts his views of the Lord’s Supper with not only Catholic views, but also Lutheran and Zwinglian views. We face all three today and the passage from the *Treatise* will help us maintain a more biblical understanding and practice of the Lord’s Supper.

The Form of Ecclesiastical Prayers and Songs

According to the Custom of the Ancient Church - 1542

A Worship Service commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the Birth of John Calvin

July 12th 2009, 4:00pm

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✠ Form of Prayers ✠

Opening Sentence

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made the heaven and earth.

All: Amen

Confession

Minister: *My brethren, let each of you present himself before the face of the Lord, and confess his faults and sins, following my words in his heart -*

O Lord God, eternal and almighty Father, we confess and acknowledge unfeignedly before thy holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in iniquity and corruption, prone to do evil, incapable of any good, and that in our depravity we transgress thy holy commandments without end or ceasing: Wherefore we purchase for ourselves, through thy righteous judgment, our ruin and perdition. Nevertheless, O Lord, we are grieved that we have offended thee; and we condemn ourselves and our sins with true repentance, beseeching thy grace to relieve our distress. O God and Father most gracious and full of compassion, have mercy upon us in the name of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. And as thou dost blot out our sins and stains, magnify and increase in us day by day the grace of thy Holy Spirit: that as we acknowledge our unrighteousness with all our heart, we may be moved by that sorrow which shall bring forth true repentance in us, mortifying all our sins, and producing in us the fruits of righteousness and innocence which are pleasing unto thee; through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth with thee, O God, forever.

All: Amen

Instruction on the Holy Supper

Distribution of the Elements

Minister:

Take, eat, the body of Jesus which has been delivered unto death for you.

This is the cup of the new testament in the blood of Jesus which has been shed for you.

Psalm 118

Geneva Psalter (1551)

RENDEZ A DIEU

(Trinity Hymnal # 613):

(sung during distribution, repeat if necessary)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Heavenly Father, we offer thee eternal praise and thanks that thou hast granted so great a benefit to us poor sinners, having drawn us into the Communion of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, whom thou hast delivered to death for us, and whom thou givest us as the meat and drink of life eternal. Now grant us this other benefit; that thou wilt never allow us to forget these things; but having them imprinted on our hearts, may we grow and increase daily in the faith which is at work in every good deed. Thus may we order and pursue all our life to the exaltation of thy glory and the edification of our neighbor; through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth with thee, O God, forever.

All: Amen

Song of Simeon

Genevan Psalter (1551)

Nunc Dimittis



Lord, let your ser - vant go in peace be - liev-ing now your prom-ised af-firm-a - tion.
For you've pre-pared in love a Light sent from a-bove to shine on ev-ery na - tion;



My eyes you've made to see the One as-sured to be the source of our sal - va - tion.
a Light re - vealed to be the glo - ry that we see and Is - rael's con - so - la - tion.

Grant us, therefore, O heavenly Father, so to celebrate this day the blessed memorial and remembrance of thy dear Son, to exercise ourselves in the same, and to proclaim the benefit of His death, that, receiving new growth and strength in faith and in all things good, we may with so much greater confidence proclaim thee our Father and glory in thee; through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, in whose name we pray unto thee, as He hath taught us, saying:

**Our Father, who 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 sins,
As we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen**

Words of Institution

Let us hear how Jesus Christ instituted His holy Supper for us, as St. Paul relates it in the eleventh chapter of First Corinthians:

I have received of the Lord, he says, that which I have delivered unto you: That the Lord Jesus, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread: And when He had given thanks, he brake it and said, Take, eat, this is my body which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner, when He had supped, He took the cup saying, This cup in the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do proclaim the Lord's death till He come. Therefore, whosoever shall eat this bread and drink of this cup unworthily shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself and so let him eat of this bread and drink of this cup. For whosoever eateth and drinketh unworthily, taketh his own condemnation, not discerning the Lord's body.

Decalogue

Strasbourg, 1539

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1. Thus spoke the Lord: I am__ your God, who brought you out of E - gypt's land.
2. No grav - en im - age shall__ you make, nor to the life - less id - dol pray.
3. Joy in the Sab - bath rest__ he gives, lay - ing a - side your dai - ly cares.
4. Harm not nor hate the wo - man or man whom God has grant - ed life's__ sweet breath.

One God a - lone shall you re - vere and so ful - fil my com - mand.
Take not God's ho - ly name in vain, nor from his paths shall you stray.
Fath - er and moth - er shall you love, and ren - der them what is theirs.
Keep faith with those whom you have vowed to love and cher - ish till death.

Ky - ri - e - le - i - son.

5. Take not another's earthly goods.
From all deceit your tongue must flee.
Seek not what is your neighbour's own,
nor covet his property. (Kyrie eleison!)
6. Teach us, O Lord, to love your Law:
write all its precepts on our heart,
that we may live obediently
and from your ways not depart. (Kyrie eleison!)

Minister: The Lord be with us. Let us pray to the Lord.

Heavenly Father, full of goodness and grace, as thou art pleased to declare thy holy will unto thy poor servants, and to instruct them in the righteousness of thy law, grant that it may also be inscribed and impressed upon our hearts in such wise, that in all our life we may endeavor to serve and obey none beside thee. Neither impute to us at all the transgressions which we have committed against thy law: that, perceiving thy manifold grace upon us in such abundance, we may have cause to praise and glorify thee through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Amen

Psalm 1

(Trinity Hymnal # 1):

Geneva Psalter (1550)

OLD HUNDREDTH

Collect for Illumination

Illumine our darkness, we pray thee, O Lord, by the light of thy holy Gospel; and grant that in the midst of the tumult and the clamor of the voices that fall on our ears we may discern that clear voice of our Master, thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson:

Isaiah 25:6-9

Minister: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon:

The Three Marks of the Church - John Calvin
(Preached January 26th, 1550) (1509-1564)

- The Reverend Larry Sibley

Prayer of Intercession

Lord's Supper

Minister:

And as our Lord Jesus has not only offered His body and blood once on the Cross for the remission of our sins, but also desires to impart them to us as our nourishment unto everlasting life, grant us this grace: that we may receive at His hands such a great benefit and gift with true sincerity of heart and with ardent zeal. In steadfast faith may we receive His body and blood, yea Christ Himself entire, who being true God and true man, is verily the holy bread and heaven which gives us life. So may we live no longer in ourselves, after our nature which is entirely corrupt and vicious, but may He live in us and lead us to the life that is holy, blessed and everlasting: whereby we may truly become partakers of the new and eternal testament, the covenant of grace, assured that it is thy good pleasure to be our gracious Father forever, never reckoning our faults against us, and to provide for us, as thy well-beloved children and heirs, all our needs both of body and soul. Thus may we render praise and thanks unto thee without ceasing and magnify thy name in word and deed.

Grant us, therefore, O heavenly Father, so to celebrate this day the blessed memorial and remembrance of thy dear Son, to exercise ourselves in the same, and to proclaim the benefit of His death, that, receiving new growth and strength in faith and in all things good, we may with so much greater confidence proclaim thee our Father and glory in thee. Amen.

New Testament Lesson:

Acts 2:14-47

Minister: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!



Apostle's Creed

Early Baptismal Creed, 2nd cent.

Traditional English Melody
arr. by R. Vaughan Williams, 1906
KINGSFOLD

1 In God, the Fa - ther I be - lieve, Al - might - y Lord of all,
2 Who suf - fered when he stood con demned by Pon - tius Pi - late's code,
3 As - cend - ing in - to heav'n a - bove, he sits on God's right hand;
4 I do be - lieve that all the saints must now com - mune in love,
who made the heav - ens and the earth: his name be praised in awe.
was cru - ci - fied, was dead, as he him - self had long for - told;
from there he shall re - turn to judge the liv - ing and the dead.
and that, re - deemed by Je - sus' blood, our sins are par - doned us;
And I be - lieve in Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
our Lord was bur - ied in a tomb, de - scend - ed in - to hell,
In God the Spir - it I be - lieve, who guides a ho - ly church,
and at life's end my bod - y frail, up - raised from earth - ly strife,
con - ceiv - ed by the Ho - ly Ghost, of vir - gin Mar - y born;
but on the third day he a - rose a - gain on earth to dwell.
the u - ni - ver - sal bod - y that vic - to - rious shall e - merge.
is res - ur - rect - ed and re - newed in ev - er - last - ing life. A - men!

Prayer of Consecration

Inasmuch as we have made confession of our faith to testify that we are children of God, hoping therefore that He will take heed of us as a gracious Father, let us pray to Him saying (*following these words in your heart*):

Heavenly Father, full of all goodness and mercy, as our Lord Jesus Christ has not only offered His body and blood once on the Cross for the remission of our sins, but also desires to impart them to us as our nourishment unto everlasting life, we beseech thee to grant us this grace: that we may receive at His hands such a great gift and benefit with true sincerity of heart and with ardent zeal. In steadfast faith may we receive His body and blood, yea Christ Himself entire, who, being true God and true man, is verily the holy bread of heaven which gives us life. So may we live no longer in ourselves, after our nature which is entirely corrupt and vicious, but may He live in us and lead us to the life that is holy, blessed and everlasting: whereby we may truly become partakers of the new and eternal testament, the covenant of grace, assured that it is thy good pleasure to be our gracious Father forever, never reckoning our faults against us, and to provide for us, as thy well-beloved children and heirs, all our needs both of soul and body. Thus may we render praise and thanks unto thee without ceasing, and magnify thy name in word and deed.