



**Sovereign Grace
Reformed**
Presbyterian Church (OPC)

Worship Guide

Sunday, March 29, 2020

Opening Scripture: *Revelation 5:13*

And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

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, for ever. Amen.

Psalm of Praise: “In Sweet Communion, Lord with Thee” (*Trinity Psalter Hymnal, 73C*)

The Law of God: *Matthew 22:24–40*

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “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.”

Prayer of Confession: *Psalm 25:1–11*

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust;

let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.
Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.
Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!
Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.
All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.
For your name's sake, O LORD,
pardon my guilt, for it is great.

A Word of Grace and Pardon: *Psalm 32:1-5*

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

The Gloria Patri: *Trinity Psalter Hymnal, 572*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Supplication:

Give thanks to the Father for the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. Pray for the Lord's continuing work in your life, and in the lives of others. Pray to grow in faith, hope, and love. Pray for your family's

physical and spiritual needs and well-being. Pray especially for Sovereign Grace and the church in the midst of this uncertain time. The best way to do this is to use the Prayer List.

Reading from the New Testament: Romans 8:31–39

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reading from the Gospels: Luke 18:15–17

¹⁵ Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶ But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁷ Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

Sermon Passage: Psalm 61

To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. Of David.

- ¹ Hear my cry, O God,
listen to my prayer;
- ² from the end of the earth I call to you
when my heart is faint.
Lead me to the rock
that is higher than I,
- ³ for you have been my refuge,
a strong tower against the enemy.
- ⁴ Let me dwell in your tent forever!
Let me take refuge under the shelter of your wings! *Selah*
- ⁵ For you, O God, have heard my vows;
you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.
- ⁶ Prolong the life of the king;

- may his years endure to all generations!
- ⁷ May he be enthroned forever before God;
appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch over him!
- ⁸ So will I ever sing praises to your name,
as I perform my vows day after day.

Sermon: *Lead Me to the Rock*

Point: In Psalm 61 we find solid and wonderful instruction in how to embrace, express, and live out our dependence on the Lord who is good.

Outline:

1. David's Dependence
2. David's Confidence
3. David's Greater Son

Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Q1 (*Trinity Psalter Hymnal*, p. 872)

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own,
but belong—
body and soul,
in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has delivered me from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.
Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
also assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.

Closing Hymn: *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* (*Trinity Psalter Hymnal*, 459)

Closing Prayer & Scripture: *Ephesians 3:20–21*

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.