



# Service of Worship for the Lord's Day



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Ordinary 26C

\*The prayers today were written by Don Quinley.

**PRELUDE** "Fairest Lord Jesus" David Johnson

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: In whom shall we rest on this day of Rest?

***People: We will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.***

Pastor: And who can save us from all that troubles and disturbs us?

***People: Surely God, the Most High, will save us from temptation's snare and the deadliness of sin.***

Pastor: Then come, let us worship the Lord God Almighty with hymns of praise and prayers of adoration. Amen.

**HYMN** #35 "Praise Ye, The Lord"

## **PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

Guide: Lord God Almighty, You are enthroned above all Your creation and survey in timeless wonder the works You spoke into being, yet even You, Lord, took a day of rest and reflected on Your creation, seeing that it was right to celebrate Your handiwork. In response, we have also come to praise You by offering our thankfulness for Your provident care, as well as the beauty of Your creation.

***People: Father God, even though we exist in a world with many who are poor, we comfortably wallow in our many diversions and possessions. We constantly reflect on what we've accomplished, as well as all that we have accumulated. Our attention is centered on us and all that is ours. Forgive our selfish ways, including our inability to respect others as Your creation. They are worthy of our care and concern because they are created in Your image, too. Lead us into actions of compassion for those who sit at our city gates. Afflict us to pray for forgiveness of our indifference. Hear us now as we confess our sins.***

- Silent Confessions -

Guide: Shape us into becoming the people of the prayer Jesus taught: ***Our Father, who art in heaven....***

## PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Guide: The of gospel of Jesus Christ is freely offered to the rich and the poor. Our charge is to let Jesus, through us, embrace both the poor and rich with His gospel, both now and always. Amen.

ANTHEM "Tis a Gift to Be Simple" Nancy Berry, organ

## PRAYER FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

Pastor: Father God, we bring our cares and pleas to You. You are the one that can grant and bring healing. Apart from Your touch in our lives, we are lacking in ability to always overcome our sickness, restlessness, anxiety and unease. At times, we lack Your love to contend with the hurt and calamity we inflict on each other. Too often, we miss the opportunities to extend Your care and concern to others by demonstrating Your love.

***People: Most gracious God, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, we turn to You as our healer. Although to some it may appear to be presumptuous, we have Your promises to be our healing balm. Thank You that we can plead for others and pray for Your healing to be given to those we know and those who are known by You alone.***

- Silent prayer for others and ourselves. A candle is lit. -

Pastor: Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whose Name we pray. Amen.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reader: Holy Spirit, light our paths with the words of Holy Scripture. Nurture the truths planted in our hearts and minds so that we may truly be people of the Word. It is in the Name of Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READING

### Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

1-2 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

***3-4 Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.***

5-6 You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.

***14-16 "Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and***

*show him my salvation.*

***ALL: This is the Word of the Lord. Amen.***

**Luke 16:19-31**

19-21 "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

***22-24 "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'***

25 -26 "But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.'

***27-28 "He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'***

29-30 "Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.' "'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

***31 "He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"***

***ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.***

**MESSAGE** "Rich Man, Poor Man" Rev. John Stuart, Pastor

**OFFERING** "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

***God, Whose giving knows no ending, from Your rich and endless store,  
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, Costly cross, grave's shattered door:  
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving You by loving all.***

**DEDICATION** ***Loving Father, we pray that this combined offering honors You. We ask that You multiply them to bring many to the saving grace of our King Jesus in whose Name we give and pray. Amen.***

**CLOSING HYMN** #320 "The Church of Christ in Every Age"

**BENEDICTION** *Eternal Father bless us, so we may be Your blessing to those we meet this week. Lord Jesus, may You help us to share Your grace through which we live and have our being. Holy Spirit, grant us opportunities to give glory and honor to the One, Triune, and Living God, both now and forever. Amen.*

**POSTLUDE** “The Rejoicing” by G.F. Handel Seth Maples, organ

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FOLLOW-UP READINGS			
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Isaiah 65:1-12	Isaiah 65:13-25	Isaiah 66:1-11	Joel 1 :1-10
2 Corinthians 10:1-18	2 Corinthians 11:1-15	2 Corinthians 11:16-32	2 Corinthians 12:1-10
FRIDAY		SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Joel 1:11-20		Joel 2:1-16	Psalm 137:1-6
2 Corinthians 12:11-21		2 Corinthians 13:1-14	Luke 1 7:5-10

**BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK**

***Psalm 91:1-2 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."***

We come to God in worship to praise Him for all the blessings, guidance, and goodness He brings to our lives. But we also come into God’s presence to feel secure and be comforted that no matter what we face, God will stand by us. It was this secure feeling that made the ancient psalmist joyfully declare: ***"He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."***