

THE LORD'S DAY

February 23, 2025

10 O'clock A.M.

We gather as God's people to worship the Triune God:

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*We do so through our Lord Jesus' sin-substitutionary death,
and by the enabling power of the Holy Spirit.*

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Oh sing to Yahweh a new song!
Sing to the Yahweh, all the earth!**

*Sing to the LORD, bless His name;
Tell of His salvation from day to day.*

**Declare His glory among the nations,
His marvelous works among all the peoples!**

*For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
All the gods of the peoples are worthless idols.*

But Yahweh made the heavens!

*Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness
Tremble before Him, all the earth!*

*HYMN OF ADORATION

O Worship the King

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*PRAYER OF ADORATION

that is so central to our lives today—the supper in which the Lord meets us and feeds us spiritually—will then give way to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

When Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, He was already looking forward to that day. He said, "I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom" ([Matt. 26:29](#)). When the Apostle John was given a glimpse of that day, he was told to take special note: "And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb'" ([Rev. 19:9](#)).

Scripture Reading Ephesians 1:15-23

Thanksgiving and Prayer

¹⁵ For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Table of the Lord
by Jonathan L. Master
From TABLETALK

Among all the important meals recorded in the Bible, the most significant is also the one to which all Christians are invited. It was instituted by Jesus Christ on the night when He was betrayed. It is not a one-time occurrence but is to be celebrated perpetually until it reaches its heavenly culmination. It is called the Lord's Supper.

The Bible identifies at least three purposes for this supper, all of which are outlined in [1 Corinthians 10–11](#).

The first is the most mysterious. The Lord's Supper is a participation—a sharing. What is it that we share? We share spiritually in the body and blood of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ has fellowship with His people by His Spirit at the supper. Of course, Jesus is not physically present—the text makes that abundantly clear.

But Jesus Christ is present in a special way by His Holy Spirit. When we gather, we share in this together as one body. We have communion with Jesus spiritually and communion with one another. “Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread” (10:17).

Second, this important meal is a memorial. Jesus said, “Do this in remembrance of me” (11:24). It is worth noting that Jesus did not institute a meal that would remind us of His miracles or His sermons. He established a memorial of His death. This shows us how central the death of Jesus is to Christians. We are not simply followers of Jesus' teaching or admirers of His ethics; we are those whose only hope of reconciliation with God comes through the death of Jesus Christ on our behalf.

Because of this great truth, it is only fitting that the third key purpose of the Lord's Supper is proclamation. Since we eat the meal together in the context of public worship and the proclamation of the Word, our participation is a public matter. We are declaring something about Jesus Christ and His death and resurrection. “For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes” (11:26).

What a day it will be when He comes! Believers who know Jesus Christ through His Word and by His Spirit will then see Him face-to-face. The meal

CONFESSION OF FAITH

A Westminster Creed

I believe in the one true and living God.

I believe there are three persons in the one true and living God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

I believe in God the Father who has foreordained all things.

I believe the Father made all things of nothing, by His powerful Word, in the space of six days, and all very good. The Father, by His providence, preserves and governs all His creatures and all their actions.

I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, the only Redeemer of God's elect.

I believe that our Lord Jesus endured the miseries of this life, the wrath of God for us, the cursed death of the cross, and burial. He rose again from the dead on the third day, and ascended into heaven. He now sits at the right hand of God the Father and will come to judge the world on the last day.

I believe in the Holy Spirit who effectually applies the redemption of Christ to His elect.

I believe by the Holy Spirit's sovereign grace we are effectually called, justified, and sanctified, and gathered into the visible church, out of which there is no ordinary possibility of salvation.

CONFESSION OF SIN

based on Daniel 9

Heavenly Father, You are the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant love with those who obey You. We have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from Your commandments. To You, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame, because we have sinned against You. All of us have transgressed your law and turned aside, refusing to obey Your Voice. Listen to our pleas for mercy, and forgive us. Incline Your ear and hear. For we do not present our pleas before You because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive us through the sin-substitutionary death of Your Son Jesus. Amen.

**THREE PRAYER REQUEST
EPHESIANS 1:15-23**

**He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

*For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his
steadfast love toward those who fear him.*

**As far as the east is from the west, so far does he
remove our transgressions from us.**

*As a father shows compassion to his children, so, the LORD
shows compassion to those who fear him.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEVOTION

*How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds
Ushers come forward at this time.*

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TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Doxology

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*READING OF GOD'S WORD

Ephesians 1:15-23
Pew Bible Pg, 1159

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Three Blessings

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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*BENEDICTION

*GLORIA PATRI

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**Stand if you are able*

*For this reason, because I have heard of your faith
in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints,
I do not cease to give thanks for you,*

Paul – Gives Thanks to God for Genuine Christians!
“Faith in Jesus & Love for Saints”

*The God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,
may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation*

Paul - prays they receive the Holy Spirit's Illumination
*Deeper Understanding of Scriptures
Knowledge of the Lord Jesus*

Three Blessings Prayed for: [18-23]

1. *that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you,
We are “called ones”
This is our “hope”*
2. *what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints,
Our inheritance from God
Rich & Glorious*
3. *and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us
who believe, according to the working of His great might
God's Power toward Believers
Compared to the Power that Raised Jesus!*

*that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated
him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and
authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named,
not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things
under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which
is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.*