



## Fatherly Discipline

*"The Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives."  
(Heb 12:6)*

---

### God Calls us to Worship

Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,  
who stand by night in the house of the LORD!

**Lift up your hands to the holy place  
and bless the LORD!  
May the LORD bless you from Zion,  
he who made heaven and earth!**

(Ps 134)

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,  
to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.**

**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.**

## Psalm 145

God my king, I will extol you  
Bless your name forevermore  
Every day, I'll sing your goodness  
Hymn the greatness of the Lord  
You are praised through generations  
of your works we'll always tell  
We will praise your matchless goodness  
Praise the God of Israel

God is merciful and gracious  
Slow to anger, rich in love  
He is good to all his creatures  
Showers blessings from above  
All your works shall bless and thank you  
Tell of all your mighty deeds  
Celebrate your wondrous kingdom  
You shall reign in majesty

Lord your throne will last forever  
You will reign from age to age  
You are faithful to your promise  
You are kind in all your ways  
You uphold the weak and falling  
Give your strength to weary feet  
From you hand you pour forth blessing,  
Satisfy our every need

God is righteous to his promise  
He is kind in all his ways  
He is near to those who seek him  
Yet the wicked casts away  
He fulfils the good desire  
Of his saints who fear his name  
Let all people's praise his goodness  
And forever sing his praise

© 2020 Matt Searles

---

## We Confess and Are Assured

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

“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.” (Matt 22:37-40)

Have mercy on us, O God

**According to your unfailing love;  
According to your great compassion.**

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

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

Therefore, let us confess our sins against God,  
and against our neighbour,  
first in silence and then aloud together.

*Please kneel or remain seated.*

## *Prayer of Confession*

Almighty and most merciful God,

**We confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean,  
and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed;  
not only in outward transgressions, but also in our secret thoughts and desires.  
We have sinned in what we have done and in what we have left undone,  
we have not loved you as we should,  
and we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
And so we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy,  
seeking and imploring Your grace and pardon  
for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

## *Assurance of Pardon*

*“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)*

*“And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.” (Isa 35:10)*

## *Oh the Mercy of God*

Oh the mercy of God, The glory of grace  
That You choose to redeem us,  
To forgive and restore  
And You call us Your children,  
Chosen in Him  
To be holy and blameless,  
To the glory of God

*To the praise of His Glorious Grace  
To the praise of His Glory and Power  
To Him be all Glory Honour and Praise  
For ever and ever and ever A-men*

Oh the richness of Grace,  
The depths of His love  
In Him is redemption,  
The forgiveness of sin  
You called us as righteous,  
Predestined in Him  
For the praise of His Glory,  
Included in Christ.

Oh the Glory of God expressed in His Son  
His image and likeness revealed to us all  
The plan of the ages completed in Christ  
That we be presented perfected in Him

## *Psalm 89: 1, 5-18*

*I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.*

Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

**For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord? Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord, a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all who are around him?**

O Lord God of hosts, who is mighty as you are, O Lord, with your faithfulness all around you? You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, you still them.

**You crushed Rahab like a carcass; you scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.**

The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours; the world and all that is in it, you have founded them.

The north and the south, you have created them; Tabor and Hermon joyously praise your name.

**You have a mighty arm; strong is your hand, high your right hand. Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.**

Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who exult in your name all the day and in your righteousness are exalted.

**For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor our horn is exalted. For our shield belongs to the Lord, our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever, age after age.  
Amen!**

---

## God Speaks to us through His Word

*First Reading: Rom 5:1-11; "Peace with God"*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-17*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Sermon: Fatherly Discipline (Mark Payne)*

## *Amazing Grace*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.

God's grace first taught my heart to fear,  
his grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
his grace has brought me safe this far  
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
my shield and great reward is he  
as long as life endures.

And when this mortal life is past  
and earthly days shall cease,  
I shall possess with Christ at last  
eternal joy and peace.

The earth will soon dissolve like snow,  
the sun no longer shine;  
but God, who called me here below,  
will be for ever mine

*Public Domain*

## **We Respond to God's Word**

### *Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

### *Prayers of Intercession*

*After each petition:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

**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 trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

---

# The Lord's Supper

## *Invitation to the Table*

*All baptised Christians who trust in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and seek to lead a new life by God's mercies, are welcome at this table. If you do not profess faith in Christ, simply allow the bread and wine to pass by, and reflect on what is taking place.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Please join in saying the Sanctus ("The Holy", based on Isaiah 6:3)*

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

## *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

## *Gifts and Offerings*

Gifts and offerings may be placed in the offertory box at the back of the hall. *"Honour the LORD with your wealth and with the first-fruits of all your produce." (Prov. 3:9)*

---

## Closing Song and Benediction

### *Be Thou, O God, exalted high (Psalm 57)*

Be Thou, O God, exalted high;  
And as Your glory fills the sky,  
So let it be on earth displayed,  
Till You are here, as there, obeyed;  
Till You are here, as there, obeyed.

O God, my heart is fixed, 'tis bent  
Its thankful tribute to present;  
And, with my heart, my voice I'll raise  
To You, my God, in songs of praise;  
To You, my God, in songs of praise.

Awake, my glory; harp and lute,  
No longer let your strings be mute;  
And I, my tuneful part to take,  
Will with the early dawn awake;  
Will with the early dawn awake.

Your praises, Lord, I will resound  
To all the list'ning nations 'round;  
Your mercy highest heav'n transcends;  
Your truth beyond the clouds extends;  
Your truth beyond the clouds extends

### *Benediction*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**In the Name of Christ, Amen.**