

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Preparation for Worship

What the apostle is asserting is that not merely is there a fight going on within the man (that is the first part of verse 23), he tells us about the result of the fight, the outcome of the fight. And the outcome of the fight is, as I am emphasizing, that he finds himself in captivity, he fails completely... His cry, 'O wretched man that I am!' is caused by the persistence of defeat, the feeling that he is down rather than up, that he meets with failure rather than success, that he is in captivity to sin... There is nothing that leads to that cry except defeat, failure... Does a man who knows Christ as Saviour, who knows the glory of the Cross, and who knows about the Spirit, simply cry out saying, "Who shall deliver me?" Does he use this indefinite term, 'Who?' No, the man of whom Paul is speaking is a man who does not yet know who can deliver him. All he knows is that he cannot deliver himself.

Martyn Lloyd-Jones

What sort of man is Paul describing therefore? He is describing a man who is experiencing an intense conviction of sin, a man who has been given to see, by the Spirit, the holiness of the Law; and he feels utterly condemned. He is aware of his weakness for the first time, and his complete failure. But he does not know any more. He is trying to keep the Law in his own strength, and he finds that he cannot. He therefore feels condemned; he is under conviction. He does not know, he does not understand the truth about the Gospel, about salvation in and through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Martyn Lloyd-Jones

As a Christian [you] will walk the precarious line between cocky presumption that you are above sin, and hopeless despair because you never live up to the demand for perfection in this life. My goal is to push you away from pride toward humility, and away from despair toward hope. The biblical realism of Romans 7 is meant to save you from moral pride on one side and immoral hopelessness on the other side. Romans 7 is a great help in balancing on this tightrope.

John Piper

Pastoral Welcome

The Rev. John R. McCracken

Prelude

"The Master Hath Come"
Dave Leeman, piano

ASHGROVE
Welsh melody

Choral Introit

"God's Son Has Made Me Free"

Grieg

God's Son has made me free from Satan's tyranny, from fear of death and bonds of sin, from all that plagues my soul within. The Holy One, divine, became a friend of mine; from heaven high, from starry sky, he came to die that I might live, might live with him eternally, God's Son has made me free. God's Son has made me free; God's Son has made me free! Yes, free! Free, free, free! God's Son has made me free.

***Call to Worship**

from Ephesians 2:1-6

The Rev. Patrick Poteet

Minister: You were dead in your transgressions and sins in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

People: All of us lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts.

Minister: But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions.

People: And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

***Hymns of Adoration, No. 267 "The Day of Resurrection"**

LANCASHIRE

"Come People of the Risen King"

Townend-Getty

1. Come peo - ple of the ri - sen King, who de - light to bring Him praise. Come,
 those whose joy is morn - ing sun and those weep - ing through the night. Come,
 young and old from ev - ery land, men and wo - men of the faith. Come,

all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morn - ing Star of grace, From the shift - ing shad - ows
 those who tell of bat - tles won, and those strug - gling in the fight. For His per - fect love will
 those with full or emp - ty hands, find the rich - es of His grace. Ov - er all the world His

of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him, where stea - dy arms of mer - cy reach to__
 nev - er change, and His mer - cies nev - er cease, but fol - low us through all our days with the
 peo - ple sing, shore to shore we hear them call the truth that cries through ev - ery age; Our__

ga - ther chil - dren in.
 cer - tain hope of peace. Re - joice! Re - joice! Let ev - 'ry tongue re - joice! One heart, one
 God is all in all.

1.2. voice, O Church of Christ, re - joice!
 3. 2. Come Church of Christ re - joice!
 3. Come

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***Prayer of Adoration**

Mr. Poteet

Call to Confession

I John 1: 8-9

Mr. Steve Parks, *Ruling Elder*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

Public Confession of Sin

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

I Timothy 1:15; I Peter 2:24

Elder: *Hear the good news!*

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.

My friends, I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: **Thanks be to God**

Prayers for a Time of Great Distress

Mr. Parks

***Hymn of Comfort, No. 689**

"Be Still My Soul"

FINLANDIA

The Mercy Offering

The Deacons

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

The Musical Offering

"My Soul Finds Rest"

*Stuart Townend
Arr. Craig Courtney*

My soul finds rest in God alone, my rock and my salvation. A fortress strong against my foes and I will not be shaken. Though lips may bless and hearts may curse and lies like arrows pierce me, I'll fix my heart on righteousness, I'll look to Him who hears me. Find rest, my soul, in God alone amid the world's temptations; when evil seeks to take a hold; I'll cling to my salvation. Though riches come and riches go, don't set your heart upon them. The fields of hope in which I sow are harvested in heaven. O praise Him, hallelujah, my delight and my reward, everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer, my God.

I set my gaze on God alone and trust in him completely. With every day pour out my soul and He will prove His mercy. Though life is but a fleeting breath, a sigh too brief to measure, My King has crushed the curse of death, and I am His forever. O praise Him, hallelujah, my delight and my reward, everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer my God. O praise Him, hallelujah!

***The Offering Consecration**

Mr. Wichlan

***The Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

***The Passing of the Peace**

Mr. Wichlan

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

***Service of Friendship**

Children between the ages of 4 through 1st grade may now be dismissed for Celebration Chapel, Room 101. At this time, please locate the black Friendship pad at the left end of your row, fill it out and pass it back to the beginning of the row.

***The Prayer for Illumination**

Mr. McCracken

***Scripture Reading**

Romans 7:13-25
ESV Pew Bible, page 943

The Morning Sermon

"An Anguished Cry of Defeat"
From the sermon series: "Romans: The Church Under Grace"

***Song of Thanksgiving**

"There Is a Redeemer"

Keith Green

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

*Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son
And leaving your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.*

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory I will see his face,
and there I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place.

***Charge and Benediction**

Mr. McCracken

Minister: Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession.

I Timothy 6:11-12

People: With God's help, we will.

Minister: He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

I Timothy 6:15-16

People: Thanks be to God! Amen!

***Choral Amen**

Peter Lutkin

***Postlude**

Douglass McFarland, organist

13 Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure. 14 For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. 15 For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. 16 Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. 17 So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. 18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. 19 For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. 20 Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

21 So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. 22 For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, 23 but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. 24 Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? 25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

1. What the Law compels us to *admit* (v.13)

2. What the Law compels us to *affirm* (v.14-20)

3. What the Law compels us to *ask* (v.21-25)