



Trinity Presbyterian Church of Norman
Service of Worship of the Triune God

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Purpose: Glorifying God and Enjoying Him Forever
Mission: To gather and perfect the saints of God
in and beyond Norman, Oklahoma

¹¹ And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

¹⁶ “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,”

¹⁷ then he adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. (Hebrews 10:11-18)

It is not that the Old Testament believers were under the law and we are under grace or the Gospel, but rather that believers in both Testaments are obligated to the moral law, to perfectly obey its precepts and conform to its purity not only in outward deed, but in the frame and fashion of heart and soul. And yet, in both Testaments, believers are offered the Gospel of Christ's righteousness placed over the naked, law-breaking sinner so that God can accept the wicked--yes, even the wicked for the sake of Christ.

- **Michael Horton, *Preaching Christ Alone***

If Christ's sacrifice of Himself was insufficient to save us and must be offered again and again, then we have no hope of salvation. A sacrifice that has to be repeated is a weak and ineffectual sacrifice that cannot atone for sin or break its power in our lives. Thanks be to God, our Lord's atonement was a once-for-all atonement. It is powerful and effectual to save, and if we trust in Christ alone, our sins are fully and finally covered for all eternity.

- **R.C. Sproul, *Table Talk***

Because the Levites have undertaken the work of handling the sacred tent, the Israelites are protected from ‘plague’ (19), i.e. mass death for provoking God’s anger (cf. Exod. 12:13; 30:12; Num. 16:46, 48; Josh. 22:17; cf. Num. 25:9); for wherever men defiled by sin dare to approach the holy God, such judgment is a possibility (cf. Exod. 19:10–24).

- **Gordon J. Wenham, *Numbers***

Welcome and Statement of Purpose

Silent prayer of preparation. Perhaps use prayers and quotes from page two.

We Come to Worship at His Bidding and Confess Our Sin

O send out thy light and thy truth that they may lead me, and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling. -Psalm 43:3

Call to Worship

Romans 11:33-36

Leader: Let us wonder at the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been His counselor? Or who has given a gift to Him that he might be repaid?

People: For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.

Prayer of Adoration, Invocation, and the Lord's Prayer

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 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 forever. Amen.

Hymn Praise to the Lord the Almighty #53

Reading the Word "The Steadfast Love of Our God" Psalm 85

¹ *LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. ² You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin. Selah*

³ *You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger. ⁴ Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us! ⁵ Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?*

⁶ *Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? ⁷ Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.*

⁸ *Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly. ⁹ Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.*

¹⁰ *Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.*

¹¹ *Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky. ¹² Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.*

¹³ *Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.*

Public Confession of Sin O eternal God and merciful Father, we humble ourselves before Your great Majesty against which we have frequently and grievously sinned. We acknowledge that we deserve nothing less than eternal death. We are unclean before You and children of wrath. We continually transgress Your commandments; failing to do what You have commanded us, and doing that which You have expressly forbidden. We all like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way. Wash us in the pure fountain of Christ's blood, so that we may become clean and white as snow. Cover us with His innocence and righteousness, for the glory of Your Name. Deliver our understanding from all blindness, and our hearts from all willfulness and rebellion.

Private Confession of Sin

Words of Assurance

Romans 5:1, 9

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God.

We Receive and Respond to the Gospel with Singing, Speaking Truth, Giving, and Prayers

Hymn Be Thou My Vision #642

Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 16. Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression?

A. The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind, descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression.

Q. 17. Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?

A. The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.

Congregational Prayer

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

2 Corinthians 8:9

Offertory Prayer

Mr. Ross McClish

Offering Hymn

Gloria Patri

#735

Sermon: “Consecrated”

Numbers 8

Mr Tony Mangefeste

(If able, please stand in honor of the reading of God’s word.)

The Seven Lamps

Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 “Speak to Aaron and say to him, When you set up the lamps, the seven lamps shall give light in front of the lampstand.” 3 And Aaron did so: he set up its lamps in front of the lampstand, as the LORD commanded Moses. 4 And this was the workmanship of the lampstand, hammered work of gold. From its base to its flowers, it was hammered work; according to the pattern that the LORD had shown Moses, so he made the lampstand.

Cleansing of the Levites

5 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 6 “Take the Levites from among the people of Israel and cleanse them. 7 Thus you shall do to them to cleanse them: sprinkle the water of purification upon them, and let them go with a razor over all their body, and wash their clothes and cleanse themselves. 8 Then let them take a bull from the herd and its grain offering of fine flour mixed with oil, and you shall take another bull from the herd for a sin offering. 9 And you shall bring the Levites before the tent of meeting and assemble the whole congregation of the people of Israel. 10 When you bring the Levites before the LORD, the people of Israel shall lay their hands on the Levites, 11 and Aaron shall offer the Levites before the LORD as a wave offering from the people of Israel, that they may do the service of the LORD. 12 Then the Levites shall lay their hands on the heads of the bulls, and you shall offer the one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering to the LORD to make atonement for the Levites. 13 And you shall set the Levites before Aaron and his sons, and shall offer them as a wave offering to the LORD.

14 “Thus you shall separate the Levites from among the people of Israel, and the Levites shall be mine. 15 And after that the Levites shall go in to serve at the tent of meeting, when you have cleansed them and offered them as a wave offering. 16 For they are wholly given to me from among the people of Israel. Instead of all who open the womb, the firstborn of all the people of Israel, I have taken them for myself. 17 For all the firstborn among the people of Israel are mine, both of man and of beast. On the day that I struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I consecrated them for myself, 18 and I have taken the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the people of Israel. 19 And I have given the Levites as a gift to Aaron and his sons from among the people of Israel, to do the service for the people of Israel at the tent of meeting and to make atonement for the people of Israel, that there may be no plague among the people of Israel when the people of Israel come near the sanctuary.”

20 Thus did Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of the people of Israel to the Levites. According to all that the LORD commanded Moses concerning the Levites, the people of Israel did to them. 21 And the Levites purified themselves from sin and washed their clothes, and Aaron offered them as a wave offering before the LORD

and Aaron made atonement for them to cleanse them. 22 And after that the Levites went in to do their service in the tent of meeting before Aaron and his sons; as the LORD had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so they did to them.

Retirement of the Levites

23 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 24 “This applies to the Levites: from twenty-five years old and upward they shall come to do duty in the service of the tent of meeting. 25 And from the age of fifty years they shall withdraw from the duty of the service and serve no more. 26 They minister to their brothers in the tent of meeting by keeping guard, but they shall do no service. Thus shall you do to the Levites in assigning their duties.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Proposition: The Levites were the chosen tribe of God's people to serve as priests, and they were consecrated for service to the temple as a living sacrifice made holy before the Lord and his people.

- I. Call to Cleanse (8:1-6)
- II. Call to Sacrifice (8:7-13)
- III. Call to Service (8:14-19)
- IV. Call to Obedience (8:20-26)
- V. Conclusion: being separated for our Lord, what Jesus says about this. Personal application.
 1. The Godly Hebrew worshiped in the same manner we worship, in faith—our faith is given to us freely by our Lord's grace.
 2. The ceremonial laws were fulfilled by Christ through his death and resurrection, we worship by spirit now.
 3. Because Christ fulfilled the promise given to the Church, we now have access to the covenant of grace while we look to his return.

Responding to God's Word Preached

Hymn of Response	Rock of Ages	#500
Elder's Encouragement & Exhortation		
Hymn of Commitment	Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me	
Closing Prayer		
Doxology		#731

Review Questions: Use these questions personally or in a group to engage further with God's message in the sermon:

1. What purpose did the ceremonial laws have in the Old Testament church? (Hebrews 10:11-18)
2. When the scriptures use the image of the lamp stand, what does it symbolize? (Revelation 1:20)
3. In the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:29-37), what does the response of the priest and Levite to not keeping the commandment "Love thy neighbor" tell us about their hearts compared to the Samaritan (who could be considered a Gentile)? What is Jesus telling us about the outward appearance versus our heart condition? Which is more important? Should our outward behavior match our hearts when we seek the love of Christ? (1 John 2:1-17; James 2; Gal 5; Matt 25:31-46; WCF 16; WLC 73)
4. How is being chosen, being clean, and being holy different? If being clean and being holy are different, how are they related? Can we make ourselves clean? Can we make ourselves holy? (Galatians 5; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8)
5. When it is said that the Godly Hebrew worshipped in faith; in which way did they have faith? (Deuteronomy 10:16; Deuteronomy 30:6; Galatians 5:6; Philippians 3:3; John 7:14-24)
6. The Levites offered their bodies as a living sacrifice to the Lord. Do Christians do this today? (Romans 12:1-2)
7. How are we washed today by the water of purification? (Titus 3:1-10; especially 3:5)
8. The Levites were called to a life of devotion. How does this look like today for the Christian? (Ephesians 4:11-16)

We welcome Tony Mangefeste to worship with us this Sunday! Tony is completing his Master of Divinity at Reformed Theological Seminary in Dallas, TX. He is filling in for Justin today. Tony is under care of the North Texas Presbytery. Tony will be pursuing ordination by presbytery following the completion of his coursework. Therefore, today's liturgy does not include the Lord's Supper and Benediction as those elements of worship are given to the ordained office of minister according to the ARP's Form of Government & Directory of Worship. Be sure to welcome Tony's wife, Ceci, and their daughter, Gia. May the Lord shine his face upon the Mangefestes and bless the church through their service to Him!

Avenues for Giving

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Gathering and Perfecting the Saints

Discipleship Classes 9:30 -10:15 a.m.
Adults: *Westminster Confession* **MS/HS:** *Catechism*
Kids: *Great Commission Publications*
Mid-Week Fellowship Black Mesa/Dump Truck
March 23 Thursday 5:30-7 p.m.

Mid-week Bible studies

Men's - Rudy's BBQ Tuesdays 6:30 a.m.
Women's - 535 E Boyd St. Thursdays 10:30 a.m.
Church Luncheon Theme: Chili Mar 26
Youth Fellowship Tonight! (Next Month: April 16)
Members and Regular Attenders: Please update your ministry interest survey form.

Google Reviews: We need seven more to reach our goal.

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