

FEBRUARY 6, 2022

Lord, teach us to

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READINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

²²I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you...

- Psalm 22:22 (*English Standard Version*)

SONGS

BETTER IS ONE DAY (Words and Music by Matt Redman, 1995)

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord almighty.
For my soul longs and even faints for You.
For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence.
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

*Better is one day in Your courts,
Better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere.*

One thing I ask and I would seek: to see Your beauty,
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.

My heart and flesh cry out for You, the living God.
Your Spirit's water to my soul. I've tasted and I've seen.
Come once again to me.
I will draw near to You, I will draw near to You.

Better is one day, better is one day,
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere.

COME THOU FOUNT (Words and Music by John Wyeth and Robert Robinson)

Come, Thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise:
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home:
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

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SONGS

O, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.

READINGS

CONFESSION OF SIN

⁴¹ "Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ⁴² Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."

- Matthew 26:41-42 (*English Standard Version*)

DECLARATION OF GRACE

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit...

- 1 Peter 3:18 (*English Standard Version*)

SONGS

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

(Words & Music by Ada Ruth Habershon and Matthew Merker, 2013)

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight; Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His Promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

(Words and Music by Stuart Townend, 1995)

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure;
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away;
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

READINGS

SCRIPTURE

¹ Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."

- Luke 11:1 (*English Standard Version*)

⁹ Pray then like this:

"Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

¹⁰ Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread,

¹² and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

- Matthew 6:9-13 (*English Standard Version*)

REFLECTION QUESTIONS (taken in part from the Serendipity Study Bible for Groups)

- When you think about the will of God what comes to mind? Is it something mysterious to be sought out? One specific will for how things can go or more general principles for life?
- Why do you think we so often think of our self interests or our will before we think of the Lord's will?
- Take a look at verses from John on the will of God (listed with OBEY, 2nd sermon point). What do they tell us about Jesus following the will of God?
- Take a look at the passage from Matthew 26:36-42 when Jesus was praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. What strikes you about Jesus' prayer? What do you think it was like for him to pray, "not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39)?
- Why is it important for us to regularly pray for God's will to be done rather than for our will to be done?
- What might it look like for God's will to be done in your household, neighborhood, school, workplace, team, etc. as it is in heaven?
- How can you seek to know and live out the will of God this week (as you pray this petition)?

SERMON OUTLINE

Your Will Be Done

Luke 11:1; Matthew 6:9-13

Lord Jesus, would you teach us to pray? (Luke 11:1)

**What are we praying for when we pray
"Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven"?**

We are NOT praying - "MY Will Be Done on Earth as it is in Heaven"...
(Matthew 6:9)

But rather - "YOUR Will Be Done on Earth as it is in Heaven"... (Matthew 6:9)
We pray that God, by his grace, would make us ABLE and WILLING to...

(WSC 103)

- KNOW, (Psalm 19:14; 119:33-36)
- OBEY, and (John 4:34, 5:30, 6:38)
- SUBMIT to his will in all things (Phil. 2:3-8; Matt. 26:36-42)

— REFLECTION QUOTES —

Q. 103: What do we pray for in the third petition?

A. In the third petition, which is, *thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven*, we pray that God, by his grace, would make us able and willing to know, obey, and submit to his will in all things, as the angels do in heaven.”

- Westminster Shorter Catechism Question & Answer, 103

Of all of them this petition seems to be the simplest and most understandable. Indeed, if a person believes in God, it would seem he submits to God’s will and accepts it, and desires that it should be acceptable all around him, on earth, as supposedly it is in heaven. In reality, however, this is the most difficult petition. I would have to say that precisely this petition, “thy will be done” is the ultimate yardstick of faith, the measure by which one can discern, in oneself first of all, profound from a superficial faith, profound religiosity from a false one. Why? Well, because even the most ardent believer all too regularly, if not always, desires, expects, and asks from the God he claims to believe in that God would fulfill precisely his own will and not the will of God. The best proof of this is the Gospel itself, the account of Christ’s life.”

- Alexander Schmemmann, *Our Father* (p. 45-46)

Make everything in the world right again. And in our hearts too.

- Sally Lloyd-Jones, *Loved*

READINGS

PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

* ("catholic" means "world-wide" in scope rather than regional or sectarian)

SONGS

OUR FATHER (Words and Music by Thena Beam, 2022)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
On earth as in heaven.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Thine alone is the kingdom; and power, and glory, forever and ever.

Amen, amen, amen.

Give us this daily bread, and forgive us our sins,
As we forgive those who have sinned against us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAMILY MEXICO MISSION TRIP: The Family Mexico Mission trip is a great opportunity to serve the Lord and the people of Mexico with your immediate family and your Valley Springs family. The trip is from 7/16/22 to 7/23/22. Secure your spot(s) on the trip right now, by paying a \$100 deposit per person. Don't wait! Designate checks "Family Mexico Trip". Registration deposits are due by March 15th. Contact: Marcel Weiland (marcelweiland@comcast.net).

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED: We are looking for donations of items to be sold at our 2022 Missions Auction! Get your spring cleaning done early. We need donations of good, saleable items like (new) small appliances, housewares, unused gift cards, artwork, collectibles, and the like. Do you have an awesome cabin or timeshare? Do you perform a service professionally? We can auction those off too! Physical items can be dropped off at the office. For more information, contact Isaac Noschka: (isaac@valleysprings.org / (916) 786-7940 x140).

MISSIONS AUCTION: Join us for a night of great food, great fellowship, and great fun(draising!) at our 2022 Missions Auction! In addition to supporting our annual Mexico Mission trip, this year we are also raising funds to expand our local and global outreach, in partnership with Youth for Christ, World Relief, and Asocaviva (Guatemala well drilling). Saturday, February 26th at 5pm. Childcare available, 3 years through Grade 5. Tickets: \$30 per person, available at valleysprings.org/auction.

VALLEY SPRINGS CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL: Our weekday preschool program for 3's, 4's, and 5-year-olds. Registration for the 2022-23 school year opens on Tuesday, February 22nd. See www.valleyspringschristianpreschool.org or contact Danya Schulte: danya@valleysprings.org / (916) 786-7670.

For more information, visit www.valleysprings.org

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Valley Springs Presbyterian Church is an intergenerational community of grace, learning to love God, and serve our world, together.

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