

APRIL 28, 2024

# THE LORD’S DAY

10:00 AM Sunday School  
10:35 AM Congregational Prayer  
11:00 AM Morning Service

— PRELUDE —

## Announcements

## Call to Worship

\*Supplement Hymn #31 “O for a Heart to Praise My God”  
LYNGHAM

## \*Prayer of Invocation

Offertory “Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise”

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!  
to his throne beyond the skies. Alleluia!  
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!  
enters now the highest heaven. Alleluia!

Still for us he intercedes; Alleluia!  
his atoning death he pleads, Alleluia!  
near himself prepares our place, Alleluia!  
he the firstfruits of our race. Alleluia!

There we shall with you remain, Alleluia!  
partners of your endless reign, Alleluia!  
see you with unclouded view, Alleluia!  
find our heaven of heavens in you. Alleluia!

Scripture Reading Genesis 1:1-31

Choral Anthem “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me  
And on His shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing brought me.

And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever.

## Pastoral Prayer

\*Psalter Hymn #49B  
MERCY

Psalm 49:6-15

## Sermon

“What Is Life?”

God, having all life, glory, goodness, blessedness, in and of himself, is alone in and unto himself all-sufficient, not standing in need of any creature which he hath made, nor deriving any glory from them, but only manifesting his own glory in, by, unto, and upon them; he is the alone fountain of all being, of whom, through whom, and to whom are all things, and he hath most sovereign dominion over all creatures, to do by them, for them, or upon them, whatsoever himself pleaseth; in his sight all things are open and manifest, his knowledge is infinite, infallible, and independent upon the creature, so as nothing is to him contingent or uncertain; he is most holy in all his counsels, in all his works, and in all his commands; to him is due from angels and men, whatsoever worship, service, or obedience, as creatures they owe unto the Creator, and whatever he is further pleased to require of them.

In this divine and infinite Being there are three subsistences, the Father, the Word or Son, and Holy Spirit, of one substance, power, and eternity, each having the whole divine essence, yet the essence undivided: the Father is of none, neither begotten nor proceeding; the Son is eternally begotten of the Father; the Holy Spirit proceeding from the Father and the Son; all infinite, without beginning, therefore but one God, who is not to be divided in nature and being, but distinguished by several peculiar relative properties and personal relations; which doctrine of the Trinity is the foundation of all our communion with God, and comfortable dependence on him.

*London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689, Chapter II*  
“Of God and of the Holy Trinity,” Sections 2-3

## Benediction

— POSTLUDE —

6:00 PM Evening Service

— PRELUDE —

\*Hymn #678 “Christ Shall Have Dominion”  
ST. GERTRUDE

## \*Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading Acts 1:1-8

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Offertory “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God;  
Will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word?  
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;  
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Brethren, see poor sinners round you slumb'ring on the brink of woe;  
Death is coming, hell is moving, can you bear to let them go?  
See our fathers and our mothers, and our children sinking down;  
Brethren, pray and holy manna will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other, too;  
Let us love and pray for sinners, till our God makes all things new.  
Then He'll call us home to heaven, at His table we'll sit down;  
Christ will gird Himself, and serve us with sweet manna all around.

\*Psalter Hymn #1A Psalm 1:1-6  
ARLINGTON

## Jamaica VBS Presentation

The covenant of works being broken by sin, and made unprofitable unto life, God was pleased to give forth the promise of Christ, the seed of the woman, as the means of calling the elect, and begetting in them faith and repentance; in this promise the gospel, as to the substance of it, was revealed, and [is] therein effectual for the conversion and salvation of sinners.

This promise of Christ, and salvation by him, is revealed only by the Word of God; neither do the works of creation or providence, with the light of nature, make discovery of Christ, or of grace by him, so much as in a general or obscure way; much less that men destitute of the revelation of Him by the promise or gospel, should be enabled thereby to attain saving faith or repentance.

The revelation of the gospel unto sinners, made in divers times and by sundry parts, with the addition of promises and precepts for the obedience required therein, as to the nations and persons to whom it is granted, is merely of the sovereign will and good pleasure of God; not being annexed by virtue of any promise to the due improvement of men’s natural abilities, by virtue of common light received without it, which none ever did make, or can do so; and therefore in all ages, the preaching of the gospel has been granted unto persons and nations, as to the extent or straitening of it, in great variety, according to the counsel of the will of God.

Although the gospel be the only outward means of revealing Christ and saving grace, and is, as such, abundantly sufficient thereunto; yet that men who are dead in trespasses may be born again, quickened or regenerated, there is moreover necessary an effectual insuperable work of the Holy Spirit upon the whole soul, for the producing in them a new spiritual life; without which no other means will effect their conversion unto God.

*London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689, Chapter XX*  
“Of the Gospel, and of the Extent of the Grace Thereof,” Sections 1-4

## Benediction

— POSTLUDE —

\*congregation standing