



orphan
sunday

ONE DAY. ONE VOICE. ONE PURPOSE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2011





I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

JOHN 14:18



We love because he first loved us.

I JOHN 4:19

DAILY WORSHIP RESOURCES

These readings are provided as a personal, family, or group worship resource. Use them along with your worship guide as resources for readings, prayers, and hymns. These scripture readings are set in the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), a schedule of daily Bible reading in accord with the Church year. They are designed around a two-year cycle that will take you through the Old Testament once, the New Testament twice, and the Psalms frequently. We are currently in the “Year 1” cycle.

SUNDAY, THE LORD’S DAY • TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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|---------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Morning | Psalm 93, 96 | Ezra 10:1-17 | Luke 14:12-24 |
| Evening | Psalm 34 | Acts 24:10-21 | |

MONDAY

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|---------|----------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Morning | Psalm 80 | Nehemiah 9:1-15 | Matthew 15:1-20 |
| Evening | Psalm 77 | Revelation 18:1-8 | |

TUESDAY

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| Monday | Psalm 78:1-39 | Nehemiah 9:26-38 | Matthew 15:21-28 |
| Evening | Psalm 78:40-72 | Revelation 18:9-20 | |

WEDNESDAY

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|---------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Morning | Psalm 119:97-120 | Nehemiah 7:73b-8:3, 5-18 | Matthew 15:29-39 |
| Evening | Psalm 81, 82 | Revelation 18:21-24 | |

THURSDAY

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|---------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Morning | Psalm 34 | I Chronicles 10:1-14 | Matthew 16:1-12 |
| Evening | Psalm 85, 86 | Revelation 19:1-10 | |

FRIDAY

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|---------|--------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Morning | Psalm 88 | I Chronicles 11:1-25 | Matthew 16:13-20 |
| Evening | Psalm 91, 92 | Revelation 19:11-16 | |

SATURDAY

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| Morning | Psalm 87, 90 | I Chronicles 13:1-14 | Matthew 16:21-28 |
| Evening | Psalm 136 | Revelation 20:1-6 | |

SUNDAY, THE LORD’S DAY • TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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| Morning | Psalm 66, 67 | I Chronicles 14:1-17 | Luke 16:1-13 |
| Evening | Psalm 19, 46 | Acts 28:14b-23 | |

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The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN exists to glorify God
 by proclaiming the gospel of JESUS CHRIST
 to our community *and* the world.



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us. We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. He established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children; that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.

—Psalm 78:1-7 NRSV

Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ, that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to You, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

—based on Psalm 19:14, *The Worship Sourcebook*.

{ **GATHERED WORSHIP:** The Triune God Renews His People }



FIRST HYMN OF PRAISE

“PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY”, Hymn 8

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the king of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.
Amen.

(Words: Joachim Neander, 1680. Translated by Catherine Winkworth, 1863.
Music: LOBBE DEN HERREN)

 Congregation stand, as able



A weekend of celebrating Home Missions November 19-20, 2011

with special guest • **John Croyle, Founder and Executive Director of Big Oak Ranch**

Schedule of Events

Saturday • November 19

8:00 a.m. Meet at Christian Service Mission (3600 3rd Avenue South)
to assemble Thanksgiving “Baskets of Kindness.”
Covenant participants will deliver baskets to tornado victims
and to families served by our home missionaries.

5:30 p.m. Home Missions Celebration Dinner • Fellowship Hall
Enjoy fellowship and sharing around the tables with Guest Missionaries

Sunday • November 20

8:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service • John Croyle, Pulpit Guest

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
Guest missionaries will share in student and adult Sunday School classes

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service • John Croyle, Pulpit Guest

12:15 p.m. Covenant members host Guest Missionaries for lunch and fellowship

We Need Your Help!

To volunteer, complete the information on the sign-up sheet located in the church foyer

- Make a donation of \$25 to cover the cost of providing a “Thanksgiving Basket of Kindness”.
Basket will include items for a full meal for a family of 6. Place your donation in
the offering plate (please note your gift is for “Thanksgiving Basket of Kindness”).
- Assemble and deliver Thanksgiving “Baskets of Kindness” on November 19
- Host a Guest Missionary for lunch on Sunday, November 20.

*If you have any questions, please contact Phyllis Hamm in the Missions Office
phamm@covpres.com or 871-7002, ext. 130.*

A WARM WELCOME

To Our Guests

We are glad you chose to worship with us at Covenant Presbyterian Church. As we planned the music and the message, we were praying that you would find it both meaningful and relevant to your life. You are our guest—and we are honored by your presence.

Let's Get Acquainted

Would you take just a moment to complete the information located in our Pew Pads? We want to hear from you! We also invite you to pick up a Guest Welcome Packet from the Sanctuary foyer. It contains valuable information regarding our church and the ministries that are available for you. For our members...please be sure to register your attendance by signing the Pew Pad and be certain to check "Covenant member."

Sunday School Communities

Our church is organized around smaller communities of people in similar stages of life, from babies to senior adults. We gather weekly for the purposes of Bible study, relationship building, and mobilizing for ministry. We would love for you to join us for Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. A brief description of our Sunday School classes is available in the Guest Welcome Packet located at the Welcome Center in the church foyer. If you need assistance in finding a class, just ask an Usher or Greeter for directions.

Listening Aids

Listening aids are available that will enhance the worship experience for those who are partially hearing impaired. Please see an Usher if you would benefit from such assistance. They will be happy to provide you with a listening aid.

Sermons Available

To request a copy of today's message, please complete the CD Request Envelope located in the church foyer. Recordings are duplicated each week and may be picked up the following Sunday at the table in the foyer. CDs are \$3.00 each. Sermons may also be downloaded at no charge from our website at www.covpres.com.

Need Assistance?

If you need assistance for any reason during your visit with us today, our Ushers and Greeters will be more than happy to help you or answer any questions. Ushers and Greeters are located in the foyer of the Sanctuary and are ready to provide assistance.

☒ CALL TO WORSHIP AND SALUTATION

Pastor: Come, everyone who thirsts,
Come without money and without price.
Incline your ear; and come to Me.
Hear that your soul may live.

People: *For on the last day of the great feast, Jesus stood up and cried out,
"If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink."*

from Isaiah 55:1, 3 and John 7:37

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
2 Corinthians 13:14

ALL: *Amen!*

{ **GATHERED WORSHIP:** The Triune God Renews His People }

OLD TESTAMENT READING

AMOS 5:18-24

Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light, as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? "I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD.

Thanks be to God!

MIDWEEK WORSHIP



The Ten Commandments

A FENCE IS NOT ENOUGH

THIS WEEK AT WED WORSHIP

The Tenth Commandment • Exodus 20:17

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house;
you shall not covet your neighbor's wife,
or his male servant, or his female servant,
or his ox, or his donkey,
or anything that is your neighbor's."

Message by T. J. Wolters • Pastor of Community

Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 | Fellowship Hall

Dinner served at 5:30

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • November 6

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Worship Celebration (Sanctuary)
Children's Worship • 4 Years through 3rd Grade
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for Every Age
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Celebration (Sanctuary)
Children's Worship • 4 Years through 3rd Grade
- 12:15 p.m. Churchwide Lunch • Orphan Sunday (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 p.m. Junior High High Small Groups
Senior High Worship and Bible Study (Senior High Room)
Parent Prayer Time (E204)

6:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m.

MONDAY • November 7

- 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Mother's Day Out and Covenant Day School (*pre-registration required*)
11:45 a.m. First Monday Lunch Bunch (E206)

TUESDAY • November 8

- 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Covenant Day School (*pre-registration required*)
10:00 a.m. Divine Design (C316)
6:00 p.m. Baptism Training (E202)
WIC Study: *Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit* (E201)

WEDNESDAY • November 9

- 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Mother's Day Out and Covenant Day School (*pre-registration required*)
10:30 a.m. The Grands Bible Study and Fellowship (E202)
- 9:15 a.m.-10:30 a.m. WIC Study: Ephesians (E301)
- 12:00 noon Wednesday Book/Lunch Study: *Surprised by Grace* (E206)
- 5:00 p.m. Music Clubs
- Cherubs • 4K-5K (S104)
 - Glad • 1st-3rd Grades (S100)
 - Faith • 4th-6th Grades (S101)
- Jubilate • 7th-12th Grades (S103)
- 5:30 p.m. Fellowship Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
Menu: *Balsamic Chicken and Penne Pasta, Caesar Salad, Bread and Goey Butter Cake. Children: Chicken, Noodles and Salad*
- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship (Fellowship Hall)
Kidz Club • 3 years-6th Grade
Student Bible Studies • 7th-8th Grades
Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY • November 10

- 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Covenant Day School (*pre-registration required*)
5:30 p.m. Chili Cook Off (The Porch/Lower parking area)

FRIDAY • November 11

No Mother's Day Out and Covenant Day • School Holiday

SATURDAY • November 12

- 7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m. Churchwide Hour of Prayer (Tower Room)

CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

I John 1:8-9

People:

*ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father;
We have erred, and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against Your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
And we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
And there is no health in us.
But You, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.
And restore those who are penitent;
According to Your promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake;
That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
To the glory of Your holy Name.
Amen.*

from *The Book of Common Prayer*, 1662

(PAUSE FOR A TIME OF INDIVIDUAL REFLECTION)

❏ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of His Holy Spirit.

ALL: *Amen.*

{ GATHERED WORSHIP: The Triune God Renews His People }

TODAY AT COVENANT

orphan sunday

ONE DAY. ONE VOICE. ONE PURPOSE

Orphan Sunday—a day to celebrate adoption, foster care and global initiatives that reveal God’s heart.

“A father to the fatherless...is God in his holy dwelling.
God sets the lonely in families...”

Psalm 68:5-6

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We also remember God’s heart for us—once orphans of sin.

“In the very place where it was said to them,
‘You are not my people,’ there they will be called ‘children of the living God.’”

Romans 9:26

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And so we seek to mirror this love in tangible ways.

“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this:
to look after orphans and widows in their distress.”

James 1:27

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God is doing miracles for orphans through Christians worldwide.

May God’s great love for orphans find echo in our lives.

Churchwide Lunch and Fellowship • Immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service along with a pre-release book signing by our own Larry Taunton, author of *The Grace Effect: How the Power of One Life Can Reverse the Corruption of Unbelief*. Lunch is \$6 and everyone welcome.

MINISTRIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Christmas in the City—Help make the wishes of a child come true this Christmas season by participating in our annual “Christmas in the City” outreach to inner city children and families (in partnership with Mission Birmingham). Please stop by the display in the church foyer and pick up an instruction packet with a child’s name and “wish list” items. Drop off **unwrapped gifts** under the Christmas trees located in the Sanctuary foyer and 1st and 2nd floor lobbies of the Children’s Building not later than November 20.

First Monday Lunch Bunch • November 7—Ladies, please join us tomorrow at 11:45 a.m. in E206 for a delicious lunch and relaxed and informal fellowship. “A Cornucopia of Blessings” will be our topic with guest speaker Roxanne Given. Lunch is \$6 and nursery childcare (age 5 and under) is available by request to Laura Tucker at ltucker@covpres.com or 871-7004. No lunch reservations required.

Annual Student Ministries Chili Cook Off • November 10—Everyone is invited to join us on “The Porch”—the parking area just outside our newly renovated youth space (1st floor/ Education Building)—this Thursday, November 10, at 5:30 p.m. Come prepared to enjoy the world’s best homemade chili (prizes will be awarded!) and meet the incredible students who are a part of Covenant’s Student Ministry.

Home Missions Celebration • November 19-20—A weekend of moving beyond the walls of our church and into the city and surrounding communities as we share the love of Christ and learn more about the ministries of our home missionaries. John Croyle, Founder and Executive Director of Big Oak Ranch, will be our pulpit guest for both morning services on November 20. See page 21 for more details and specific ways that you can be involved.

Love In Action Thanksgiving Meal—A gift of \$25 to Love In Action will provide a complete Thanksgiving meal for individuals and families in need this Thanksgiving season. Please make checks payable to Covenant Presbyterian Church and note your gift is designated for “Love In Action.” Donations may be placed in the offering plate today.

2011 Christmas Countdown: Prepare Your Heart and Home—An evening of festive fun and fellowship for ladies of all ages with lots of creative ideas to help prepare your heart and home for the Christmas season. Coming Tuesday, November 29, at 6:00 p.m.

Created For A Purpose Christmas Workshop—A weekend filled with art projects and teaching designed to remind girls (3rd-8th grades) that the true meaning of Christmas is Christ. Join us December 2-3 in Fellowship Hall. Brochure and registration form available at the Welcome Stations in the Children’s Building and in the church foyer.

☒ HYMN OF RESPONSE

“ABIDE WITH ME”

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee,
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter’s power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heaven’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

(Words: Henry Lyte, alt. by Justin Smith. Music: Justin Smith).

☒ Congregation stand, as able

THE GIVING OF “FIRST FRUITS”

“Keep Your Lamps!” • The Chancel Choir

Don Robertson, *soloist*

Anna Lu Hemphill, *pianist*

Donald Given, *organist*

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
The time is drawing nigh.
Children, don't get weary
'Til your work is done!
Christian journey soon be over,
The time is drawing nigh.
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
The time is drawing nigh.

(Spiritual. Arrangement by Andre Thomas)

“AND CAN IT BE?”

And can it be that I should gain, An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain—For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be, That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
Amazing love! How can it be, That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis mystery all: th' Immortal dies: Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries, To sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore, Let angel minds inquire no more.
Amazing love! How can it be, That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above, So free, so infinite His grace—
Humbled Himself so great His love, And bled for all His chosen race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, For O my God, it found out me!
Amazing love! How can it be, That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay, Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—I woke, the dungeon flamed with light:
My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
Amazing love! How can it be, That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, My living Head, And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th' eternal throne, And claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Amazing love! How can it be, That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

(Words: Charles Wesley, 1738. Music: SAGINA by Thomas Campbell, 1825).

BENEDICTION

“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”



HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST

“COME, YE SINNERS”

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, Full of pity, joined with power.
He is able, He is able; He is willing; doubt no more.

Come, ye needy, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, Every grace that bring you nigh.
Without money, without money; Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, Bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better, You will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous; Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requires is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you; 'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! the Incarnate God, ascended; Pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him, venture wholly, Let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus; Can do helpless sinners good.

(Words: Joseph Hart. Music: Matthew S. Smith).

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Our Children's Ministry provides Children's Worship for children, three years through 3rd Grade, during both morning worship services.

Children will be escorted from the Sanctuary to Children's Worship during the Passing of the Peace.

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| Three Years Old | Meet in Room C222 (<i>available for the entire worship hour</i>) |
| Four and Five Years Old | Meet in Room C221 (<i>available for the entire worship hour</i>) |
| First through Third Grades | Dismissed during the service • Meet in Room C316 |

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: *And also with you.*

Greet one another with a sign of friendship such as: “The peace of Christ be with you” and “And also with you.”

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please take a moment to fill out the attendance notepad located in the pew racks.

 Congregation stand, as able

NEW TESTAMENT READING

I THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Celebrant: Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these Your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By Your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him by faith, with thanksgiving.

Amen.

—The Book of Common Prayer



GOD WELCOMES US TO HIS TABLE

All who are united in Christ Jesus by faith and are baptized, communing members of His visible Church are invited to come to the Lord's Table. If you are not baptized but would like to participate, come forward, cross your hands, and you will receive a blessing from an Elder. The Ushers will guide you to the proper receiving aisle. During communion the congregation will sing the printed hymns.

Celebrant: For in the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread: and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Let us pray:

ALL: *We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table, But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.*

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL:

Grant, we urgently ask you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(from The Collects of Thomas Cranmer, compiled by C. Frederick Barbee and Paul F. M. Zahl, 1999).

INTERCESSOR:

(HERE THE INTERCESSOR WILL PRAY FOR THE CHURCH LOCAL, UNIVERSAL, AND FOR THE WORLD)

And so, Lord, we pray as Christ taught:

ALL:

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.



