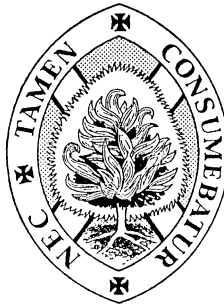


# 1st & 2nd Conjugations

LORD'S DAY  
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*Upon entering the sanctuary, please be sensitive  
to the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make sure  
all electronic devices are turned off or set to silent mode.*

## **-DRAWING NEAR TO GOD-**

### **Welcome and Silent Prayer**

Almighty God, from whom every good prayer comes, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and supplication: Deliver us, as we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### **\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 103.1-5, 20-22

### **\*Prayer of Adoration**

### **\*Song of Praise to God**

*Hymn No. 53*

*PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY*

## **-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-**

### **Confession of Sin**

O Lord, no day of our lives has passed that has not proved us guilty in your sight. Prayers have been uttered from prayerless hearts. Praise has often been praiseless sound. Our best services are filthy rags. All things in us call for our rejection, yet all things in Christ plead our acceptance. Grant us to hear your voice assuring us that by your stripes we are healed; that you were bruised for our iniquities, that you became sin for us that we might become righteous in you. Grant that by resting in your righteousness we may hereafter walk in newness of life and run hard after your commandments; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Silently add your own confession of sin.*

## Assurance of Pardon

2 Corinthians 5.21

## Confession of Faith

With what attitude should we pray?

**With love, perseverance, and gratefulness; in humble submission to God's will, knowing that, for the sake of Christ, he always hears our prayer.<sup>1</sup>**

—The New City Catechism, No. 39

## Prayer for the Church and the World

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<sup>1</sup> “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God” (Phil 4.6).

**-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-**

**Sermon**

“Loyal to the Lamb”  
Revelation 14.1-5  
Rev. Ron Gonzales

**Reflection and the Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings**

*\*DOXOLOGY*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Him, all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

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## **-OBSERVING THE SACRAMENT-**

### **The Lord's Supper**

All who are baptized Christians, living under the authority of Christ and his body, the church, are warmly invited to partake of the Supper. Simply tell the elder or deacon who passes before you whether you prefer wine or grape juice. We will wait and partake together after everyone has been served. By eating the bread and drinking the cup, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Christ alone for salvation. If this does not describe you, we are glad you are here but commend to you instead the following prayers for your use during this time.

#### *A Prayer for those Searching for the Truth*

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life you promise. Amen.

#### *A Prayer of Belief*

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### *A Prayer for those Struggling with Sin*

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need and may turn from every false pleasure to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

### **\*Song of Thanksgiving**

*Hymn No. 455*

*AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN*

**-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-**

**\*Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

\*Please stand if able.

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**Gatherings**

*Home Fellowship Group*, led by Pastor Ron, meets at Chad and Heidi Leinweber's, the first and third Tuesdays of each month, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. They are studying Revelation and all are welcome.

*A Men's Leadership Bible Study*, led by Kirk Alden, meets at Tate's Umapine Mercantile on Thursdays, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. All men are invited. For more information, talk to Kirk.

*Prayer Meeting*: We meet the second Tuesday of each month, at 5:15 PM in the sanctuary, to pray for one another, for the kingdom, and for the world. Please join us.

**Sermon Notes: "Loyal to the Lamb" (Revelation 14.1-5)**

## **Prayer Concerns**

*Jay & Bet Denton* (Boise): Pray for Jay and the RUF staff as they reach out to new students and begin a new year of ministry at Boise State University. Pray that God will lead them to many who are hungry to respond to the gospel and to grow in grace.

*Fires & Floods*: Pray for those in the Western and Southeastern states whose lives have been so devastated by the fires and hurricanes of the last few weeks, that God would comfort them in their loss and that the church would serve well those around her during this difficult time.

*The Persecuted Church*: There are 66 million Christians out of 1.3 billion people who live in *India*, where the principal religion is Hinduism. Since the ruling party took control in 2014, attacks against Christians by Hindu radicals have increased with little to no consequences. In their view, to be Indian is to be Hindu, so any other faith is viewed as non-Indian. Converts to Christianity from Hindu backgrounds are similarly persecuted by their family members and communities. Pray for strength for these converts who are forcefully pressured to return to their former religion. Pray for God's power and protection over those preaching the gospel in places with anti-conversion laws. And pray that India's leaders would change the laws to allow for more religious freedom.

*Redeemer Presbyterian Church*: Pray for Rev. Jeff Glover, our church planter in Soldotna, AK as he shepherds the flock and trains men as officers who will help him do the same.

*Strength for the Weary*: Isaiah writes, "Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God?' Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint" (Is 40.27-31). In addition to healing, pray that *Eric Carpenter, Roberta Haer, Tom Manning, Clint & Elizabeth Miller, and Vickie Myers* might know the Lord's renewing strength this week.

## **Announcements**

*Visitors*: Welcome to Covenant? We are glad you are here and look forward to meeting you. If you have time, please join us for some fellowship outside immediately following the service.

### **Explanation of the Cover Symbol**

Since the time of the Reformation, the burning bush has been a symbol of the Church. The Latin words are taken from Exodus 3.2 and read "...and yet it was not consumed." In one of his letters, Samuel Rutherford reminded his correspondent, "The bush has been burning these five thousand years, and no man yet saw the ashes of the fire."