



## Sermon Series: Foundations of the Christian Faith from the Heidelberg Catechism

### Thinking Clearly about Jesus

*“You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God.”*

– C.S. Lewis

## order of worship

### prelude

Leader: He is risen

**People: He is Risen indeed !**

### call to worship : from Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!.

**All: Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!.

**All: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

### songs of praise

#### **Before the Throne of God Above**

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I have a strong and perfect plea

A great High Priest whose name is love

Who ever lives and pleads for me

My name is graven on His hands

My name is written on His heart

I know that while in heav'n He stands

No tongue can bid me thence depart

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When Satan tempts me to despair

And tells me of the guilt within

Upward I look and see Him there

Who made an end to all my sin

Because the sinless Saviour died

My sinful soul is counted free

For God the Just is satisfied

To look on Him and pardon me

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Behold Him there, the risen Lamb

My perfect, spotless Righteousness

The great unchangeable I Am

The King of glory and of grace

One with Himself, I cannot die

My soul is purchased by His blood

My life is hid with Christ on high

With Christ my Saviour and my God

With Christ my Saviour and my God

#### **Heart of Worship**

When the music fades

All is stripped away

And I simply come

Longing just to bring

Something that's of worth

That will bless Your heart

I'll bring You more than a song

For a song in itself

Is not what You have required

You search much deeper within

Through the ways things appear

You're looking into my heart

I'm coming back to the heart of worship

And it's all about You

It's all about You, Jesus

I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it

When it's all about You

It's all about You, Jesus

King of endless worth

No one could express

How much You deserve?

Though I'm weak and poor

All I have is Yours

Every single breath

### welcome & update

### prayer for the world, the church & the city

### confession

Lord Jesus, we call you Lord, but we keep failing to worship and honour You and You alone. You tell us we cannot serve two masters, yet we continue to diverting our time, our energy, our money, our attention away from you. Forgive us, gracious Savior, when our hearts are led astray When we serve other gods and worship them. With the power of the Holy Spirit, we turn away from our distractions and sin. Strengthen us to set our faces toward Jerusalem, to take up our cross and follow you. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

### private confession

#### assurance of pardon: 1 John 1:9, 2:1-2

Hear the good news: "If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness"....and ... if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world."

### song of assurance

#### **Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly minded,  
for, with blessing in His hand,  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
in the body and the blood.

He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven  
spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of light descendeth  
from the realms of endless day,  
that the pow'rs of hell may vanish  
as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph,  
cherubim with sleepless eye,  
veil their faces to the Presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
"Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, Lord Most High!"

tithes and offerings:

doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

scripture reading: John 1:12-14 & 18, Revelation 1:4-7 &  
Hebrews 2:9-18

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

God's Word Today: Alex

sermon: Thinking Clearly about Jesus

sermon outline:

1. Jesus is the eternal Son who brings us to the Father. (Q.33)
2. Jesus is the gracious Lord of His people who reigns over everything. (Q.34)
3. Jesus is the eternal Son and Lord of all who took on flesh for our salvation. (Q.35-36)

the Lord's Supper | congregation stands

the Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: It is right, and good, and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto you, O Lord, our Father Almighty, everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your holy name; evermore praising You and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth of  
Your glory are full. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

words of institution and declaration of faith

Minister: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.**

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God, take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on Him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

distribution of the Bread and the Cup

song of thanksgiving

**Forever**

Give thanks to the Lord,  
our God and King  
His love endures forever  
For He is good,  
He is above all things  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise

With a mighty hand  
and outstretched arm  
His love endures forever  
For the life that's been reborn  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise  
Sing praise, sing praise

Forever, God is faithful  
Forever, God is strong  
Forever, God is with us  
Forever

From the rising to the setting sun  
His love endures forever  
By the grace of God,  
we will carry on  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise  
Sing praise, sing praise

benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

peace

Minister: The Peace of the Lord be with you all

**People: And also with you**

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