August 25, 2019

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: 9:30 a.m. Rev. Vergunst communion, 2:30 p.m. reflection

Next Week: 9:30 a.m. Catechism Reading, 2:30 p.m. Rev. Hofman

Advance Notice: September 8 2:30 p.m. Rev. Adams

Candidate de Leeuw will be ordained in Franklin Lakes on **Wednesday, August 28** at 1:30 p.m. EST The inaugural service is at 7:00 p.m. EST The church telephone number for these services is (201) 901-3284. You are welcome to call in, but are requested to please wait to call in until the time of the service so those who need to call in of the Franklin Lakes congregation can call in first.

-All the Lord Willing-

Offerings Today: 1st General Fund Next week: 1st General Fund 2nd Treasured Med 2nd School Fund

We Remember in Prayer:

-Those who have been unable to gather with us for some time, our widows and widowers, our elderly, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, those who are under doctor's care, and all those who have hidden crosses.

MEDITATIONS

Thou, O Christ, art all I want;
All in all in thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name;
I am all unrighteousness;
Vile and full of sin I am;
Thou art full of truth and grace;

Plenteous grace with thee is found;
Grace to pardon all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the Fountain art;
Freely let me take of thee;
Spring thou up within my heart,
Rise to all eternity.

"The meek shall eat and be satisfied." Ps. 22:26

This a Messianic psalm. It speaks of the suffering of Christ's soul, vs. 1-6; and the suffering of His body, vs. 7-20. The enemies expected that He would perish in it, but God would restore to Him the glory He had before the world was. Christ would gather a flock, a congregation of Jews and Gentiles.

Those who will be saved are the meek. These meek are the humble, the small ones, the poor, the oppressed, the afflicted ones, trampled under feet, tender hearted, lowly, and teachable. The have learned to know a holy, righteous, kind, merciful God and see themselves in the light of these attributes so filthy, sinful, unjust and unthankful, so completely undeserving, that they are not worthy that He would come under their roof. How can there be a place for such undeserving ones at the King's table?

They also may know a little of the unfathomable love of God, revealed in Christ, that He spared not His Son, but delivered Him up for us all. For all those given unto Him by His Father when Christ gave Himself to be Surety for them. The love of Christ in giving Himself as a sacrifice for enemies has humbled them. Though they, like the centurion or as the publican, feel themselves so unworthy to have a place among God's children, at His table, they say with the poet of Psalm 38:9 "Lord, all my desire is before Thee, and my groaning is not hid from Thee."

Those meek are invited to a feast, a table, in order to eat of His food. Christ is the bread for hungry and water for thirsty ones. They shall eat and be satisfied. He satisfies them when they may taste something of His incomprehensible love and experience His nearness. "In Thy presence is fulness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore" (Ps. 16:11).

The heavenly Bridegroom says in Song of Songs 5:1, "I am come into My garden, My sister, My spouse: I have gathered My myrrh with My spice; I have eaten My honeycomb with My honey; I have drunk My wine with My milk: eat, O friends; drink, yea drink abundantly, O beloved." They may come and "buy wine and milk, without money and without price."

O, poor and afflicted ones, unworthy in yourself, come then and confess that you are nothing but a filthy leper, but that He is altogether lovely. These will not be disappointed who, like the woman with the issue of blood, flee to this Savior. He is a Refuge to those who trust in Him. ~Rev. Vogelaar

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So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever: we will shew forth thy praise to all generations.

Psalm 79:13

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Church Times: 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 or 6:30 p.m.