

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 529

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

The Invocation

The Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism #86

Leader: What is the communion in glory with Christ which the members of the invisible church enjoy immediately after death?

Leader and People: The communion in glory with Christ which the members of the invisible church enjoy immediately after death, is, in that their souls are then made perfect in holiness, and received into the highest heavens, where they behold the face of God in light and glory, waiting for the full redemption of their bodies, which even in death continue united to Christ, and rest in their graves as in their beds, till at the last day they be again united to their souls.

Whereas the souls of the wicked are at their death cast into hell, where they remain in torments and utter darkness, and their bodies kept in their graves, as in their prisons, till the resurrection and judgment of the great day.

The Song

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above, 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 Heaven He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart. No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within, upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end of all my sin. Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free. For God the Just is satisfied, to look on Him and pardon me, to look on Him and pardon me.

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 Savior and my God! With Christ my Savior and my God!

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The Scripture Reading

Acts 22:30-23:35

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The Psalm

That Man Is Blessed (Psalm 1)

That man is blessed who does not walk as wicked men advise, nor stand where sinners meet, nor sit where scorners pose as wise. Instead, he is the one who makes the Lord's law his delight, and in that law he meditates by day and in the night.

He's like a deeply planted tree beside a water stream, which in its season bears its fruit, whose leaves stay fresh and green. In all he does he will succeed. The wicked are not so, but they are like the scattered chaff swept by the winds that blow.

The wicked therefore will not stand when time of judgment comes, nor will the sinners stand among assembled righteous ones. Because the Lord the righteous loves; the path they walk He knows. The wicked walk a different path, that to destruction goes.

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The Evening Prayer

The Sermon

Rev. Dean Williams

Drawn and Enticed, "By Whom?"

James 1:13-15

The Hymn No. 575

Soldiers of Christ, Arise

The Benediction

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