

Evening Worship 18th October

Welcome and Notices

Prayer of Adoration

♪ **Psalm 63:1-6** (Sing Psalms) Tune: Wareham

- 1 O God, you are my God alone;
I seek your face with eagerness.
My soul and body thirst for you
In this dry, weary wilderness.
- 2 I've seen you in your holy place;
Your power and glory held my gaze.
- 3 Far better is your love than life,
And so my lips will sing your praise.
- 4 I'll bless you, Lord, throughout my life
And raise my hands to you in prayer.
- 5 My joyful lips will sing your praise;
My soul is fed with richest fare.
- 6 Upon my bed I lie awake
And in my thoughts remember you;
I meditate throughout the night
And keep your constant love in view.

Confession of Sin Announcement of Pardon

♪ **Rock of Ages, cleft for me**

1. Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in Thee;
let the water and the blood,
from Thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure,
cleanse me from its guilt and power.

2. Not the labours of my hands
can fulfil Thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears for ever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3. Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to Thy cross I cling;
naked, come to Thee for dress,
helpless, look to Thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Saviour, or I die.

4. While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyes shall close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see Thee on Thy judgement throne;
Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in Thee.

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Scripture Readings

1 Timothy 3:1-16

¹ The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. ² Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³ not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ⁴ He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, ⁵ for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? ⁶ He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. ⁷ Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

⁸ Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. ⁹ They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰ And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. ¹¹ Their wives likewise must be dignified, not

slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. ¹² Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. ¹³ For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

¹⁴ I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, ¹⁵ if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth. ¹⁶ Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:

He was manifested in the flesh,
vindicated by the Spirit,
seen by angels,
proclaimed among the nations,
believed on in the world,
taken up in glory.

Psalm 63:1-11

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

² So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.

³ Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

⁴ So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.

⁵ My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,
and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,

⁶ when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

⁷ for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.

⁸ My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.

⁹ But those who seek to destroy my life
shall go down into the depths of the earth;

¹⁰ they shall be given over to the power of the sword;
they shall be a portion for jackals.

¹¹ But the king shall rejoice in God;

all who swear by him shall exult,
for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

Sermon
Sleep Well

♪ **The Lord's my Shepherd**

1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.
*And I will trust in You alone,
and I will trust in You alone,
for Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

2. He guides my ways in righteousness,
and He anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.
And I will trust . . .

3. And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
for You are with me, and Your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.
*And I will trust . . .
And I will trust . . .*

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Offering

Prayer of Intercession

♪ **Psalm 4:3-8** (Sing Psalms) Tune: Ayrshire

3 Know that the LORD has set apart
the godly as his own;
The LORD will hear me when I call
and my request make known.

4 In anger do not break God's law;
consider and be still.

5 Present a righteous sacrifice,
and wait upon his will.

6 "O who can show us any good?"
I hear so many say.
O LORD, shine on us with your light;
show us your face, I pray.

7 You filled my heart with greater joy
than others may have found
As they rejoiced at harvest time,
when grain and wine abound.

8 I will lie down and sleep in peace;
my heart will rest secure,
For you alone, O gracious LORD,
will keep me safe and sure.

Benediction