



For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

In speaking of this proclamation, we should consider, first, what is proclaimed; second, how it is proclaimed; and third, how long it is to be proclaimed.

The Supper proclaims "the Lord's death." We show, exhibit, demonstrate, set forth, symbolize, represent, and picture the death of Christ. His death is the heart of the gospel. He gave his life as a ransom for us sinners (Mark 10:45). This is a truth that must be proclaimed. If it is left out, people will not be saved.

As to how the Lord's death is proclaimed, it is in the emblems themselves. Here are the bread and the fruit of the vine, separately—the bread, representing the flesh of Christ, the fruit of the vine, representing his blood. These elements of bread and wine, by being separated, are emblems of his suffering for us and for our sin, of his broken body and his shed blood.

As to how long Christ's death is to be proclaimed through this Supper, it is "until he comes." This teaches us that throughout all time there will be value in Christ's wondrous death. God would not have us set forth a thing that is without value. The atonement is still efficacious; it is still full of power. We celebrate the [sacrament] until he comes because forgiveness through Christ's death is still available for all who trust in him. By partaking of this Supper until Christ comes, we hold up this signpost to all who want to journey to heaven.

C.H. Spurgeon

# The Lord's Day — April 18, 2021 A.D.

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus! Thank you for joining us today and may the Lord richly bless you.

## Song of Assembly<sup>1</sup>

### Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name.  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame.  
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord Who bought us, pitied us when enemies,  
Called us by His grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes.  
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood, He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptation threaten hard to bear us down.  
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqu'ror's crown.  
He, Who washed us with His blood, He, Who washed us with His blood,  
He, Who washed us with His blood, soon will bring us home to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high.  
Here they trusted Him before us, now their praises fill the sky.  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou art worthy Lamb of God.

## Welcome and Announcements

### Responsive Call to Worship:

**Psalm 98:4-6**

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

**People: Break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

Pastor: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,

**People: With the lyre and the sound of melody!**

Pastor: With trumpets and the sound of the horn,

**All: Make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!**

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

**based on Psalm 93**

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## Hymn of Praise

### Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee.  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,  
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky and sea,  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

## Reading of the Word: *"no condemnation"*

**Romans 8:1-9**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Confession of Sin

**Psalm 41:4**

**O Lord, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you! ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...***  
**Amen!**

## Hear the Good News!

**Ephesians 2:13**

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

## **Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs**

### **You Are Worthy of My Praise**

I will worship (repeat), with all of my heart (repeat);  
I will praise you (repeat), with all of my strength. (repeat)  
I will seek you (repeat), all of my days; (repeat)  
And I will follow (repeat), follow all of Your ways (repeat).

*I will give You all my worship, I will give You all my praise.  
You alone I long to worship, You alone are worthy of my praise.*

I will bow down (repeat), and hail You as King (repeat);  
I will serve you (repeat), give You everything (repeat).  
I will lift up (repeat), my eyes to Your throne (repeat);  
And I will trust You (repeat), I will trust You alone (repeat).

### **Your Love, Oh Lord (Psalm 36)**

Your love, Oh Lord, reaches to the heavens,  
Your faithfulness stretches to the skies.  
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains;  
Your justice flows like the ocean's tide.

*And I will lift my voice to worship You my King,  
And I will find my strength in the shadow of Your wings.  
Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last.*

### **The Blessing**

The Lord bless you, and keep you. Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.

*Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.*

May His favor be upon you and a thousand generations and your family  
and your children and their children and their children.

May His presence go before you and behind you and beside you.  
All around you and within you, He is with you, He is with you.

In the morning, in the evening, in your coming and your going.  
In your weeping and rejoicing. He is for you, He is for you, He is for you, He is for you.

**Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition**

**Elder Jay Suggs**

**Sermon**

**Series: Communing With God**  
**XII. God's Table In The Heart Of The Church**  
**1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (page 958)**

**Pastor Tommy Lee**

## **We Confess Our Faith: The Nicene Creed <sup>2</sup>**

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his father before all worlds, God of God, Light Of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

Communion, also called The Lord's Supper or Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to share in this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and their neighbor, and who seek strength to live in a deeper communion with Jesus. If you are not a Christian, or you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the Church.

*(Gluten free communion bread is available upon request; please speak to the pastor before the service or alert your server during communion.)*

### **There Is A Fountain Filled with Blood**

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains. *(Repeat)*

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;  
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away. *(Repeat)*

O dying Lamb, thy precious blood shall never lose its power,  
Til all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more. *(Repeat)*

Ever since, by faith, I saw the stream thy flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die. *(Repeat x2)*

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<sup>2</sup> The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325), and an expanded form was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon (451). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ.

**Benediction<sup>3</sup>**  
To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

**Revelation 1:5b-6**

**Song of Faith**

**Come People of the Risen King**  
Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise.  
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.  
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease;  
But follow us through all our days, with the certain hope of peace.  
*Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!*  
*One heart, one voice; O, Church of Christ, rejoice!*

**This Week**

<b>Tuesday 6:30am</b> Men's Bible Study @ Java Jaay ( <i>Hebrews</i> )	<b>Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm</b> 4 Year Olds - 5 <sup>th</sup> grade / Kid's Quest
<b>Tuesday 9:30-11:00am</b> Ladies Bible Study via Zoom ( <i>Psalms</i> )	<b>Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm</b> DPC Youth! (6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade) DPC Youth! (9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade)
<b>Tuesday @ Noon</b> Men's Bible Study @ Kent's Office ( <i>1 Samuel</i> ) ( <i>resumes soon</i> )	<b>Wednesday 7:30pm</b> Praise Worship Band Practice
<b>Wednesday 6:15-7:15p,</b> Adult Open Door Study @ DPC (" <i>The Person of Jesus: A Study of Love</i> ")	<b>Friday 6:30am</b> Men's Bible Study @ Temple, Inc. ( <i>1 Peter</i> )

<sup>3</sup> Just as God called us into His presence at the beginning, so now He commands His blessing upon us as we depart. We look up and extend our hands in a posture of thanksgiving as we receive this great gift. Our final response to God's assurance of His peace and presence upon those who are in Christ is a chorus of joyful song.

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## Church Family Reminders

**Get More Connected:** Sign up for the weekly email by emailing Tonya at [tonya@decaturpca.org](mailto:tonya@decaturpca.org).

**Next Up!** The next four books of Scripture that we'll be reading together via the Cultivate daily readings will be Luke, Jonah, Jude, and Numbers. Sign up today by emailing Tonya at [tonya@decaturpca.org](mailto:tonya@decaturpca.org)

**New Service Protocols:** The 9:00 service will continue to be mask-required, and we will continue to seat every-other-row, until attendance grows beyond that, and then we'll start filling in every row. But the overflow video room will remain available for any who prefer it. The 10:45 service now returns to pre-pandemic, "normal" conditions.

**Officer Nominations:** Voting members may make officer nominations anytime in the month of April 2021. You may do so with the forms found on the round table in the church foyer or by email. Please note that the following officers will be ending their three-year term (or have been on sabbatical), and are willing to stand for election to another term: Elders Chip Walraven & Stuart Smith, and Deacons Wade Littrell & Steve Sasser. See Rick Stark or contact him ([rick@decaturpca.org](mailto:rick@decaturpca.org), 334.728.1409) with any questions.

**Dinner on the Driveway!** All ladies of DPC are invited to dinner and fellowship today, Sunday, April 18, 6:00 pm at Elizabeth Lee's home/driveway (2422 Jarvis St. SW). Come celebrate Spring as we get to know one another better.

**Middle School & High School Students:** RYM is just around the corner! Registration and deposit (\$100.00) are due by April 28th. Scholarship money is available so don't let the cost keep you from going! Please see Nathan with any questions.

**Father / Son Campout** Come and enjoy a Father / Son Campout at Freedom Farm, hosted by Brian and Julie Rodgers (352 Turney Bridge Road, Somerville, AL) beginning at 3:30pm on Friday, April 30. Bring your own camping gear. We will have food, power for cpap machines if needed, and lots of fun activities. See Brian if you have any questions.

**Graduate Sunday:** On Sunday, May 2, we will briefly recognize our high school seniors in our service and celebrate them with a reception and gift tables afterward! Our 2021 graduating high school seniors are: Sarah Carpenter, John Chambers, Ian Jones, Jaden Lee, Elizabeth McMahan, Colin Nelson, Mia Suggs, SaraBeth White, Matthew Wilson, and Lacy Slaten. More details are coming soon.

**College Graduates?** We are compiling a list of college graduates. If you know of any DPC students who are graduating from college this year, please send their names to [office@decaturpca.org](mailto:office@decaturpca.org)

# ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

SPRING 2021

(Temporarily Suspended)

**American Gospel:** The gospel message of "Christ crucified" has always been offensive. We are exploring how the paths of post-modernism and progressive Christianity lead to a different gospel, a god created in our own image.

**The Parlor Class:** This class, led by Stuart Smith, meets in the parlor. We are studying the Nicene Creed, one of the earliest & most important expressions of our faith. We'd love for you to join us!

**Sedona Class:** Led by George Godwin, we are currently studying through the Book of Mark. The class meets in the classroom down the back hallway from the sanctuary, across from the choir room. Guests are always welcome!

**Ladies Sunday School Class:** We are studying 1 & 2 Thessalonians, in the library at 9:30 am. This is a discussion based Bible study, open to all ladies, please join us!

## Session

George Godwin	Allen Schmidt
Jeff Keith	Jason Seale
Mike McMahan	Greg Smith
Kent Quinn	Jay Suggs
Brian Rodgers	Blake Temple
Connor Ross	Chip Walraven

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## Service Times

9:00am Worship Service #1 (Mask-Required Service)

10:45am Worship Service #2 (Mask-Optional Service)

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