

# *Christ the Shepherd, PCA*

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Welcome

Call to Worship

Invocation

\*Hymns and Songs of Worship and Adoration

To God Be The Glory (TH #55)

Your Grace Is Enough (B pg. 53)

\*Confession of Faith – Apostles' Creed (TH pg. 845)

\*Old Testament Scripture – 2 Kings 6:15 – 23 (pg. 312)

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Declaration of Absolution

Pastoral Prayer

\*Worship through giving back to God

Open The Eyes Of My Heart (B pg. 36)

Sermon – “As The Crow Flies”: The Straight Paths of The Lord

Acts 13:4 – 12 (pg. 921)

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Music for Meditation

The Old Rugged Cross (B pg. 44)

\*Closing Song – In Christ Alone (B pg. 24-25)

\*Announcements and Doxology (TH #731)

\*Benediction

\*Please stand if able.

TH = Trinity Hymnal      B = Blue song book

## **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Corporate Prayer of Confession

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin! For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean; wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow. Let us hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen.

## Heidelberg Catechism

*Lord's Day 17*

*45. How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?*

First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death.

Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life.

Third, Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.

*Lord's Day 18*

*46. What do you mean by saying, "He ascended to heaven"?*

That Christ, while his disciples watched, was taken up from the earth into heaven and remains there on our behalf until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.

*47. But isn't Christ with us until the end of the world as he promised us?*

Christ is true man and true God. In his human nature Christ is not now on earth; but in his divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit he is never absent from us.

*48. If his humanity is not present wherever his divinity is, then aren't the two natures of Christ separated from each other?*

Certainly not. Since divinity is not limited and is present everywhere, it is evident that Christ's divinity is surely beyond the bounds of the humanity that has been taken on, but at the same time his divinity is in and remains personally united to his humanity.

*49. How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?*

First, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father.

Second, we have our own flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that Christ our head will also take us, his members, up to himself.

Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a corresponding pledge. By the Spirit's power we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.