



May 16, 2021

10:30 A.M.

The Final Prayer of Jesus
Christ Prays for His Disciples

FATHER

sanctify them by Your

TRUTH

because Your

WORD

is truth

John 17:17



Order of Service

Announcements

Welcome

Preparation for Worship

-----God's Greatness-----

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise: "God is For Us"

. . . Ferguson/Tealy/Reeves/Robinson/Farren/Thompson/Tranter

Prayer of Invocation

Affirmation of Faith: Philippians 2:5-11

Song of Praise

"Behold Our God". Baird/Altrogge

Children are dismissed to Sunday School

----- God's Renewal-----

Scripture Warning

Public Confession

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort: Colossians 1:13-14

Song of Renewal: "At Your Feet". Ingram/Hall

-----God's Grace-----

Scripture Reading: John 17:11-19 (ESV)

Prayer

The Sermon: The Farewell Discourse

"Christ Prays for His Disciples"

Words of Institution

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision". Irish Folk Melody

Prayer of Approach

-----God's Blessing-----

Parting Hymn

"Facing a Task Unfinished". Getty/Cash/de Barra

Benediction

God's Gracious Provision 5/9/2021

Attendance: 54

Offering: \$3621.00

Your offering may be placed in the box at the Welcome Table.

On a Throne, Not in a Hammock

by Scotty Smith

Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." Acts 7:55-56

Lord Jesus, though it certainly doesn't get the "press" and fanfare of your birth and resurrection, your ascension is a most grace-filled, peace-giving, hope-fueling reality. Forty days after your resurrection, you ascended to the right hand of our Father, Almighty.

You didn't sit down from exhaustion, but in response to your exaltation and coronation. Hallelujah... you are reigning on a throne, not relaxing in a hammock.

You are actively...

- Making all things new ([Rev. 1:5](#))
- Interceding for us constantly ([Heb. 7:25](#))
- Working in all things for our good ([Rom. 8:28](#))
- Ruling over every king on the earth ([Rev. 1:4b-6](#))
- Putting all your enemies under your feet ([1 Cor. 15:25](#))

However, the day deacon-Stephen became a Gospel-martyr, we were given one the most endearing images of your present reign and constant care for us. Lord Jesus, you not only arose from the dead and ascended into heaven, but you also now "rise for the occasion" of our greatest crises and needs.

Stephen saw you "*standing at the right hand of God.*" You gave him grace to forgive his enemies ([Acts. 7:58-60](#)), and a loving welcome into your very presence. Hallelujah, what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a salvation! So very Amen, indeed.

Notes

I. The Christian's Relationship to other Christians

A. God is our Father who thrusts us toward oneness.

B. This prayer is a request that Jesus' disciples be protected in order that they may be one in love, purpose, holiness, and truth.

C. Joy comes with Unity.

II. The Christian's Relationship to the World

A. Protected from the Evil One

B. Sanctified in the Truth.

C. Empowered to Live a Life of Costly Mission ‘

Upcoming Events

TONIGHT 6:15-7:15 P.M. House of Prayer

GCC Prayer Gathering for youth and adults

1300 High Street, Pottstown, PA

Wednesday, May 19 6:30 P.M. **Young Adults** meet for Bible Study at the Deicherts

Thursday, May 20 7:00 P.M. **Tactics Small Group** meets at the home of Rick and Barb Knarr.

Sunday, May 23 2:30 P.M. Bowling at Jay Lanes in Douglassville for men of all ages. Contact Matt Deichert if you are interested.

Saturday, June 5 6:00 P.M. Prayer Dinner at the home of Pastor Rick and Barb. The event will be largely outdoors so if it rains we will use an alternate rain date.

Everyone is invited to join with the elders in prayer every Sunday from 9:30-10:00 in the back of the gym.

“God has actually designed us to find fulfillment and blessing when and only when we stop living for self—only when we stop hungering and thirsting for wealth, position, status, fame, or whatever else our world thinks matters most.” —Douglas Sean O’Donnell

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- Pray for Steve Simons' brother, J.J., who was diagnosed with thyroid cancer. Pray for God's strength for J.J.
- Pray for Greg Aument's coworker, Deb Pachella, who had heart surgery on May 7th. Pray for wisdom and guidance for the doctors and healing. Pray that Deb comes to know the Lord.
- Pray for Christopher, son of Susan and Glen Williams. Pray for mental, physical, and spiritual well-being on his behalf.
- Pray for Deana Deichert's father, who will be receiving treatment for his cancer. Pray for wisdom for his doctors and healing for Deana's father.
- Pray for Rhonda Clark's father, Donald Mace, who was diagnosed with a serious illness. Treatments will be starting soon.
- Pray for Denny Bartchak, friend of Barb Knarr. Pray for a successful cancer surgery on his bladder on May 20.
- Pray that God reveals Himself to Koreen's friend, Amanda and her husband, John. Amanda's father is dying. Pray for support from John and peace and God's presence for the situation and for the father who does not know the Lord.
- Pray for Ashley, the niece of Lisa Frame's friend, Denise, who is undergoing chemotherapy treatment. Pray for continued healing and that Ashley can know the Lord.
- Pray for Dave Frame's dad, who had outpatient hernia repair done on May 10th. Pray for Dave's mom who fell and fractured her shoulder. Pray for healing for Dave's father and mother.
- Praise that Koreen's dad's pacemaker surgery was successful. Pray for Gwen as she cares for their dad at home.
- Pray for Diane Ziegler, friend of Donna Jenkins, who had two surgeries and is doing better. Diane needs more chemotherapy treatments.
- Pray for Koreen Mace's brother-in-law, Jim, that God will speak to his heart and for salvation and healing for Jim.
- Pray for Tracy Spencer, niece of Donna Jenkins, and her baby boy, Evan, who was born on May 5th. Pray for improvement in Evan's lungs. Pray for wisdom for the doctors and healing for Evan.
- Pray for Donna Plowfield's son-in-law, David, who is seeking employment in this area.
- Pray for Justine Schumaker, mother of Renee Schumaker. Pray for healing for Justine through her chemotherapy treatment.
- Pray for Jeremiah Mace, who is in a 9-month internship program. Pray for healing for Koreen's family.

Message

The Final Prayer of Jesus Christ Prays for His Disciples

John 17:11–19 (ESV)

And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

The Main Idea

The overall thrust of verses 11–19, in which Jesus prays for his disciples, is that the disciples should relate properly to one another and to the non-believing world. Jesus' prayer reorients us to a true understanding of who we are. In this section of Scripture, we listen to Jesus talk about us. The text opens the heart of Jesus showing us who he is and at the same time his desires for us are unveiled. We are reminded that the Christian life is not one of isolation or assimilation but rather as those that are sent into the world. We are called to a life of costly mission: taking the gifts and resources that God has entrusted to us and exercising them publicly and using them in the name of Jesus for the Kingdom of God.