

* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 98:1-3*
*Oh sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.*
**The Lord has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.**
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

* **Opening Prayer**

* **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name** #325:1,2,3 (HFG)
All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;
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Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all;
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Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all;
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* **The Old Rugged Cross** #256:1,2,3 (HFG)
On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
'Til my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

O, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God, left His glory above,
To bear it to dark Calvary. *Refrain*

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see;
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me. *Refrain*

* join us in standing if able

Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 12-15
According to God's righteous judgment we deserve
punishment both in this world and forever after: how then
can we escape this punishment and return to God's favor?
God requires that his justice be satisfied.
**Therefore the claims of his justice must be paid in full,
either by ourselves or another.**

Can we pay this debt ourselves?
Certainly not. Actually, we increase our guilt every day.
Can another creature—any at all—pay this debt for us?
No.

**To begin with,
God will not punish another creature
for what a human is guilty of.
Besides, no mere creature can bear the weight
of God's eternal anger against sin and release others from it.**
What kind of mediator and deliverer should we look for then?
**One who is truly human and truly righteous,
yet more powerful than all creatures,
that is, one who is also true God.**

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Evening Prayer

* **I Know Whom I Have Believed** #631:1,3 (HFG)
I know not why God's wondrous grace
To me he has made known.
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love
Redeemed me for his own.

Refrain: But "I know whom I have believed,
And am persuaded that he is able
To keep that which I've committed
Unto him against that day."

I know not how the Spirit moves, convincing us of sin,
Revealing Jesus through the Word, creating faith in him.

Refrain

* **Scripture:** *Psalm 49:7-9 (ESV)* pg. 596
⁷ *Truly no man can ransom another,
or give to God the price of his life,*
⁸ *for the ransom of their life is costly
and can never suffice,*
⁹ *that he should live on forever
and never see the pit.*

Hebrews 10:1-4 (ESV) pg. 1261
¹ *For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to
come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never,
by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every
year, make perfect those who draw near. ² Otherwise,
would they not have ceased to be offered, since the
worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer
have any consciousness of sins? ³ But in these sacrifices
there is a reminder of sins every year. ⁴ For it is impossible
for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.*

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message: *How Do You Pay an Infinite Debt?*

* **Jesus Paid It All** #273:1,2 (HFG)
I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small!
Child of weakness watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all."

Refrain: Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.

For nothing good have I, whereby Thy grace to claim;
I'll wash my garments white,
In the blood of Calvary's Lamb. *Refrain*

* **God's Blessing**

* **Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship** #233:1,2 (PH)
Heavenly hosts in ceaseless worship
"Holy, holy, holy!" cry;
"He who is, who was and will be,
God Almighty, Lord Most High."
Praise and honor, power and glory
Be to him who reigns alone;
We, with all his hands have fashioned,
Fall before the Father's throne.

All creation, all redemption, join to sing the Savior's worth;
Lamb of God whose blood has bought us,
Kings and priests, to reign on earth.
Wealth and wisdom, power and glory,
Honor, might, dominion, praise
Now be his from all his creatures and to everlasting days.

How Do You Pay an Infinite Debt?

Psalm 49:7-9; Hebrews 10:1-4

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Music: Nancy Z

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