

TRUMPET CALL

WELCOME TO THE UPTOWN CHURCH!

PSALM 81:1-3

Sing aloud to God our strength;

shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

Raise a song; sound the tambourine,
the sweet lyre with the harp.

Blow the trumpet at the new moon,
at the full moon, on our feast day.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please check your bulletin for more information.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

A pastoral prayer of adoration, thanksgiving, and illumination.

Psalm 25:4-5, 67:1-2, 105:4, 116:2, 119:18

Matthew 18:20, 28:19-20; Luke 24:32,45; Ephesians 1:17–19; 1 Corinthians 2:14

PASSING THE PEACE

Unity & Reconciliation

*Romans 16:16; 1 Corinthians 16:20; 2 Corinthians 13:11-12;
1 Thessalonians 5:26; 1 Peter 5:14; Matthew 5:23-24, 18:15*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Corporate prayer of our covenantal commitment with our Heavenly Father through the Son of God, which encourages the confession of sin together.

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

Our Father,
who is in heaven,
holy is Your Name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.



Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.



For Yours is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
forever and ever.

Amen.



PSALMS, HYMNS & SPIRITUAL SONGS

Praising and glorifying our Lord and Saviour in song together.

Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16

RESPONSIVE READING OF THE LAW

Ten Commandments and A Call to Keep His Commandments

Exodus 20; Psalms 51, 112, 119, 128, 130; Ecclesiastes 12

PASTOR

Blessed are all who fear the Lord,
who walk in His ways.

PEOPLE

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.



PASTOR

Praise the Lord! Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in His commands!

PEOPLE

Lead me in the path of Your commandments,
for there I find delight.



PASTOR

And God spoke all these words:

You shall have no other gods before Me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol. You shall not bow down and worship them.

You shall not take the Lord your God's name in vain.



PASTOR

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God.... You shall keep the Sabbath, because it is holy for you, that you may know that I, the Lord, sanctify you.



PEOPLE

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.



PASTOR

Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.



PASTOR

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.



PEOPLE

If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins,
O Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness.
Therefore, you are feared.



PASTOR

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter:

Fear God and keep His commandments,
For this is man's all.

For God will bring every work into
judgment,
Including every secret thing,
Whether good or evil.



EVERYONE

Blessed be the Lord,
the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.
Amen and Amen.



PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Pastoral & Congregational Prayer

Isaiah 50:10

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Who among you fears the Lord
and obeys the voice of His Servant?
Let him who walks in darkness
and has no light
trust in the name of the Lord
and rely on His God.



2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-6

For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.



BLESSING & DISMISSAL OF THE CHILDREN

Call children to the altar for prayer and blessing.

Matthew 18:1-14, 19:13-14

PSALMS, HYMNS & SPIRITUAL SONGS

Praising and glorifying our Lord and Saviour in song together.

Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16

DECLARATION OF THE LAW

The Greatest Commandment with a supplementary passage.

*Mark 12.29-31; Matthew 22:35-40; Luke 10:25-28;
John 13:34-35; 1 John 4:7-8,21; Romans 13:9-10; Galatians 5:14; Matthew 7:12
Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Leviticus 19:18*

‘Hear, O Israel!

The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

And you shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your
strength.’



This is the first and great commandment.
And the second is like it:
‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’
On these two commandments hang all
the Law and the Prophets.



For the commandments,
“You shall not commit adultery,
You shall not murder,
You shall not steal,
You shall not covet,”



and any other commandment,
are summed up in this word:

“You shall love your neighbor as
yourself.”

Love does no wrong to a neighbor;
therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Romans 13:9-10

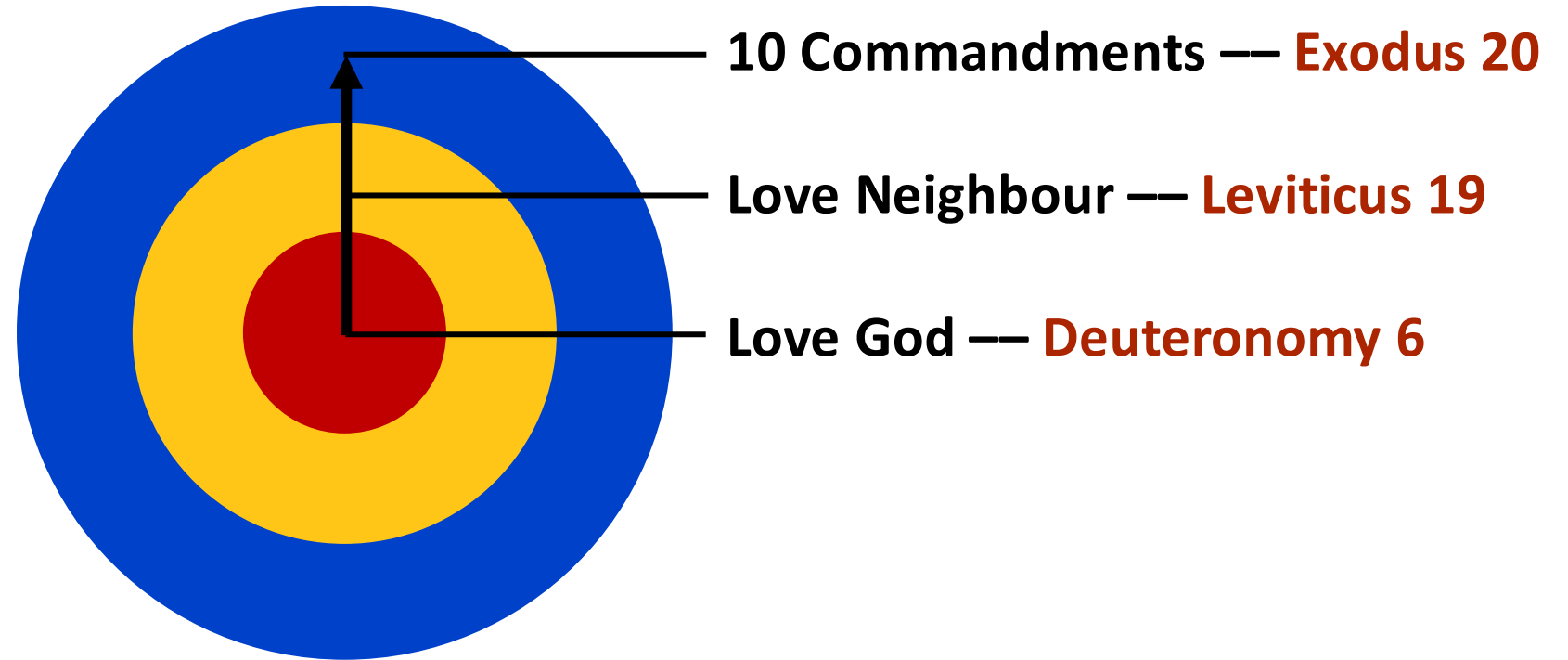




REMEMBER THE SABBATH

Understanding the Decalogue, Part IV

EXODUS 20 – 10 COMMANDMENTS



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1. **No other gods:** Worship only the one true God.
2. **No idols:** Do not make or worship images/idols.
3. **No misusing God's name:** Do not carry God's name falsely.
4. **Keep the Sabbath (No working):** Set aside a day to worship and rest in God.
5. **Honor parents:** Respect your father and mother.
6. **No murder:** Do not kill people unjustly.
7. **No adultery:** Be faithful to your spouse.
8. **No stealing:** Do not take what belongs to others.
9. **No lying:** Do not give false testimony (lie).
10. **No coveting:** Do not desire, envy, or crave what belongs to your neighbor.



EXODUS 20:1-3

1. No other gods

And God spoke all these words, saying:

“I am the Lord your **God**, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

“You shall have no other gods before me.

■ **Jude 1:5** — “Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that **Jesus**, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.”



EXODUS 20:8-11

4. Keep the Sabbath (no working)

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates.



TWO REASONS: **EXODUS 20:8-11, DEUT.5:15**

4. Keep the Sabbath (no working)

Exodus 20:11 — For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Deuteronomy 5:15 — You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore, the Lord your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.



WHAT IS SABBATH?

- Sabbath means, “to rest” or “to cease” from all work (wages)
- No work allowed: No cooking/preparing food, kindling fire, other duties/services, etc. (Exodus 16:23, 35:3).
- Death penalty for violations (Exodus 31:14-15; Numbers 15:32-36)
- But! Sabbath is not about rest in and of itself (i.e., napping, lounging, sleeping, etc.)
- You rest in God by not working and focusing on Him.



WHAT IS SABBATH?

- Sabbath = Solemn rest in God.

Leviticus 23:3 — Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work. It is a Sabbath to the Lord in all your dwelling places.

- That is why Israel gathered to praise and worship the Lord on Sabbath (**Psalms 92**)



WHAT HAPPENED ON SABBATH?

Synagogue (Synaxis) — “assembly” (James 2:2)

- Public reading of Scripture: Law (Torah), Prophets
- Prayer & Blessings (*Shema*: Deut. 6:4-9, 11:13-21; Num. 15:37-41)
- Sing Psalms/Hymns, Communal Prayer/Call-and-Responses
- Teaching of Scripture: Sermon (Luke 4:16-21)
- Temple Rituals: Sacrifices, etc. (Numbers 28:9-10)

— *Why?*



EXODUS 31:12-15

And the Lord said to Moses, “You are to speak to the people of Israel and say, ‘Above all you shall keep My Sabbaths, for this is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, **that you may know that I, the Lord, sanctify you.** You shall keep the Sabbath, because it is holy **for you.** Everyone who profanes it shall be put to death. Whoever does any work on it, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, holy to the Lord. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day shall be put to death.



WHY SABBATH?

- Note: God does not say that resting on Sabbath makes you holy.
- Consider: If resting alone was the substance that sanctifies, then resting would be a work — it would meritorious — but it is not.
- God teaches that observing Him, following His way, and obeying His words, makes you holy.
- Sabbath is to have holy rest in God, to be made holy by Him. You do not work because it is God who makes you holy, not your works.



WHY SABBATH?

To remember:

1. God rested from creation (Genesis 2:1-3)
2. God delivered them from slavery (Deuteronomy 5:15)

To recognize:

1. God makes you holy, not your works.
2. God saves you from sin, not your works.



EXODUS 31:16-18

Therefore, the people of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, observing the Sabbath throughout their generations, as a covenant forever. It is a **sign forever** between Me and the people of Israel that in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.’”

And He gave to Moses, when he had finished speaking with him on Mount Sinai, the two tablets of the testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.



WHAT IS THE SIGN OF SABBATH?

- Note: God says that Sabbath was only a sign, and that He makes you holy, so obey Him.

v.13 — “Above all you shall keep My Sabbaths, for this is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, the Lord, sanctify you.”

- **So—What is the sign of Sabbath and what is it pointing too?**



WHAT IS THE SIGN OF SABBATH?

- **First, what is a sign?**
- A sign directly points to something beyond itself — it tells you about something that is more significant or greater than itself.
- **A sign is not the substance — it is a shadow** (**Colossians 2:16-17; Hebrews 10:1**). Likewise, Sabbath was a sign that pointed to Israel's need to rest in God in order to be sanctified. God does not teach that it is the rest itself or the day itself that makes you holy.



CHRIST FULFILLED THE SIGN OF SABBATH

Hebrews 10:1 — “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.”



CHRIST FULFILLED THE SIGN OF SABBATH

Colossians 2:16-17 — “Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. **These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.**”

- So—What is the rest in God pointing to? Why rest?



CHRIST FULFILLED THE SIGN OF SABBATH

Matthew 11:28-30, 12:8 — “Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.... For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.”

- Yoke = idiom for the Law (**Acts 15:10, Galatians 5:1**)
- Christ fulfilled the Old Covenant Law (**Matthew 5:17-18**)



CHRIST FULFILLED THE SIGN OF SABBATH

How did Christ fulfill Sabbath rest? Why rest?

- Paul says the Law is sin and death (**Romans 8:2, Galatians 2:19**).
- The Law reveals to our conscience that we are dead men walking in darkness, incapable of saving ourselves (**Ephesians 2:1-3**).
- It is a sign that we need a Saviour.
- Christ fulfilled the Law and Sabbath sign — shadow of good things to come — in His death and resurrection.



CHRIST FULFILLED THE SIGN OF SABBATH

Hosea 2:11 — “And I will put an end to all her mirth, her feasts, her new moons, her Sabbaths, and all her appointed feasts.”

Hebrews 8:6-7,13 — “But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant He mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second.... In speaking of a new covenant, He makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old



CHRIST FULFILLED THE SIGN OF SABBATH

How did Christ fulfill Sabbath rest? Why rest?

- Sabbath rest points to the death of Christ.
- Christ's death fulfilled the old covenant.
- Christ's resurrection begins the new covenant.



CHRIST FULFILLED THE SIGN OF SABBATH

How did Christ fulfill Sabbath rest? Why rest?

- His death points to His resurrection.
- Saturday points to Sunday.
- Sabbath rest is old creation, life in Christ is new creation.
- Saturday is the yoke of slavery, Sunday is salvation from sin.
- Sabbath is a shadow — Christ is the substance.



CHRIST FULFILLED THE SIGN OF SABBATH

Romans 8:1-4 — 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.





SALVATION IS REST FROM WORKS!

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

Ephesians 2:8-10

HEBREWS 3:12-15

Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. **But exhort one another every day**, as long as it is called “**today**,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. As it is said,

“Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”



HEBREWS 3:16-19

For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? And with whom was He provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who were disobedient?

So, we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.



HEBREWS 4:1-3

Therefore, **while the promise of entering His rest still stands**, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. **For we who have believed enter that rest**, as He has said,

“As I swore in My wrath,
‘They shall not enter My rest,’”

although His works were finished from the foundation of the world.



HEBREWS 4:4-6

For He has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all His works.” And again in this passage He said,

“They shall not enter My rest.”

Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and **those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience**, again He appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,



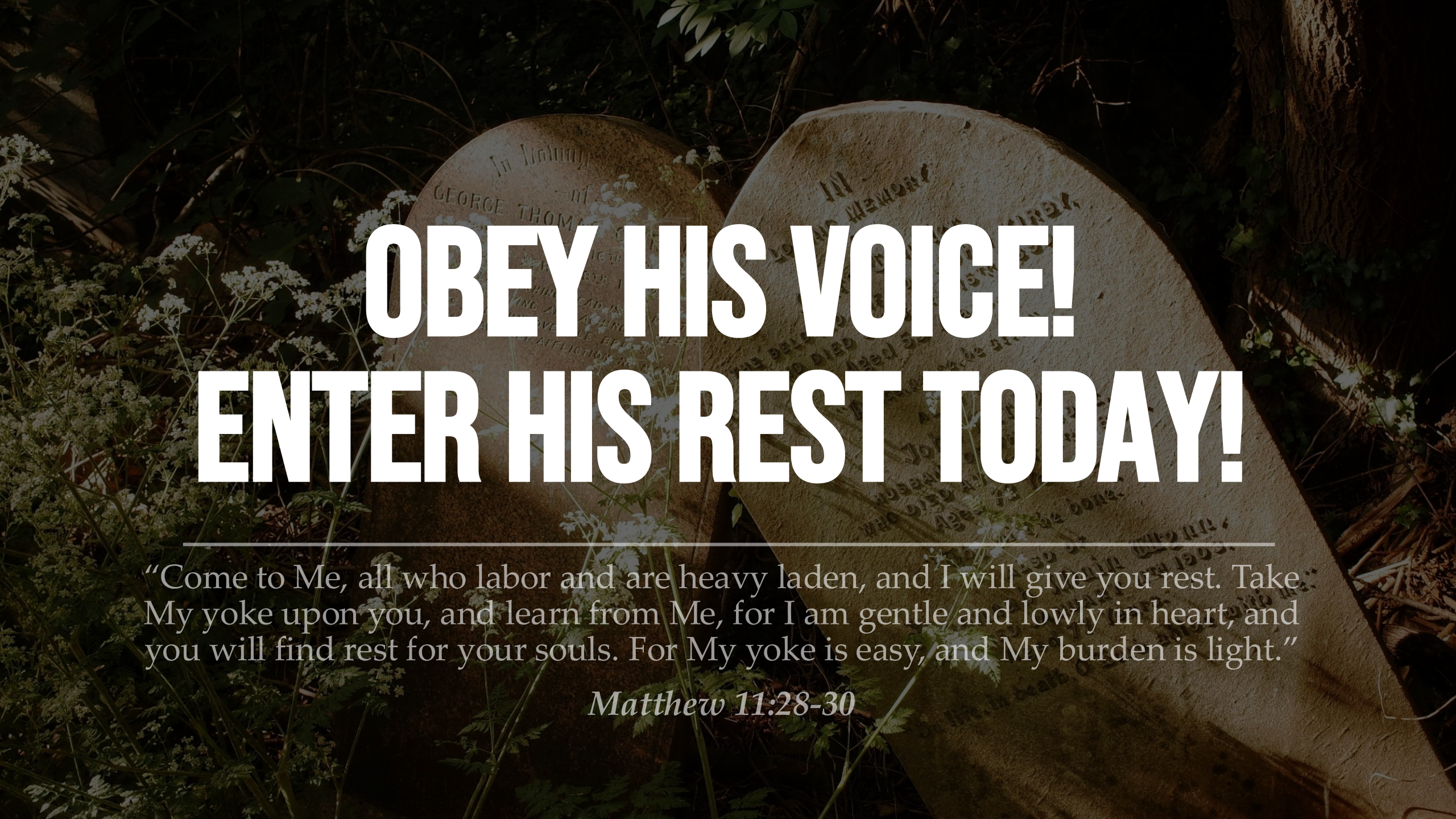
HEBREWS 4:7-11

“Today, if you hear His voice,
do not harden your hearts.”

For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. **So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from His.**

Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.





OBEY HIS VOICE! ENTER HIS REST TODAY!

“Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.”

Matthew 11:28-30

PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION

Pastoral Prayer of Application of God's Word.

Ephesians 6:18; 1 Timothy 2:1

CALL THE ELDERS OF THE CHURCH

Prayer in the aisles — confession of sin, anointing of the sick, and pastoral intercession alongside communal prayer, praise, and worship.

James 5:13-16; Psalm 103:2-5

PSALM 103:1-5

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless His holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all His benefits,



PSALM 103:1-5

who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.



JAMES 5:13-16

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray.

Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.

Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up.



JAMES 5:13-16

And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.



THE SENDING SONG

The final song of service before the Lord sends us out.

Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:18-20; Psalm 103:1-5, 150:1-6

BENEDICTION

Priestly Blessing

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May the glory and love of God the Father,
And the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the power and communion of the Holy Spirit,
Conform you into the image of His Son this week
Go in the joy that surpasses all understanding.
Amen.

2 Corinthians 13:14, Philippians 4:7



FELLOWSHIP

Please check your bulletin for services this week.

