

# Sovereign Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church

## Evening Devotion Outline

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*The whole Lord's Day is to be a day of worship and praise to God. This evening devotion is a great way to close out the Lord's Day by reflecting on God's word and works through Christ. Begin with reading the opening Scriptures. Pray the Lord's Prayer together and sing a Psalm or hymn. Have someone read the passage of Scripture (taken from the "first reading" of the morning service). Once you listen to the devotion, reflect with a few (or all) of the questions for reflection and close with singing and prayer.*

*The audio for the devotion can be accessed at [sgrpc.org/sermons](http://sgrpc.org/sermons).*

*Suggested Scripture readings for the week ahead are included as well.*

*All Scripture is quoted from the English Standard Version.*

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### Opening Scripture ..... Hebrews 12:1–2

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done  
in earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.

### Suggested Psalms and Hymns (from the *Trinity Psalter Hymnal*)

63A – O God, You Are My God Alone  
351 – How Deep the Father's Love for Us

### Confession of Faith:..... The Belgic Confession, Article 21

#### *About the Satisfaction of Christ for Our Sins*

We believe that Jesus Christ is that consummate High Priest, established in eternity with an oath according to the Melchizedekian order, and that He presented His very self in our name in the presence of the Father for the placation of His wrath with full satisfaction, placing His very self upon the altar of the cross and pouring out His blood for the purgation of our sins, just as the Prophets had predicted it would happen. For it is written, “the castigation of our peace was placed on the Son of God,” and “we are healed by his wounds.” Again, “He Himself was led to death as a lamb,” and He was “numbered among sinners” and condemned as a criminal by Pontius Pilate, even though he had previously declared Him innocent. Therefore, He paid, “for what He had not stolen,” and the just suffered for the unjust, both in His soul and body, so while sensing the awe-striking debt for our sins, He sweated blood and water and He even finally cried out, “My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?” And He endured all these things for the remission of our sins. For this reason, we rightly say with blessed Paul “we know nothing whatsoever, except Jesus Christ and Him crucified,” in fact, “we consider all things as excrement on account of the excellence of the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ,” so that he who is in His wounds finds every kind of consolation. And so nothing is necessary lest we would hope for or think up for ourselves any other reckonings with which we can be reconciled to God besides this one and only complete oblation, by which all believers, who are sanctified, are consecrated and perfected unto eternity. And moreover this is the reason why He Himself was called by the Angel, “Jesus,” that is, “Savior, because He is going to save His people from their sins.”

### Scripture Reading ..... Isaiah 52:13–53:12

### Devotion ..... Pastor Jeffrey Carter

*“The Will of God – Isaiah 53:10”*

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**Outline:** God desires and brings about his great glory through:

1. Christ's Suffering
2. Christ's Resurrection
3. Christ's People

**Questions for Reflection:**

1. How is Jesus’s suffering described in Isaiah 52:13–53:12?
2. Why do you think that the language of “crushing” is used to describe the suffering of Christ?
3. Was the suffering and cross of Christ a part of his work as the Messiah or not?
4. If Christ was innocent and never sinned, then how does he make “an offering for guilt”?
5. How important is Christ’s resurrection to Christianity? Your salvation?
6. What is meant by the “will of the LORD” in Isaiah 53:12 and how does it relate to your salvation?
7. How important is it that we read and study the Old Testament to learn about Christ?

**Thursday:** Isaiah 7:14; 9:5–6; 11:1–5

**Friday:** Zechariah 9:9–17

**Saturday:** Malachi 4

**Closing Hymn** ..... TPH #352

*Man of Sorrows! What a Name*

**Closing Scripture and Prayer** ..... Hebrews 13:20–21

<sup>20</sup> Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, <sup>21</sup> equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Scripture Readings for the Week**

*To build on your understanding of God’s Word, read the following passages and reflect on what they tell you about Jesus himself, the Father, your own life, and your salvation.*

*For the week ahead, read through some of the clearest Old Testament prophecies of Christ. Remember that he said all Scripture testifies to himself (Luke 24:25–27, 44).*

**Monday:** Deuteronomy 18:15–22

**Tuesday:** Psalm 2

**Wednesday:** Psalm 22