

# Presbyterianism for Dummies

## Week 10 Worship Roots

### □ Post—Apostolic Worship ( the first four centuries)

#### □ Justin Martyr’s Apologia written around A.D. 150 . . .

And on the day called Sunday, all who live in cities or in the country gather together to one place, and the memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as time permits; then, when the reader has ceased, the president verbally instructs, and exhorts to the imitation of these good things. Then we all rise together and pray, and, as we before said, when our prayer is ended, bread and wine and water are brought, and the president in like manner offers prayers and thanksgivings, according to his ability, and the people assent, saying Amen; and there is a distribution to each, and a participation of that over which thanks have been given, and to those who are absent a portion is sent by the deacons. And they who are well to do, and willing, give what each thinks fit; and what is collected is deposited with the president, who succours the orphans and widows and those who, through sickness or any other cause, are in want, and those who are in bonds and the strangers sojourning among us, and in a word takes care of all who are in need. But Sunday is the day on which we all hold our common assembly, because it is the first day on which God, having wrought a change in the darkness and matter, made the world; and Jesus Christ our Saviour on the same day rose from the dead. For He was crucified on the day before that of Saturn (Saturday); and on the day after that of Saturn, which is the day of the Sun, having appeared to His apostles and disciples, He taught them these things, which we have submitted to you also for your consideration. *Apologia, I: 65-57*

#### □ Other Liturgical Developments . . .

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| <i>Liturgy of the Word</i>       |                                      |
| Scripture readings               |                                      |
| Sermon                           |                                      |
| Prayers                          |                                      |
| Kiss of Peace                    |                                      |
| <i>Liturgy of the Upper Room</i> |                                      |
| Bringing of bread and wine       |                                      |
| Eucharistic prayer               |                                      |
| The communion                    |                                      |
|                                  | Clementine Liturgy (Antioch, AD 380) |
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- ❑ **Medieval Worship (A.D. 400—1520)**
  - ❑ Worship services conducted in \_\_\_\_\_ other than the people
  - ❑ Failure to \_\_\_\_\_ the people.
  - ❑ \_\_\_\_\_ was emphasized to neglect of \_\_\_\_\_
    - ❑ Doctrine of Re-Sacrifice of Christ.

- ❑ **Reformation Worship (16th and 17th Centuries)**
  - ❑ Martin Luther's Contributions . . .

- ❑ Zwingli's Contributions . . .

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| <i>Liturgy of the Word</i>  |  |
| Mass of the Catechumens (recital of Psalm 43, mutual confession, prayers) |  |
| Kyrie   |  |
| Epistle, Alleluia, Gospel   |  |
| Nicene Creed  |  |
| <i>Liturgy of the Faithful</i>  |  |
| Offertory   |  |
| Canon to Benedictus   |  |
| Prayers for the church  |  |
| Prayers of oblation and consecration                                      |  |
| Narrative of the institution and anamnesis                                |  |
| Consignment and elevation   |  |
| Fraction and commixture   |  |
| Communion   |  |
| Prayers, thanksgiving, dismissal  |  |
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- ❑ Reformation Worship (continued)
  - ❑ Calvin's Contributions

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| <i>Lectio continua = preaching by the Book</i> |  |
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| "Our Help is in the name of the Lord"          |  |
| Confession of sins                             |  |
| Words of pardon                                |  |
| Absolution                                     |  |
| Decalogue (sung by congregation)               |  |
| Prayer for illumination                        |  |
| Lessons from Scripture                         |  |
| Sermon   |  |
| Offering of alms                               |  |
| Intercessions                                  |  |
| Lord's Prayer with paraphrase                  |  |
| Apostle's Creed (sung)                         |  |
| Words of institution                           |  |
| Exhortation                                    |  |
| Communion                                      |  |
| Post-communion                                 |  |
| "Nunc Dimittis" in metre                       |  |
| Benediction                                    |  |
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## Questions to Ponder . . .

- ❑ What are some ways to prepare for corporate worship?
- ❑ What should one expect to happen when one enters a service of worship? (1 Peter 2:5; Revelation 1:6)
- ❑ What is the relationship between private and public worship?
- ❑ What suggestions can you give for Saturday activities that would help prepare your heart for Sunday worship?
- ❑ What are the advantages and disadvantages of using public prayers of confession compared to silent prayers of confession?
- ❑ What are some possible explanations of why some Christians find private worship a spiritually deadening routine?

## Recommended Reading and Resources

- ❑ *Into His Presence: Perspectives on Reformed Worship*, James A. DeJong
- ❑ *Worship in the Early Church*, Ralph Martin, Eerdmans
- ❑ *Knowing God*, J.I. Packer
- ❑ *O Come, Let Us Worship*, Robert Rayburn

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