

Sovereign Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church

Evening Devotion Outline

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.

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

All Scripture is quoted from the English Standard Version.

Opening Scripture Psalm 84:1-4

- ¹ How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!
- ² My soul longs, yes, faints
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the living God.
- ³ Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.
- ⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!

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*)

48B – The LORD Is Great and Greatly Praised

283 – Fairest Lord Jesus

Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Q^s 54-55

Q. *What do you believe concerning "the holy catholic church"?*

A. I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.

Q. *What do you understand by "the communion of saints"?*

A. First, that believers one and all, as members of Christ the Lord, have communion with him and share in all his treasures and gifts. Second, that each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and joyfully for the service and enrichment of the other members.

Scripture Reading 3 John

Devotion Pastor Jeffrey Carter *"A Faithful Hospitality"*

[This audio devotion can be accessed at sgrpc.org/sermons.]

Point: Christian hospitality is a commendable, faithful, and good way to walk in the truth of Christ and his Gospel.

Outline:

1. A Prayer for Body and Soul (vv. 1-2)
2. A Reason for Great Joy (vv. 3-4)
3. A Faithful Hospitality (vv. 5-10)
4. A Response to Evil (vv. 11-12)
5. A Hopeful Farewell (vv. 13-15)

Questions for Reflection:

1. What can we learn about prayer from verse 2?
2. How has verse 2 been used in ungodly ways by those who hold to a “prosperity gospel”?
3. What brings John the greatest joy as a pastor?
4. How may hospitality serve the Great Commission?
5. How does John show a bold and humble heart as he speaks about the evil that Diotrephes has done?
6. What does not seeing God (v. 11) have to do with doing evil?
7. Why do you think we are so often ready to return evil for evil? What does this teach us about our need for Christ?
8. List some of the ways you long for greater peace in your life. Then go back through 3rd John (As well as 1st and 2nd John) to see how John points you to Christ, his Gospel, and the church as sources of peace for our Christian walk.

Closing HymnTPH #425

How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

Closing Scripture and Prayer..... Ephesians 3:20–21

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, 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, go back through John's letters and review what you've learned from this beloved apostle.

Monday: 1 John 1

Tuesday: 1 John 2

Wednesday: 1 John 3

Thursday: 1 John 4

Friday: 1 John 5

Saturday: 2 – 3 John