

Record of Orders of Service for the Month of  
**September 2017**

(recorded progressively after each Sunday)

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## The Larger Catechism

**Question 77: How do justification and sanctification differ?**

**Answer:** *Although sanctification is inseparably connected to justification, yet they differ. In justification God credits the righteousness of Christ whereas in sanctification he infuses grace and enables its exercise; in justification sin is pardoned while in sanctification it is subdued. Justification frees all believers equally and perfectly in this life from the avenging wrath of God so that they will never fall into condemnation, whereas sanctification is not equal in everyone nor is it perfect in anyone in this life, but grows up to perfection.*

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### GOOD WORKS:

#### **The Acceptance of Good Works:** WCF 16:6

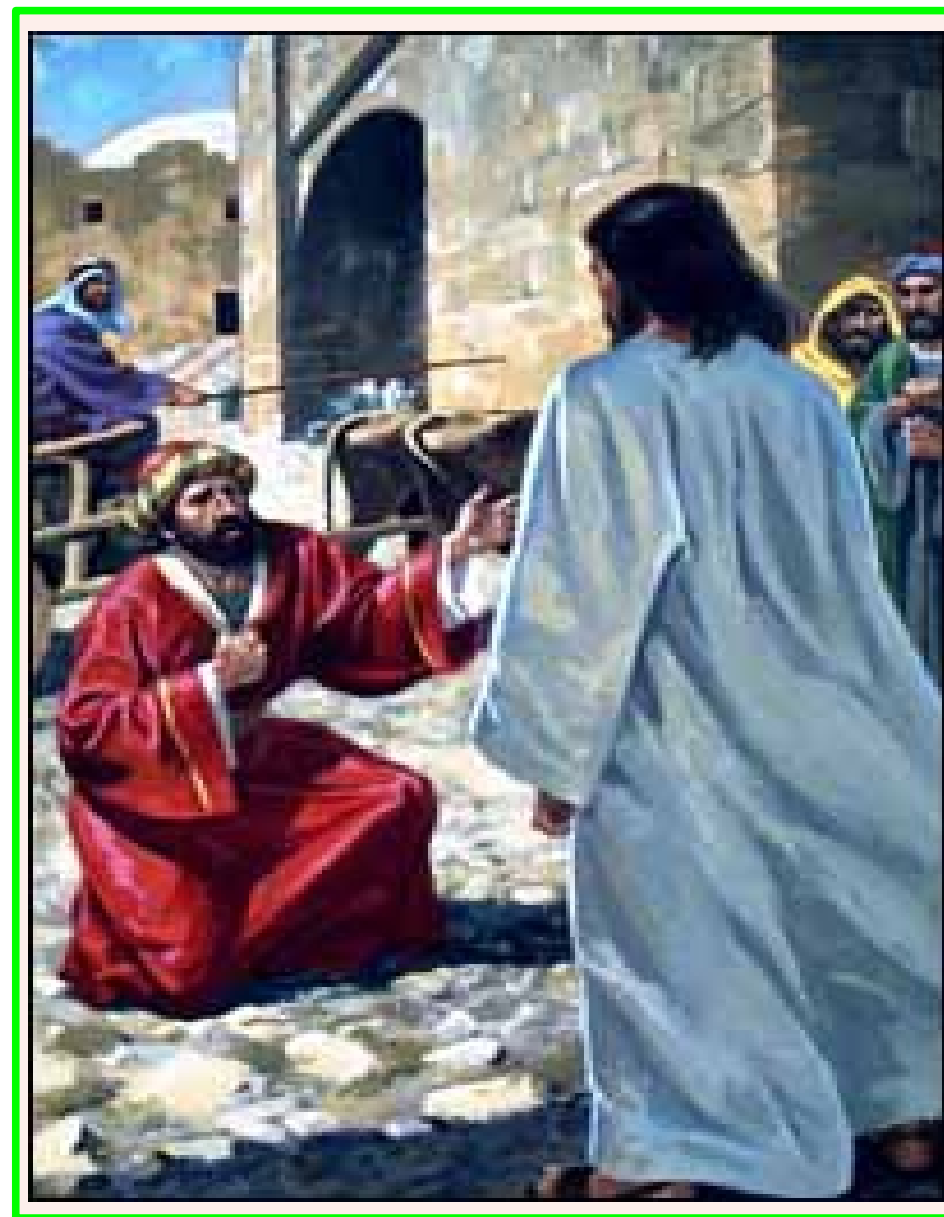
Nevertheless, since the persons of believers are accepted through Christ, their good works are also accepted in Him. This does not mean that they were in this life altogether without blame or unprovable in God's sight, but that he looking on them in his Son, is pleased to accept and reward what is sincere, although accompanied with many weaknesses and imperfections.

[Eph 1:6, 1 Pet 2:5, Exod 28:38, Gen 4:4 & Heb 11:4, Job 9:20, Psa 143:2, Heb 13:20-21, 2 Cor 8:12, Heb 6:10, Matt 25:21, 23]

Order of Worship  
for

**BUNBURY REGION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September AD 2017.



## Welcome & Notices:

### A moment of reflection before the start of the Service:

#### We have come into His house

We have come into His house,  
and gathered in His Name to worship Him. (repeat)  
We have come into His house,  
and gathered in His Name to worship Christ the Lord,  
worship Him Christ the Lord.

So forget about yourself  
and concentrate on Him and worship Him. (repeat)  
So forget about yourself  
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worship Him Christ the Lord.

## The Service of Worship to God

### Approaching God

#### a) Opening of Worship:

Call to Worship: (Psalm 34:8-10)

<sup>8</sup> Taste and see that the LORD is good;  
***blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.***

<sup>9</sup> Fear the LORD, you his saints,  
***for those who fear him lack nothing.***

<sup>10</sup> *The lions may grow weak and hungry,  
but those who seek the LORD lack no good  
thing.*

The Lord's Greeting:

The Lord be with you; **and also with you.**

#### b) Prayers of Adoration :

A Hymn of praise **When Morning Gilds the Skies**  
**REJOICE! 152 (Psalm 34:1)**

#### c) Confession and Assurance:

Call to confession:

Prayer of Confession:

Assurance of Pardon: ... In Jesus Christ we are forgiven..

**Thanks be to God.**

### Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for illumination:

OT Reading: **Daniel 4:1-4** (ESV)

NT Reading: **John 4:43-54** (ESV)

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

Sermon: **A Tale of Two Towns**

Hymn: **I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus**  
**REJOICE! 410 (2 Timothy 1:12)**

### Responding to the Word from God

#### a) Prayers of the People:

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession:

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

#### b) The Offering:

Invitation:

*(The collection of the monetary symbols of our offering is taken up)*

REJOICE! 36 (John 8:12)

Prayer: *(All stand)*

#### c) Closing of Worship:

Hymn: **Father Although I Cannot See**  
**REJOICE! 544 (Romans 8:28)**

Sending:

Blessing:

#### Musical Reflection:

A New Commandment

REJOICE! 315

(John 13:34,35)

Now unto Him who is able to keep,  
able to keep you from falling,  
and present you faultless  
before the presence of His glory  
with exceeding joy,  
to the only wise God our Saviour  
be glory and majesty,  
dominion and power  
both now and forever. Amen.

“Salvation” is a wonderfully comprehensive term. It is a great mistake to suppose that it is merely a synonym for forgiveness. God is as much concerned with our present and future as with our past. His plan is first to reconcile us to Himself, and then progressively to liberate us from our self-centredness and bring us into harmony with our fellow men. We owe our forgiveness and reconciliation to the life, work, death and resurrection of Christ, but it is by His Spirit that we can be set free from ourselves allowing us, in His church, to be united in a fellowship of love.

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**GOOD WORKS:**

**The Works of People Not Reborn:** WCF 16:7

Although the form of works performed by people not reborn may be things that God commands, and of value to themselves and others, yet because –

- they do not proceed from a heart purified by faith
- nor are performed in a right way, according to the Word
- nor a right purpose, the glory of God

they are therefore sinful, and cannot please God, or make a person ready to receive grace from God. And yet their neglecting them is more sinful, and displeasing to God.

[2 Kings 10:30-31, 1 Kings 21:27, 29, Phil 1:15-16, 18, Gen 4:5 & Heb 11:4, 6, 1 Cor 13:3, Isa 1:12, Matt 6:2, 5, 16, Hag 2:14, Tit 1:15, Amos 5:21 -22, Hos 1:4, Rom 9:16, Tit 3:5, Psa 14:4; 36:3, Job 21:14-15, Matt 25:41-43, 45; 23:23]

Order of Worship  
for

**BUNBURY REGION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September AD 2017.



**When Jesus heals the paralytic in the Gospel of John, the Bethesda Pool is described as having five porticoes—a puzzling feature suggesting an unusual five-sided pool, which most scholars dismissed as an unhistorical literary creation. Yet when this site was excavated, it revealed a rectangular pool with two basins separated by a wall—thus a five-sided pool—and each side had a portico.**

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## The Service of Worship to God

### Approaching God

#### a) Opening of Worship:

Call to Worship: (Psalm 42:1,2,11)

<sup>1</sup>As the deer pants for streams of water,  
**so my soul pants for you, O God.**

<sup>2</sup>My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.  
**When can I go and meet with God?**

<sup>11</sup>Why are you downcast, O my soul?  
**Why so disturbed within me?**

Put your hope in God,

***for I will yet praise him,  
my Saviour and my God.***

The Lord's Greeting:

The Lord be with you; **and also with you.**

#### b) Prayers of Adoration :

A Hymn of praise **Come Now Almighty King**  
**REJOICE! 91 (2 Corinthians 13:14)**

#### c) Confession and Assurance:

Call to confession:

Prayer of Confession:

Assurance of Pardon: ... In Jesus Christ we are forgiven..

**Thanks be to God.**

### Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for illumination:

OT Reading: **Jeremiah 17:19-22** (ESV)  
(Nehemiah 13:15-18)

NT Reading: **John 5:1-29** (ESV)

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

Sermon: **The Healing at Bethesda**

Hymn: **Our Blest Redeemer, as He Breathed**  
**REJOICE! 278 (John 20:22)**

### Responding to the Word from God

#### a) Prayers of the People:

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession:

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**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

#### b) The Offering:

Invitation:

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REJOICE! 36 (John 8:12)

Prayer: *(All stand)*

#### c) Closing of Worship:

Hymn: **Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus**  
**REJOICE! 532 (Matthew 11:28)**

Sending:

Blessing:

#### Musical Reflection:

A New Commandment

REJOICE! 315

(John 13:34,35)

Now unto Him who is able to keep,  
able to keep you from falling,  
and present you faultless  
before the presence of His glory  
with exceeding joy,  
to the only wise God our Saviour  
be glory and majesty,  
dominion and power  
both now and forever. Amen.

# The Larger Catechism

**Question 78: What are the causes of the imperfection of sanctification in believers?**

**Answer:** *The imperfection of sanctification in believers arises from the remnants of sin dwelling in each part of them, and from the constant fighting of the flesh against the Spirit. Through these, believers are often overcome by temptations and fall into many sins, and are hindered in all their spiritual service, so that their best works are imperfect and defiled in the sight of God.*

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## PERSEVERANCE:

**The Certainty of Persevering:** WCF 17:1

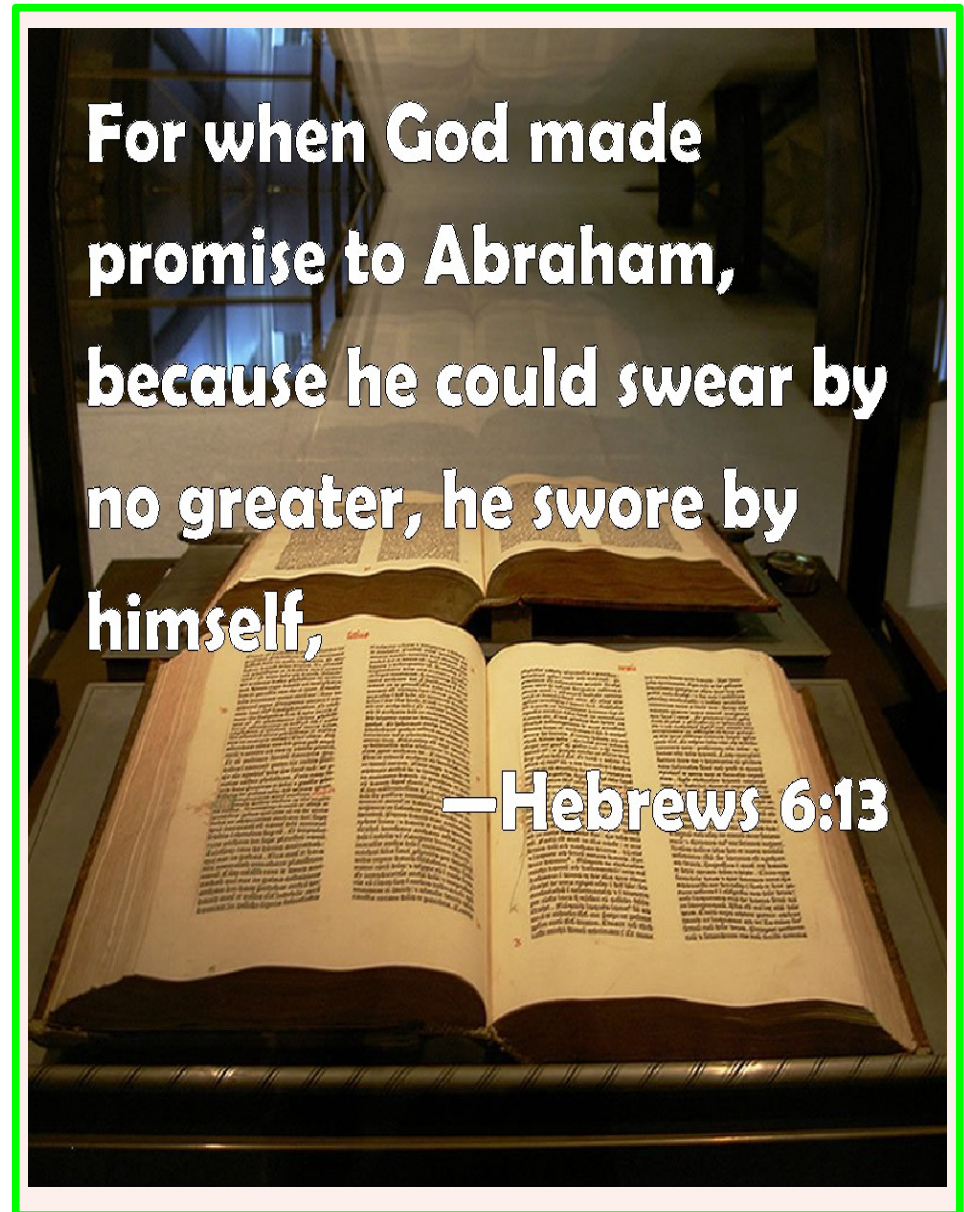
Those whom God has accepted in His Beloved, effectively called and consecrated by His Spirit, can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace, but shall certainly continue in it to the end, and be saved forever.

[Phil 1:6, 2 Pet 1:10, John 10:28-29, 1 John 3:9, 1 Pet 1:5, 9]

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Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September AD 2017.



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<sup>3</sup>A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
**make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**

<sup>3</sup>“Behold, I send my messenger,  
**and he will prepare the way before me.**

And the Lord whom you seek  
**will suddenly come to his temple;**  
and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight,  
**behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.**

The Lord's Greeting:

The Lord be with you; **and also with you.**

#### b) Prayers of Adoration :

A Hymn of praise      **Though Troubles Arise**  
**REJOICE! 84 (Genesis 22:8)**

#### c) Confession and Assurance:

Call to confession:

Prayer of Confession:

Assurance of Pardon:      ... In Jesus Christ we are forgiven..

**Thanks be to God.**

### Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for illumination:

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(Hebrews 6:13 - 18)

NT Reading: **John 5:1- 47** (ESV)

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Sermon:      **The Healing at Bethesda – sequel**

Hymn:      **God of God the Uncreated**  
**REJOICE! 126 (John 1:14)**

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Prayer:      *(All stand)*

#### c) Closing of Worship:

Hymn:      **Unto God Be Praise and Honour**  
**REJOICE! 634 (Revelation 5:12)**

Sending:

Blessing:

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# The Larger Catechism

**Question 79:** May not true believers fall away from the state of grace because of their imperfections and the many temptations and sins that overcome them?

**Answer:** *As a result of the unchangeable love of God, His decree and covenant to give them perseverance, their inseparable union with Christ, His constant intercession for them, and the Spirit and life of God abiding in them, true believers can never totally or finally fall out of the state of grace, but are kept by the power of God through faith to salvation.*

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## PERSEVERANCE:

### The Grounds of Perseverance: WCF 17:2

This continuation of the saints does not depend on their own free will, but on –

- the decision of election being unchangeable, flowing from the free and unchangeable love of God the Father
- the effectiveness of the merit and intercession of Jesus Christ
- the Spirit and the life of God remaining within them
- the nature of the covenant of grace.

From all of these arise its certainty and infallibility.

[2 Tim 2:18-19, Jer 31:3, Heb 10:10, 14; 13:20-21; 9:12-15, Rom 8:33-39, John 17:11, 24, Luke 22:32, Heb 7:25, John 14:16-17, 1 John 2:27; 3:9, Jer 32:40, John 10:28, 2 Thes 3:3, 1 John 2:19]

## Order of Worship for

## BUNBURY REGION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September AD 2017.

