

SUNDAY MORNING

11/1/20

Dr. Joel R. Beeke

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 346

Reading of the Law of God

Scripture Reading: Ezra 9

Prayer

Psalter 4

Sermon Text: Ezra 9:4–8

Ezra's Exemplary Confession

1. *A great astonishment*
2. *A penitent brokenness*
3. *A little space*

Psalter 13:6, 7 (standing)

Closing Prayer

Psalter 308

Doxology of Praise (pg. 415)

Benediction

1. *When did Ezra live and who was he?*
2. *Why was Ezra so astonished at Israel's sin, and what should that teach us today?*
3. *What sins of America today ought to astonish us?*
4. *Why did Ezra arise up "from his heaviness" at the time of "the evening sacrifice" (v. 4)?*
5. *What does sin become to us when we view it with penitent brokenness?*
6. *What does Ezra mean by "a little space" and "a little reviving" in verse 8?*
7. *How should we vindicate God in our brokenness (see v. 15)?*
8. *How should we respond to the elections this week?*
9. *How should we respond to our nation's needs on a regular basis? (Provide additional points to this question by discussing it at home.)*

SUNDAY EVENING

Dr. Maarten Kuivenhoven

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 1

Reading of the Athanasian
Creed, Part 1

Scripture Reading:

Exodus 1–2:10

Prayer

Psalter 14:1, 2, 4, 5

Sermon Text: Exodus 2:6

Lord's Day 40

Living in a Culture of Death

- 1. Exposing the policy of death*
- 2. Living in the fear of God*
- 3. Preserving the preciousness of life*

Psalter 244:2, 4, 5 (standing)

Closing Prayer

Psalter 165

Doxology (Psalter 196)

Benediction

- 1. Why is abortion a gospel issue and not merely a political one?*
- 2. How can you expose the policy of death that creates a culture of death?*
- 3. What is the hinge upon which the story turns in Exodus 1?*
- 4. What does that teach us today as we live in a culture that increasingly embraces death?*
- 5. How does this narrative show us how life is preserved?*
- 6. Why was it important then and now to preserve life?*

Discussion question: *How can we challenge each other to speak about abortion and preserving life beyond it being only a political issue?*