



Welcome
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Order of Worship

Third Sunday after Pentecost June 18, 2023

Welcome

(Please stand, as you are able)

Call to Worship

P Give unto the Lord glory and strength

C **Worship the Lord in the beauty of His holiness**

P Christ has appeared to us:

C **Oh, come, let us worship Him!**

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son

C **And to the Holy Spirit;**

P as it was in the beginning,

C **is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Opening Hymn: 807 When Morning Gilds the Skies

1 When morning gilds the skies,
My heart, awaking, cries,
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"
When evening shadows fall,
This rings my curfew call:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"

2 When mirth for music longs,
This is my song of songs:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"
God's holy house of prayer
Hath none that can compare
With "Jesus Christ be praised!"

3 No lovelier antiphon
In all high heav'n is known
Than "Jesus Christ be praised!"
There to the_ eternal Word
The_ eternal psalm is heard:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"

4 Ye nations of mankind,
In this your concord find:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"
Let all the earth around
Ring joyous with the sound:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"

5 Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face,
Sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!" God's whole creation o'er,
Both now and evermore Shall Jesus Christ be praised!

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Confession and Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

G But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying:

G God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

1 To God on high be glory

And peace to all the earth;

Goodwill from God in heaven

Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!

We praise and bless You, Father;

Your holy name, we sing—

Our thanks for Your great glory,

Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,

The Father's Son, we pray;

O Lamb of God, our Savior,

You take our sins away.

Have mercy on us, Jesus;

Receive our heartfelt cry,

Where You in pow'r are seated

At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.

Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;

You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,

In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

Salutation and Collect

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

P Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

(Please be seated)

Old Testament Reading, Hosea 5:15—6:6

I will return again to my place,

until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face,

and in their distress earnestly seek me.

¹"Come, let us return to the Lord;

for he has torn us, that he may heal us;

he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.

²After two days he will revive us;

on the third day he will raise us up,

that we may live before him.

³Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord;
his going out is sure as the dawn;
he will come to us as the showers,
as the spring rains that water the earth."

⁴What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes early away.

⁵Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
I have slain them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

⁶For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

L This is the Word of the Lord

G Thanks be to God

Epistle Reading, Romans 4:13–25

The promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness." ²³But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

L This is the Word of the Lord

G Thanks be to God

Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

(Please stand as you are able)

The Holy Gospel, Matthew 9:9–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

G Glory to You, O Lord

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

¹⁰And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

☒ This is the Gospel of the Lord

🗣️ **Praise to You, O Christ!**

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Sermon Hymn: 688 "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake

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| 1 "Come, follow Me," the Savior spake,
"All in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake,
Obey My call and guiding.
O bear the cross, whate'er betide,
Take My example for your guide. | 2 "I am the light, I light the way,
A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day;
I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show
How you must sojourn here below. |
| 3 "My heart abounds in lowliness,
My soul with love is glowing;
And gracious words My lips express,
With meekness overflowing.
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all,
To God I yield, on Him I call. | 4 "I teach you how to shun and flee
What harms your soul's salvation,
Your heart from ev'ry guile to free,
From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul
And lead you to your heav'nly goal." |
| 5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word, In suff'ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle's strain The crown of heav'nly life obtain. | |

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Apostles' Creed

🗣️ **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Peace of the Lord (Please greet the people in your family group with God's peace, and extend to those near to you the peace with a wave.)

Prayers of the Church

After each petition respond: **P** Lord in your mercy **C** **Hear our prayer**

Lord's Prayer

P Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

C **Our Father, who art in heaven,**

Hallowed be thy name;

Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

The Word of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Agnus Dei

**1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Communion Distribution *(Please be seated)*

“More Precious Than Silver”

Lord, You are more precious than silver; Lord,
You are more costly than gold.

Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds,
and nothing I desire compares to You.

(Repeat)

(Instrumental Interlude)

(Repeat)

Final Tag: And nothing I desire compares to You.

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628 Your Table I Approach

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| 1 Your table I approach;
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
Let not an unrepentant heart
Prove hurtful to me there. | 2 Lord, I confess my sins
And mourn their wretched bands;
A contrite heart is sure to find
Forgiveness at Your hands. |
| 3 Your body and Your blood,
Once slain and shed for me,
Are taken at Your table, Lord,
In blest reality. | 4 Search not how this takes place,
This wondrous mystery;
God can accomplish vastly more
Than what we think could be. |
| 5 O grant, most blessed Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind. | 6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light. |

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By Faith

Verse 1

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

Chorus

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

Verse 2

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

Verse 3

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

Verse 4

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth **(Chorus)**

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Verse 5

By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name **(Chorus)**

Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen

Benedicamus and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

G Amen.

P Go in peace!

G Serve the Lord

P Let us bless the Lord

G Thanks be to God

Cry of My Heart (Terry Butler)

Chorus: It is the cry of my heart to follow You.

It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.

It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.

Teach me Your holy ways, oh Lord.

So I can walk in Your truth.

Teach me Your holy ways, Oh Lord.

And make me wholly devoted to You.

Chorus

Open my eyes so I can see

The wonderful things that You do.

Open my heart up more and more,

And make me wholly devoted to You.

Chorus

All of the days of my life. All of the days...of my life

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