

Welcome

To our friends who know us, we renew our welcome; to the stranger, we extend our sincere greeting. If you are a visitor, please understand that you are our guest and we want you to feel welcome and comfortable. We are happy you chose to be with us in this service, and pray you have been blessed by our Lord today as He has blessed us by your presence.

Those Who Serve Us

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CHRIST is important to us
in our worship
in our study
in our fellowship
in our lives.

YOU are important to us
in our worship
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Please turn your cell phones off before the service begins.

Offerings and Attendance Cards can be placed in the boxes at the doors.

As We Gather

Paul is talking to himself in today's Epistle, for although he knows what's right, he finds it virtually impossible to do. That's because he (and all of us) have this sickness called sin, for which we ourselves have no antidote. Worse, it keeps producing evil symptoms in our thoughts, words, and deeds. As a result, we are both sick in spirit and tired from struggling. Zechariah foresaw the solution; we can see his prophecy fulfilled as Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, there to die for us and rise victorious. In the Gospel, our Lord thanks our heavenly Father for revealing to us that He is indeed the One we need to overcome our sickness of sin. Indeed, thanks to our Savior, as David penned in the psalm, that when people call out to Him, God hears their cry and saves them.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

You will find the songs for our 10:30am Service in italics.

10:30am Pre-Service Songs

“He Is With Us”

Preservice #1

*Remember when
Your hope is lost and faith is shaken
Remember when
You wonder if you're gonna make it
There's a hand stretched out
Through your deepest doubt*

*We can't pretend
To see the ending or what's coming up ahead
Don't know the story of tomorrow
But we can stay close
To the One who knows*

*We can trust our God
He knows what He's doing
Though it might hurt now
We won't be ruined
It might seem there's an ocean in between
But He's holding onto you and me
And He's never gonna leave, no
He is with us, He is with us, always, always
He is with us, He is with us, always*

*We believe
There is purpose, there is meaning
In everything
We surrender to His leading
He wants nothing more
Than to have us close*

*We can trust our God
He knows what He's doing
Though it might hurt now
We won't be ruined
It might seem there's an ocean in between
But He's holding onto you and me
And He's never gonna leave, no
He is with us, He is with us, always, always
He is with us, He is with us, always*

*Our faith is sealed
Our hope is real
Come what may
We're not afraid*

*Our faith is sealed
Our hope is real
Come what may
We're not afraid, We're not afraid*

*We can trust our God, always, always
We can trust our God, always, always*

*We can trust our God
He knows what He's doing
Though it might hurt now
We won't be ruined
It might seem there's an ocean in between
But He's holding onto you and me
And He's never gonna leave, no
He is with us, He is with us, always, always
He is with us, He is with us, always, always
He is with us, He is with us, always, always
He is with us, He is with us, always
Our God is with us*

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"America The Beautiful"

Preservice #2

*O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!*

*O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife.
Who more than self their country loved
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness
And every gain divine!*

*O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!*

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Bells

Prelude (5:30 & 8:00)

Welcome

Opening Hymn (all Services)

“My Country 'Tis Of Thee”

1. My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;
land where my fathers died,
land of the pilgrims' pride,
from every mountainside let freedom ring!

2. My native country, thee,
land of the noble free, thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
thy woods and templed hills;
my heart with rapture thrills, like that above.

3. Let music swell the breeze,
and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song;
let mortal tongues awake;
let all that breathe partake;
let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

4. Our fathers' God, to Thee,
author of liberty, to Thee we sing;
long may our land be bright
with freedom's holy light;
protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King!

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Invocation

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

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Zechariah 9:9

P Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

C Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

P Behold, your king is coming to you;

C righteous and having salvation is He.

Confession and Absolution

Matthew 11:28; Romans 7:21, 24

P By ourselves, we are not righteous and cannot free ourselves; our only hope is to be given Christ's righteousness and thereby be saved. Let us therefore confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and our sinful condition.

P Merciful God,

C I confess to You and in the presence of my brothers and sisters that I daily sin much and deserve nothing but punishment. Not only am I by nature sinful and unclean, but also with St. Paul, "I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?"

P Jesus said, "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." He offers full and free pardon for all your sins and even your sinful condition. By His death and resurrection, He provides rest, not only from physical turmoil and emotional stress; in Him, we find rest for the soul! As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Kyrie

P O Lord,

C have mercy on us.

P O Christ,

C have mercy on us.

P O Lord,

C have mercy on us, and give us Your peace. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9–12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation is he,

humble and mounted on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 145:1–14

L *In this psalm, David speaks personally to God and then tells worshipers about God's greatness. I will read David's prayer to God, and you will proclaim his message about the Lord.*

L I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.
Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever.

C Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.

L One generation shall commend Your works to another,
and shall declare Your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate.

They shall speak of the might of Your awesome deeds, and I will declare Your greatness.

They shall pour forth the fame of Your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.

C The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made.

L All Your works shall give thanks to You, O Lord, and all Your saints shall bless You!

They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom and tell of Your power,
to make known to the children of man Your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

C The Lord is faithful in all His words and kind in all His works.

The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

Epistle

Romans 7:14–25a

¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:25–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

**C 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.

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“When Peace, like a River”

- 1 When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
 When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
 Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
 It is well, it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

ref It is well (It is well)
 with my soul, (with my soul),
 It is well, it is well with my soul.

- 2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
 Let this blest assurance control,
 That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
 And hath shed His own blood for my soul. *Refrain*

- 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
 My sin, not in part, but the whole,
 Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

- 4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
 The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
 The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
 Even so it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

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“This I Believe” (The Creed)

Sermon Song

Our Father everlasting
 The all creating One
 God Almighty

Through Your Holy Spirit
 Conceiving Christ the Son
 Jesus our Saviour

*I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus*

*Our Judge and our Defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You*

*Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high*

*I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus*

*I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord*

*I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord*

*I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus*

*I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus
For I believe in the Name of Jesus
For I believe in the Name of Jesus*

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Sermon

“Jesus Is Our Deliverer” Romans 7:14-25

#956 (all Services)

“Create in Me”

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence;
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

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Prayer of the Church

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

Catechism Review

We concluded the Lord's Prayer with the words, "For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever." What does this mean?

This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."

Benediction

#966

"Before You, Lord, We Bow" vv 1, 3-5

- 1 Before You, Lord, we bow,
Our God who reigns above
And rules the world below,
Boundless in pow'r and love.
Our thanks we bring
In joy and praise,
Our hearts we raise
To You, our King!
- 3 May ev'ry mountain height,
Each vale and forest green,
Shine in Your Word's pure
light,
And its rich fruits be seen!
May ev'ry tongue
Be tuned to praise
And join to raise
A grateful song.

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- 4 Earth, hear your Maker's voice;
Your great Redeemer own;
Believe, obey, rejoice,
And worship Him alone.
Cast down your pride,
Your sin deplore,
And bow before
The Crucified.
- 5 And when in pow'r He comes,
Oh, may our native land
From all its rending tombs
Send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng,
With joy to sing
To heav'n's high King
Salvation's song!

"Blessed Be Your Name"

*Blessed be your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where your streams of abundance
flow*

Blessed be your name

*Blessed be your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the
wilderness*

Blessed be your name

Closing Song

*Every blessing you pour out,
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say...*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your glorious name*

*Blessed be your name
When the sun's shining down on
me
When the world's all as it should
be
Blessed be your name*

*Blessed be your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be your name*

*Every blessing you pour out,
I turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say...
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your glorious name*

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*You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, Blessed be your name*

*You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, Blessed be your name*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your glorious name*

Dismissal

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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