

WATCH THIS!

**I am about to create a new
heavens and a new earth.**

**The former things will not
be remembered. They will
not come to mind.**



The Order of Worship

Pre-Service Music & Greeting

Opening Hymn “O’er the Distant Mountains Breaking”
Christian Worship 220

The Invocation

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

The Confession of Sins

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of the Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

Lord have Mercy

P: Jesus lived for us. Jesus died for us. Jesus rose victorious from the grave. Through his precious work and gracious intercession, we know God the Father will hear and answer us for our good. With this confidence, we pray:

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer — cy.

P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer — cy.

P: For the well-being of your holy church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise; hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer — cy.

P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.

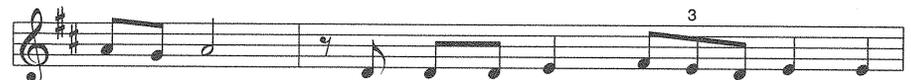


C: A — — men!

P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise;



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glor- ious is your name in



all the earth. Al—might—y God, mer- ci- ful Fa—ther,



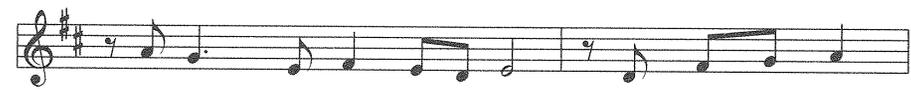
you crown our life with your love. You take a- way our sin;



you com — fort our spir—it; you make us pure and



Ho—ly in your sight. You did not spare your on— ly Son,



but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glor—ious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e—ter—nal Word of the Fa—ther,



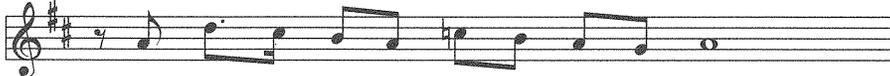
you came to live with us; you made your Fa—ther known;



you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the



King of glo—ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,



how glor—ious is your name in all the earth.

Prayer of the Day

P: O gracious Lord and Savior, you want us to be prepared for the day of your return. Work in our hearts through your precious Word. When we sin, call us to repentance. When we waver in our faith, strengthen us through the Means of Grace. When we lose sight of your return, reawaken us with your call to keep watch. Send us your Holy Spirit that we may continue to grow in our faith, and always look forward to the day you will come in glory. At that time you will gather all your people and take them to the place you have prepared. There we will join with the countless hosts of heaven to praise you—together with your Father and the Spirit—throughout endless ages.



C: A — — men!

The Lessons from God’s Word
“Watch, Pray, Believe, and Live!”

Old Testament

Isaiah 65:17–25

Watch this! I am about to create new heavens and a new earth.

The former things will not be remembered. They will not come to mind. ¹⁸Instead, rejoice and celebrate forever, because of what I am creating.

Watch this! I am about to create Jerusalem to be a source of gladness, and her people will be a source of joy.

¹⁹I also will be glad because of Jerusalem, and I will rejoice over my people. The sound of weeping will not be heard in her again, nor will the sound of crying.

²⁰There will never again be an infant there who lives for only a few days, or an elderly man who does not fill out all his days, for one who dies at a hundred will be considered a young man, and one who fails to attain the age of one hundred will be regarded as cursed.

²¹Then they will build houses and live in them. They will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They will not build a house and have another person live in it. They will not plant and have another person eat the crop, for the days of my people will be like the days of a tree, and my chosen ones will enjoy all the work of their hands.

²³They will not labor only to receive nothing, and they will not give birth to children doomed to disaster, for they will be offspring who are blessed by the LORD, and their descendants will be with them.

²⁴Then even before they call, I will answer. While they are still speaking, I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb will graze together, and lions will eat straw like cattle, but the serpent will eat dust as its food. They will not harm or destroy anywhere on my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 45

(the Psalm will be read responsively)

P: ¹My heart is bubbling over with a beautiful theme.
I am reciting my works for the King.
My tongue is the pen of a rapid writer.

**C: ² You are the most beautiful of the sons of Adam.
Grace is poured out on your lips.
Therefore God has blessed you forever.**

P: ³ Strap your sword on your thigh, you mighty warrior,
in your splendor and your majesty.
⁴ In your majesty advance successfully.
Ride forward in the cause of truth, humility, and
righteousness.
Let your right hand teach you awesome deeds.
⁵ Your arrows are sharpened. Let peoples fall beneath you.
Your arrows are in the heart of the king's enemies.

**C: ⁶ Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.
The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of justice.
⁷ You love righteousness and hate wickedness.
Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with
the oil of joy more than any of your companions.**

P: ¹⁰ Hear, O daughter, look and listen.
Forget your people and your father's house,
¹¹ because the king desires your beauty.
Because he is your lord, bow down to him.
¹² Then the daughter of Tyre will come with a gift.
The richest people will seek your favor.

**C: ¹³ The princess, who waits inside, is all glorious.
Her dress is interwoven with gold.
¹⁴ In embroidered garments she is led to the king.
Virgins who follow her as attendants are brought to you.
¹⁵ They are brought with joyful celebration.
They enter the palace of the king.**

P: ¹⁶ Your sons will take the place of your fathers.
You will make them princes in all the earth.
¹⁷ I will preserve the memory of your name through all
generations. Therefore peoples will praise you forever and
ever.

Epistle*Revelation 22:1-5*

¹The angel showed me the river of the water of life, which was as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and the Lamb.

²In the middle of the city's street and on each side of the river was a tree of life that yielded twelve kinds of fruit. The tree yields its fruit every month, and its leaves are for the healing of the nations.

³There will no longer be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city. His servants will worship him. ⁴They will see his face. His name will be on their foreheads. ⁵There will no longer be any night or any need for lamplight or sunlight, because the Lord God will shine on them. And they will reign forever and ever.

Verse of the Day*1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

P: ¹Concerning the times and dates, brothers and sisters, there is no need to write to you, ²for you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When people are saying, "Peace and security," destruction will suddenly come on them, like labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will certainly not escape. ⁴But you, beloved, are not in the dark so that this day takes you by surprise like a thief, ⁵for you are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep like everyone else, but rather let us remain alert and sober.

Alleluia!

C: Al— le— lu— ia! Al— le— lu— ia! Al— le— lu— ia!



These words are writ— ten that we may be—lieve that



Je—sus is the Christ, the Son — of God.



Al— le— lu— ia! Al— le— lu— ia! Al— le— lu— ia!

The Gospel

Luke 20:27–38

²⁷Some of the Sadducees (who say there is no resurrection) came to him. ²⁸They asked him a question, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, his brother should take the wife and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹So there were seven brothers. The first took a wife and died childless. ³⁰The second took her as a wife, ³¹and so did the third, and in the same way the seven died and left no children. ³²Finally the woman died too. ³³So in the resurrection, whose wife will she be? For the seven had her as a wife.”

³⁴Jesus said to them, “The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. ³⁵But those who are considered worthy to experience that age and the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶In fact, they cannot die any more, for they are like the angels. They are sons of God, because they are sons of the resurrection.

³⁷“Even Moses showed in the account about the burning bush that the dead are raised, when he called the Lord: ‘The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ ³⁸He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for all are alive to him.”

P: This is the Word of our God. Watch and pray so that you do not enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

“Great God, What Do I See and Hear”
Christian Worship 208

Sermon

Isaiah 65:17-19

“Watch This!”

Judgment will bring restoration
Judgment will bring rejoicing

The Confession of Faith

(We join in the words of the Nicene Creed)

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father;
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again in accordance
with the Scriptures;**

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son is

worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen!**

Thanksgiving

Prayers for the Day

Special Prayers and Requests

Prayer for those receiving the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Prayer

(spoken with the pastor)

**C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen!**

Hymn of Preparation "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"
Christian Worship 311 st. 7 & 8

Jesus, Sun of life, my Splendor,
Jesus, Friend of friends most tender,
Jesus, Joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring —
At your feet I cry, my Maker:

Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven
For our good, your glory, given,

Jesus, Lord of life, I pray you,
Let me gladly here obey you.
By your love I am invited;
By your love with love requited.
By this supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Though the gift of grace you give me
As your guest in heav'n receive me.

The Lord's Supper is a Sacrament through which Jesus Christ our Savior strengthens our faith and forgives our sins. In it we receive His actual body and blood, as we receive the bread and the wine. If you have not communed with us before or if you are not familiar with our procedure, please do not come to the Lord's Table today. We also encourage you to speak with our pastor following the service. He will be happy to share with you the necessary preparations to receive our Savior's body and blood in a future service.

Our request comes out of love for you and concern for your spiritual well-being, so that you can receive the blessing our Lord wants you to receive.



The Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al—so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Give praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He protects and preserves his Church in every age, and gives us confidence to lift up our heads and watch for Jesus with joy. Through him has come salvation, power, the kingdom of our God, and the authority to rule over all things. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks, honor and glory for ever and ever.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus



C: Ho—ly, ho—ly, ho—ly, is the Lord of hosts;



The whole earth is full of your glo—ry.



You are my God, and I will ex—alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be—come my sal-



va—tion. Ho—ly, ho—ly, ho—ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo — ry.

The Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The Blessing of Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A ——— men.

O Christ, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a—way the sin of the



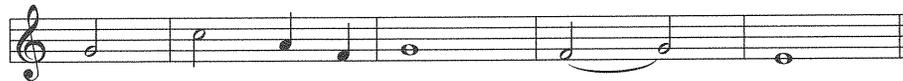
world; have mer—cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a—way the sin of the world; have mer—cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a—way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A ——— men.

The Congregation may be seated for the Distribution

During the Distribution _____

Please come forward along the west wall of the sanctuary allowing sufficient space between you and the next person. At the direction of the pastor, please come forward in groups of 7, and he will place the bread in your hand, then the cup. After receiving the Body and the Blood, you will receive the Lord's blessing of peace. As you return to your seat, please place the cup in the tray on the far side of the altar, and return to your seat going along the east side of the sanctuary.

Thanksgiving

Song of Thanksgiving

(Congregation rises and sings)



Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu — ia!

Closing Prayer:

P: O gracious Lord, how good you are and how blessed you have made us. Even though we come burdened with guilt, stained with sin, and humbled by our unfaithfulness, you have forgiven us. Through your gracious Word, together with Jesus body and blood, you have declared every spot and stain completely washed away. Make this good news the source of our joy to serve you. When we daily struggle with our sinful flesh, give us the strength to overcome it. Make every blessing Jesus secured by his death and resurrection our highest good, and the assurance of your unyielding love. As we live in anticipation of life in heaven, be our comfort, our strength, as well as our motivation to serve you faithfully. Bless us, now and always, as we live in your love—our true, Triune, and gracious God.



C: A ——— men.

The Benediction:

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you,

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

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



C: A — men. A ——— men. A ——— men.

Closing Hymn

“Now, the Hour of Worship O’er”

Christian Worship 330

Silent Prayer

Announcements . . .

Today—*Welcome in Name of our gracious Savior, Jesus Christ!*

What a blessing we have received to be nourished with the Gospel in Word and Sacrament. It is this gracious gift which prepares us to keep watch for the coming of our Savior.

- If you are visiting today, please sign the guest book, and worship again, soon!
- Following the worship service there will be time for fellowship over a cup of coffee and some snacks.
- Bible Class will begin at 11:00 and review the Epistle lesson from Revelation 22—the promise of restoration.

Monday—Handbell practice at 7:00 pm.

Tuesday—Pastor’s Circuit Study at 10:00 am in Tarzana.

- Church Council Meeting at 7:00 pm. Committees will follow at 8:00 pm.

Wednesday—Bible Study at 7:00 pm. We will begin the first of

four video lessons on the Reformation. The series is called: “This Changed Everything.” It offers some interesting insights into the larger scope of Reformation History.

Thursday—Outreach / Fellowship Committee meeting at 7:00 pm. Plans will be made for the rest of the year.

Friday—Office Hours from 10:30 am—2:30 pm.

Saturday—Church Cleaning—Brown

- Lawn beginning November 13th—L. Schroeder

Sunday, November 13th—In Person Worship and Live Streaming at 9:30 am. When we consider the pictures of heaven provided by the apostle John, we are amazed at the complete victory Jesus promises his Church. It is this promise, together with the evidence he provides which encourages us to stand firm until we join that glorious scene.

- Christian Education will review the promises Jesus gave his church to prepare them for the end times. While we may face insurmountable challenges, we also know “by patient endurance we will gain our life.”

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