

A photograph of a small waterfall cascading over mossy rocks, with a large piece of driftwood in the foreground. The text "COME, LET US SING JOYFULLY TO THE LORD!" is overlaid in white, bold, serif font on the right side of the image.

**“COME,
LET US
SING
JOYFULLY
TO THE
LORD!”**

The Order of Worship

Pre-Service Music

Welcome

God Places His Name on Us

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!

Opening Litany

P: Few words can equal the beauty and consolation offered by the proclamation—Jesus lived for us, Jesus died for us, and Jesus rose for us! With these we have every confidence God invites to come to him and find compassion through the work Jesus faithfully accomplished on our behalf.

Jesus Lived for Us!

P: Saint Paul quotes the psalmist: “There is no one who is righteous, not even one. There is no one who understands. There is no one who searches for God. They all turned away; together they have become useless” (*Romans 3:10-12*).

Because all lack true righteousness before God, all need a Substitute to secure the holiness required to stand acceptable before the Lord. It was provided by Jesus through his sin-free life. The writer to the Hebrews proclaims: “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin” (*Hebrews 4:15-16*).

Congregation Sings

“Your Works, Not Mine”
Christian Worship 401 st. 1

Your works, not mine, O Christ, speak gladness to this heart.
They tell me all is done; they bid my fear depart.
To whom but you, who can alone for sin atone, Lord shall I flee?

Jesus Died for Us!

P: From the very first sin in Eden, death was the sentence handed down. God stood by his judgment when he declared: “You will return to the soil, for out of it you were taken. For you are dust and to dust you will return” (*Genesis 3:19*).

This sentence was further explained by Paul who wrote, “The wages of sin is death” (*Romans 6:23*). Yet God would not have the sinner die. He sent his Son to take the place of sinners under his just judgment, and endured the punishment all deserved. So, God shows his great love for us in this: “While we were still sinners, Christ Jesus died for us” (*Romans 5:8*).

Congregation Sings

“Your Works, Not Mine”
Christian Worship 401 st. 4

Your death, not mine, O Christ, has paid the ransom due;
Then thousand deaths like mine would have been all too few.
To whom but you, who can alone for sin atone, Lord shall I flee?

Jesus Rose for Us!

P: Our rescue from sin and its condemnation is made certain through the work of Jesus Christ. He is the perfect Substitute. He is the righteous sacrifice. He is the one who triumphed over death, the devil and the grave to proclaim the victory is complete.

This is the message into which we put our confidence, and of which Paul writes: “That Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures” (*1 Corinthians 15:3-4*).

Congregation Sings

“Your Works, Not Mine”
Christian Worship 401 st. 5

Your righteousness, O Christ, alone can cover me;
No other righteousness can set a sinner free.
To whom but you, who can alone for sin atone, Lord shall I flee?

P: It is because Jesus lived, died, and rose that we know we can come before the Lord, because “God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (*1 John 1:9*). Therefore, let us confess our sin and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

Absolution

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

Song of Praise

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



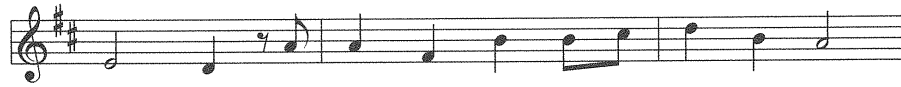
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Bless — ed are they who take ref — uge in him.

Prayer for the Day

P: O gracious Lord, you have blessed us in every way. Your rich gifts for body and soul fill our lives. Still we complain. We question your goodness. We allow worry to cloud our appreciation and thanksgiving. Remind us daily that we have every reason to praise you and sing songs of praise. You are faithful. You are loving. You are merciful. You are our God through faith. Continue to keep us in your loving care, and let every good and gracious gift you give inspire us to praise you now—as Father, Son and Spirit—and for all eternity.



C: A — — — men.

The Lessons from God’s Word “The Lord is with His People to Save Them!”

Old Testament

Exodus 17:1-7

¹The entire Israelite community set out on their journey from the Wilderness of Sin as the LORD had commanded. They camp-

ed at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.
²So the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.”

Moses said to them, “Why are you quarreling with me? Why are you testing the LORD?”

³But the people were thirsty for water there, so they grumbled against Moses. They said, “Why did you ever bring us up out of Egypt to let us, our children, and our livestock die of thirst?”

⁴Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me!”

⁵The LORD said to Moses, “Go in front of the people, and take the elders of Israel with you. Also take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Watch me. I will stand there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. You are to strike the rock. Water will come out of it, and the people will drink.” Moses did that in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He named the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

Congregation responds

“God Loved the World”

Christian Worship 391 st. 1-2, 5

God loved the world so that he gave
His only Son the lost to save
That all who would in him believe
Should everlasting life receive.

Christ is the solid rock of faith,
Who was flesh and suffered death.
All who confide in him alone
Are build on this chief cornerstone.

When you are sick, when death draws near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer;
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death —
This is the anchor of my faith!

Epistle*Romans 5:1–8*

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we also have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand. And we rejoice confidently on the basis of our hope for the glory of God.

³Not only this, but we also rejoice confidently in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces patient endurance, ⁴and patient endurance produces tested character, and tested character produces hope. ⁵And hope will not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, who was given to us.

⁶For at the appointed time, while we were still helpless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷It is rare indeed that someone will die for a righteous person. Perhaps someone might actually go so far as to die for a person who has been good to him. ⁸But God shows his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Congregation responds**“God Loved the World”***Christian Worship 391 st. 3-4, 6*

God would not have the sinner die —
His Son with saving grace is nigh.
His Spirit in the Word does teach
How we the blessed goal may reach.

Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
Forgiveness the sins that you have done.
You're justified by Jesus' blood;
Baptized, you are a child of God.

Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Tirnity,
Be praise now and eternally!

Gospel

John 4:5–26

⁵So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the piece of land Jacob gave to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there. Then Jesus, being tired from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone into town to buy food.)

⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

¹¹"Sir," she said, "you don't even have a bucket, and the well is deep. So where do you get this living water?" ¹²You are not greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave us this well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his animals."

¹³Jesus answered her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks the water I will give him will never be thirsty ever again. Rather, the water I will give him will become in him a spring of water, bubbling up to eternal life."

¹⁵"Sir, give me this water," the woman said to him, "so I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus told her, "Go, call your husband, and come back here."

¹⁷"I have no husband," the woman answered.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say, 'I have no husband.' ¹⁸In fact, you have had five husbands, and the man you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true."

¹⁹"Sir," the woman replied, "I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews insist that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

²¹Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will not worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. ²²You Samaritans worship what you do not know. We worship what we do know, because salvation is from the Jews.

²³But a time is coming and now is here when the real worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for those are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.”

²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (the one called Christ). “When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

²⁶Jesus said to her, “I, the one speaking to you, am he.”

P: This is the Word of our God.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day “All Praise to God Who Reigns Above”
Christian Worship 236

Sermon *Psalm 95, selected verses*

¹Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD. Let us give a loud shout to the Rock who saves us. ²Let us approach his presence with thanksgiving. With music we will shout to him. ³For the LORD is the great God and the great King above all gods.

⁷Today, if you hear his voice, ⁸do not harden your hearts as they did at Meribah; As they did that day at Massah in the wilderness, ⁹where your fathers challenged me and tested me though they had seen what I had done. ¹⁰For forty years I was disgusted with that generation, and I said, “They are a people who have hearts that stray. They do not acknowledge my ways.”

Theme

“Come, Let Us Sing Joyfully!”

We have an invitation to worship the Lord
We have a warning against rejecting the Lord

The Confession of Faith

(we unite in the words of the Apostles' Creed)

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated
at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there 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.**

Thanksgiving and Prayer

Prayer for the Lord's Blessing

Special Prayers and Requests

The Lord's Prayer

**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

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
Christian Worship 234

Closing Prayer and Psalm

Psalm 95

¹ Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD. Let us give a loud shout to the Rock who saves us.

C: ² Let us approach his presence with thanksgiving. With music we will shout to him.

P: ³ For the LORD is the great God and the great King above all gods. ⁴ He holds the unexplored places of the earth in his hand, and the peaks of the mountains belong to him.

C: ⁵ The sea belongs to him, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

P: ⁶ Come, let us bow down. Let us revere him. Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

C: ⁷ For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the flock in his hand.

P: Today, if you hear his voice, ⁸ do not harden your hearts as they did at Meribah;

C: As they did that day at Massah in the wilderness, ⁹ where your fathers challenged me and tested me though they had seen what I had done.

P: ¹⁰ For forty years I was disgusted with that generation, and I said, “They are a people who have hearts that stray. They do not acknowledge my ways.”

C: ¹¹ So I swore in my anger, “They shall never enter my resting place.”

P: O gracious Lord, it is easy to overlook your rich blessing and ignore your warning not to harden our hearts against you. Work

in us through your Word and the Holy Spirit to give us thankful hearts which rejoice in your goodness and mercy, and which lead us to proclaim joyful songs of praise—all to your glory—our one, true and Triune God—Father, Son and Spirit.



C: A — men.

The Benediction

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace; live in harmony with one another; serve the Lord in 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 his favor; and

give you peace.



C: A — men. A — men. A — men.

Closing Hymn

“Let All Things Now Living”

Christian Worship 260

Silent Prayer

Announcements . . .

Today - *Welcome in the name of our good and gracious God!*

He is the God who provides every needed blessing for body and soul, in rich measure. He is the one who deserves our songs of praise. If you are visiting this morning, please sign the guest book. We also invite you to worship again, soon!

- Coffee and snacks will be served following the service. Stay and enjoy this special time with friends in the Lord.
- Bible Class will begin at 11:00 am. In an incredible conclusion, Paul proclaims what belongs to every believer because they have been justified by faith in Christ Jesus.

Tuesday—Outreach / Fellowship planning meeting. We will start at 7:00 pm to prepare for April and Easter events.

Wednesday—Mid-Week Lent Worship at 7:00 pm. We will continue with the “Impassioned Prayers of the Passion.” This evening we turn to our Savior’s prayer for those who sought to do him harm and crucify him.

Thursday—Handbell choir practice at 7:00 pm.

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

Saturday—Clean: Florez

- Lawn mowing beginning March 19th—G. Grunewald

Sunday, March 19th—In Person Worship and Live Streaming at 9:30 am. In another beautiful and familiar psalm David reminds us who the Lord and what he does for us—he is our Light, he is our salvation, he is the stronghold of our life.

- Christian Education will follow the service. We will focus on the miracle of Jesus healing the man born blind. In this lesson Jesus also explains that what we think is bad is not God’s way of punishing us.

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