
Behold, I
create new
heavens and
a new
earth...

Isaiah 65:17, ESV



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The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

Our worship services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel and website. If you do not wish to be filmed, please do not sit in the first four pews. Children's Time and communion distribution are not filmed.

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

SINGING BOWL

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

PRELUDE: *"Lord I Lift Your Name on High"*

Verse:

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

Chorus:

You came from Heaven to Earth

To show the way

From the earth to the cross my debt to pay

From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky

Lord I lift Your name on high

Repeat Verse and Chorus 2X

WELCOME

Please Stand

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ is with you.

All: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Rejoice and be glad, people of God.

All: God is making all things new.

L: Shout aloud and sing for joy, followers of Christ.

All: God offers us water from the well of salvation.

L: Sing praises to our Creator, children of the Spirit.

All: God has turned our sorrow into laughter.

L: Rejoice and be glad, people of God.

All: God is making all things new.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism.

*P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who is eager to
forgive and who loves us beyond our days.*

All: Amen.

*P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to
love this world as Jesus does.*

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of mercy and forgiveness,

All: we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

P: Beloved of God: our sins are forgiven and we are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Love the Lord"

Verse 1:

Love the Lord your God
With all your heart, With all your soul, With all your mind
And with all your strength
(Repeat)

Chorus 1:

With all your heart
With all your soul
With all your mind
With all your strength
Love the Lord your God
With all your heart, With all your soul, With all your mind
And with all your strength

Verse 2:

I will serve the Lord
With all my heart, With all my soul, With all my mind
And with all my strength
(Repeat)

Chorus 2:

With all my heart

With all my soul

With all my mind

With all my strength

I will serve the Lord

With all my heart, With all my soul, With all my mind

And with all my strength

Bridge:

I will love you

I will praise you

I will serve you

I will trust you, Lord

Chorus 3:

With all my heart

With all my soul

With all my mind

With all my strength

(Repeat)

Ending:

I will love you Lord

With all my heart, With all my soul, With all my mind

And with all my strength

(Repeat 2x)

GREETING

*P: God of hosts most gracious, God the Son who saves us,
God the Spirit placed upon us, is with you all.*

All: And also with you.

LITURGY: *“Together We Shall Go On”* – Roddy Hamilton

L: In the loving of neighbor and the sharing of love,

All: together we shall go on.

L: In the celebration of life and the sharing of that life
together,

All: together we shall go on.

L: In the caring of the earth and the sharing of her harvest

All: together we shall go on

L: In the variety of people and the sharing of our talents

All: together we shall go on

L: In the laughter we make and the sharing of the journey

All: together we shall go on

L: In the love of this community and the sharing of our faith

All: together we shall go on

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy.

All: Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Be Seated

WE LISTEN AND THINK

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Reader: As we listen to the words of life,

All: may they inspire us to pursue righteousness, holy living, faithfulness, love, endurance, and gentleness.

Reader: Today's reading is from Isaiah, chapter sixty-five, beginning with the seventeenth verse.

READING: *Isaiah 65:17-25*

For I am about to create
new heavens and a new earth!

The things of the past
will not be remembered or come to mind!

Be glad and rejoice forever and ever in what I create,
because I now create Jerusalem to be a joy
and its people to be a delight!

I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it
or the cry of distress.

No longer will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days,
or old people who do not live out their days.

They die as mere youths
who reach but a hundred years,
and those who fall short of a hundred
will be thought accursed.

At last they will live in the houses they build,
and eat the fruit of the vineyard they plant.

They will not build for another to inhabit;
they will not plant for another to eat.

For the days of my people
will be like the days of a tree,
and my chosen ones will enjoy
the fruit of their labors.

They will not labor in vain
or bear children doomed to die;
for they and their descendants
are a people blessed by God.

Even before they call upon me, I will answer;
and while they speak, I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb will feed side by side;
the lion will eat straw like an ox.
Serpents will be content to crawl on the ground;
they will not injure or destroy
in all my holy mountain,"
says Yahweh.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Reader: May we be rich in good things:

All: attending to the poor and caring for those in need.

Reader: May we be generous with our lives:

All: giving treasure and time to make this world a better place.

Reader: May we take hold of what is truly life,

All: the goodness of God flowing in and through us.

Please Stand

ALLELUIA VERSE

All: Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia!

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Creator.

GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” And he said,

“Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

P: The Gospel of the Risen Christ.

All: Thanks be to Christ.

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CHILDREN’S TIME: Pastor Tim

Please Stand



PRE-MESSAGE SONG: “*Bless the Lord (10,000 Reasons)*”

Chorus:

Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I’ll worship Your holy name

Verse 1:

The sun comes up it’s a new day dawning
It’s time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

Verse 2:

You’re rich in love and You’re slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

Verse 3:

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus

Chorus

Ending:

Worship Your holy name
Lord I’ll worship Your holy name

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MESSAGE: Pastor Tim

WE SHARE THE LORD'S SUPPER

Please Stand

APOSTLE'S CREED

L: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed:

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

L: Children of God, we have received much from God—grace, mercy, abundance, the love of Christ, and the gift of life itself.

All: **In our worship, we praise God and give God thanks for these gifts. Let us now offer what we can as a way of saying, "Thank you." In gratitude for God's generosity, let us share God's abundance with one another.**

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THANKFUL OFFERING

OFFERING SONG: “*Open the Eyes of My Heart*”

Chorus:

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

Chorus

Verse 1:

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

Chorus

Chorus

Bridge:

Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You
(Repeat)

Repeat Verse 1

Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You
(Repeat)

Please Stand



OFFERTORY

Refrain

All: As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Gracious and loving God, we thank you for these gifts and ask that they be used to help the needy in our community and throughout the world.

All: As we offer you these gifts, we offer ourselves as well, that together we might transform the world with your grace and love. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world. Renewing God, as the northern hemisphere prepares for winter, make us mindful of the ordered beauty of your creation. Teach us to treasure cycles of rest and new life. Help us care for what you have made. God, in your mercy,

All: receive our prayer.

L: Loving God, accompany all who make sacrifices for the sake of others. Safeguard first responders and active duty military personnel. Grant peace to veterans and heal any wounds in body, mind, or spirit. God, in your mercy,

All: receive our prayer.

L: Healing God, your people cry out to you. Sustain doctors, nurses, and hospital personnel in their tireless work. Uphold mental health professionals and those in their care. May the sun of righteousness rise on all who are sick. God, in your mercy,

All: receive our prayer.

L: Uniting God, unite this assembly in its shared mission and ministry for the sake of the gospel. Highlight ways we can better work together and give us patience to work through disagreement. God, in your mercy,

All: receive our prayer.

L: God of all, hear now the prayers of our heart said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: God, in your mercy,

All: receive our prayers.

L: Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: God is with you.

All: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to our Creator.

L: Let us give thanks to our Creator.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: We give thanks and praise to you, God of love and grace! With gratitude, we recall how you formed us from the very earth, made covenant with us from the beginning of time, and call us again and again to be your people.

All: In your amazing love, you came as one of us in the form of Jesus the Christ, showing us the way of unconditional love and the path of self-giving service.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be a communion in the body and blood of our Savior. Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, and inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation of our hearts.

All: 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

FRACTION RITE

P: This is a table where all are welcome: the poor and the rich, the righteous and the sinful, the courageous and the timid.

All: Whether we have wandered far or remained close, Christ invites us to this table of grace, this abundant feast of love for all.

Be Seated

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Holy Communion is open to all.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Let an usher know if you need communion brought to you.

For walking communion:

You may come down the center aisle. Hold out your hand for the pastor to drop the host into, then take a cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white) from the assistant's tray, then return to your seat via the side aisles, depositing your cup in the provided bowls.

For communion at your seat with pre-packaged kit:

You may come down the center aisle, take a communion kit from the assistant, and return to your seat to partake. Or you may remain seated and partake of the kit you picked up at the entrance. The ushers will come around to collect empty kits.

COMMUNION SONG: “One Bread, One Body”

Refrain:

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Verse 1:

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more.

Refrain

Verse 2:

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.

Refrain

Verse 3:

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all.

Refrain

COMMUNION SONG: "Eat this bread"

Eat this bread, drink this cup
Come to me and never be hungry
Eat this bread, drink this cup
Trust in me and you will not thirst

SINGING BOWL

Please Stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: O God, you are Hospitality. You are Welcome. You are the Invitation, the Table, the Feast. By your spirit may we learn to receive and offer grace, to share from the sustenance of our lives and not simply its crumbs.

All: Embolden us as we serve as the voice of those who continue to ask the church for justice and bread. In Christ we pray. Amen.

POST COMMUNION THANKS



All: Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the
weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!
Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -
mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

From of old you loved and sought us: Thanks be to you for
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us.
 Thanks be to you for ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

Be Seated

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

WE CARRY GOD'S CARING LOVE TO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION

P: The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.



SENDING SONG: “Everlasting God”

Verse:

Strength will rise as
We wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
(Repeat)

Bridge:

Our God,
You reign forever
Our hope,
Our strong deliverer

Chorus:

You are the everlasting God,
The everlasting God,
You do not faint,
You won't grow weary
You are the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need,
You lift us up on wings like eagles

Repeat Verse

Repeat Bridge

Repeat Chorus

Repeat Bridge

Repeat Chorus

Repeat Chorus

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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