

2 CORINTHIANS 5



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Welcome and Greeting

Please Stand

Call to Worship

P The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

C **The Lord is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?**

P The Lord will protect us and guide us.

C **Let us gladly offer ourselves before our God with shouts of joy.**

P We make our beginning in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Let us sing praises to the Lord, our God.**

700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us
4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in
all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -
spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



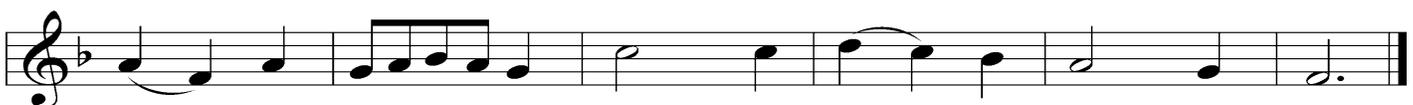
hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.
turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee in
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in



bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee
heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Confession and Absolution

P Our God of light brought hope to the world and joy to our lives through his Son, Jesus. Yet darkness hovers over and clings to our lives. Selfishness and greed block the simple views of God's light. Anger and violence overpower gentle words and extinguish the light for others. Despair casts shadows of doubt, but our God calls us back into His light once more. As we confess our failures, God meets us with love and forgiveness. There's no need to fear God, because He offers us mercy as we come to him honestly.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Prayer of Confession

P Let us pray:

C **Merciful Lord, even with the wonder of Your birth still in our minds, we confess our failure to welcome Your presence with us. We have gone our own ways rather than walked in Your light. We have been stingy with Your love after You have lavished us with grace. We humbly pray for Your forgiveness again and acknowledge our unworthiness of Your mercy. We simply cling to Your promises and pray for more of Your love. In Jesus' name, amen.**

P We once walked in darkness, but now we have seen a great light! God's light has come into our world and into our lives in Jesus Christ in whom we put our trust. The darkness of our sin is cast away and new life is ours once more. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

C **Thanks be to God we are set free to worship our King!**

Please be seated

Hymn of Praise Video: " In Christ Alone" by Mercy Me

Prayer of the Day

2 Corinthians 5:1-9

For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our Heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened-not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us a Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away

from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please Him.

Prayer Response

P This is the Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

Matthew 17:1-9

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

677 For All the Saints

sts. 1, 3, 7-8



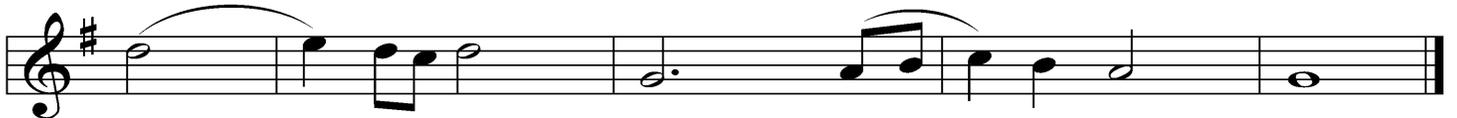
1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
 3 Oh, may Thy soldiers, faith-ful, true, and bold,
 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glo-rious day: The
 Δ 8 From earth's wide bounds, from o-cean's far-thest coast, Through



Who Thee by faith be-fore the world con-fessed, Thy
 Fight as the saints who no-bly fought of old And
 saints tri-um-phant rise in bright ar-ray; The
 gates of pearl streams in the count-less host,



name, O Je-sus, be for-ev-er-er blest.
 win with them the vic-tor's crown of gold!
 King of Glo-ry pass-es on His way.
 Sing-ing to Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

SERMON:

"TEMPORARY TENTS"

2 CORINTHIANS 5:1-9

Please Stand

955 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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Prayer of the Congregation

A Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

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.

Please remain standing

Words of the Institution

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

Please be seated

Video During Communion: "Amazing Love, You Are My King" by The Newsboys

Continuous Distribution by Pastor

(Family units come forward to receive the elements and take them to their seats. Please wait to eat and drink until instructed.)

All Receive the Sacrament together

(Pastor will indicate when to take the wafer and then the cup.)

Please Stand

Thank the Lord

LSB 181

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -

Benediction

260 LBW On Our Way Rejoicing

1 On our way re - joic - ing Glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther Joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; Van-quished is the foe.
Un - to God the Sav - ior Thank-ful hearts we bring;

Christ with-out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
Un - to God the Spir - it Bow we and a - dore,

Who, if we be faith - ful, Can our hope de-stroy?
On our way re - joic - ing Now and ev - er-more.

Refrain

On our way re - joic - ing; As we for-ward move,
Hear-ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Dismissal

P Go in Peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

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