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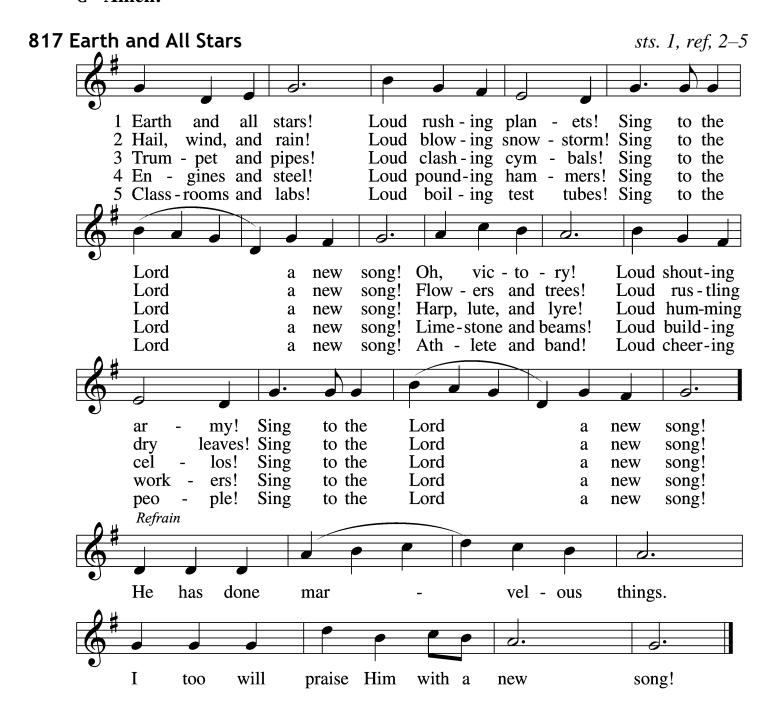


Welcome and Greeting

Please Stand

Call to Worship

- P God is our creator and does all things well.
- C We were created in God's image!
- P And God said, "It is very good!"
- C We are called God's children.
- P God calls us to worship Him with all we have.
- C We gather to thank and praise Him!
- P We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen!



Confession of Sin

P We were indeed created in the image of God and that was very good. Sadly though, we have failed to live according to our Creator's design. We have been gifted with hearts for love and service, but we have ignored those gifts and turned our love inward on ourselves. Even so, God calls us back once more to admit our sin and receive His mercy. So, we take this moment of silence to reflect on our need for forgiveness again today.

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

Prayer of Confession:

- P Gracious Father,
- You do all things perfectly, but we make mistake after mistake. Sometimes we have good intentions, but don't follow through and other times we simply rebel and do our own thing. As a result, we hurt You, those around us, and even ourselves. We realize in this moment, our deep need for the gift of Your forgiveness and we humbly pray for Your mercy. We cling to Jesus and His sacrifice for us as we trust You to cleanse us. Restore us so we can be a blessing to You and to others once more. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Faith

- P Sisters and brothers, Our God is merciful and full of compassion. He gave His only Son, Jesus to die so we can be made right with God once more. It is by His authority that I announce God's forgiveness to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia! We are forgiven!
- C Thank you, Lord! Amen!

Please be seated

Hymn of Praise Video: "I Am Redeemed" by Big Daddy Weave

Prayer of the Day

Please be seated

Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts,

praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

Luke 21:5-28

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." And they asked him, "Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?" And he said, "See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once."

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 pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.

"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

"And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens

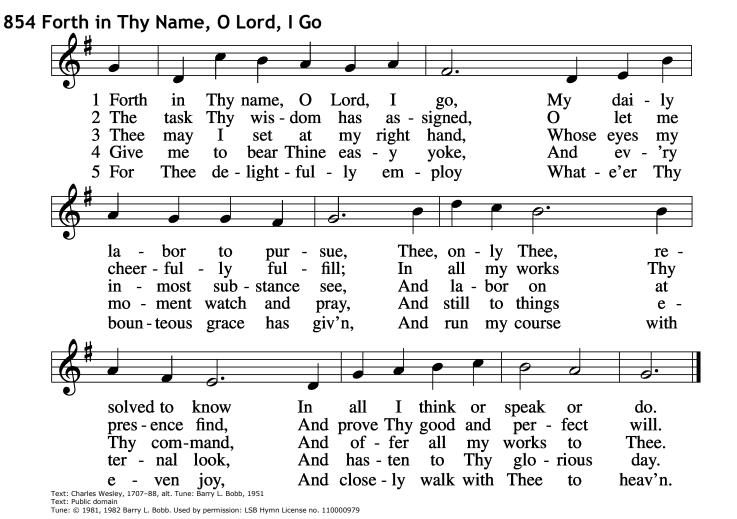
will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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 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.

Please be seated



SERMON: EVERYONE IS A GIFT WITH GIFTS TO SHARE ACTS 2:42-47

Please Stand



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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: "Me On Your Mind" by Matthew West

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.)

632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee



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Benediction



Dismissal

- P Go in peace, serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God!

Please be seated and please wait for the ushers to dismiss you.

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