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May God bless your worship with us this day. A new day of salvation!



Welcome! We worship the Triune God: Father, Son, & Holy Spirit. We are pleased you are here to worship with us today. Make yourself at home; you are among the family of Christ. If you are visiting, please do introduce yourself to others and to our Pastor. Please sign our Guest Book in the narthex so we can thank you for your visit...and come soon to see us again!

To Stand or Sit: There are certain parts of the service where you will be invited to stand. Sometimes, “wrestling” with kids, or a personal health condition makes standing uncomfortable...please know: It is okay to stand or sit.

TIME OF LEARNING: "You Are Holy" and Review Other Songs

Welcome

Opening Song:

Come Into His Presence

*Words and Music by
Lynn Baird*

$\text{♩} = 138$ $\text{B}\flat$ $\text{B}\flat\text{maj7}$ $\text{B}\flat6$ $\text{B}\flat$

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat major). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 138. The score is divided into four systems, each with a measure number (1, 3, 6, 11) at the start. Chord symbols are placed above the staff at various points. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: 'Come in - to His pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing in your heart and give Him praise, and give Him praise; Come in - to His pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing in your heart, your voic - es raise, your voic - es raise. Give glo - ry and hon - or and pow - er un - to Him, Je - sus, the name a - bove all names.'

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(Stand)

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Prayer

P: Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the Children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: **Amen.**

Introit (*said responsively by half verse*)

Psalm 143:1–2

Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord!

I have fled to you for refuge!

Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your servant,

for no one living is righteous before you.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord!

I have fled to you for refuge!

(sit)

Song: “He Is Exalted”

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high, I will praise Him.

He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise His name.

He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign,

Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15–21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 14:1–12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God."

¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Stand for the Alleluia and Gospel reading)

Song: "Allelu!"

Chorus: Allelu! Allelu! Everybody sing Allelu, for the Lord is risen, it is true; Everybody sing Allelu!

God said He would send His Son, Allelu! Allelu!
And salvation would be won. Alleluia! **(Chorus)**

On the hard wood of the cross, Allelu! Allelu!
suffered and He died for us, Alleluia! **(Chorus)**

Now we too can live anew, Allelu! Allelu!
Live in Him need all we do, Alleluia! **(Chorus)**

Holy Gospel (*this is the basis of today's sermon*)

Matthew 18:21–35

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

²³"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Song: "The 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.

I believe He was born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate.
He was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead,
ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

From thence He shall 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,
and the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen!

(sit)

Children's Message

Song: "Brothers and Sisters in Christ"

Sing Alleluia! Amen!
Let your prayers and your praises ascend.
Lift up your voices and sing
to our Lord God, our Savior and King!
Here brought together by grace,
we are gathered as friends in this place.

Chorus: And assembled as one, in the name of the Son,
lifting hearts, lifting hands, celebrating as friends,
and proclaiming the Lord, all our praises afford.
We are brothers and sisters in Christ

Man walked alone and in need,
without faith, hope or promise or creed;
wandering aimlessly lost
unaware of the staggering cost;
that God in his mercy would save
all His people from death and the grave. **(Chorus)**

Lord, teach us how to proclaim
all Your goodness, Your love and Your name!
Lord, teach us how to forgive,
and in love, teach us Lord, how to live.
Raising our voices in song
help us tell all the world we belong. **Chorus**

SERMON “Losing the Score Card” *(based on Matthew 18:21-35)*

Offering

Ushers bring Offering to the Altar

(Stand)

Offering Response Song: “We Give Thee Thanks”

For all thy goodness, Lord, we give thee thanks.
Thanks for the food we eat, and for the friends we meet,
For each new day we greet, we give thee thanks.

Prayer of the Church

P: In our prayers today....

Song: “When You Pray”

At the close of the day when you kneel to pray, will you remember me?
I need help every day, this is why I pray, will you remember me?

When you pray, will you pray for me, for I need His love and His care.
When you pray, will you pray for me, will you whisper my name in your prayer.

When I pray, I will pray for you, for you need His love and His care.
When I pray, I will pray for you, I will whisper your name in my prayer.

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Song: "Hallowed Be Thy Name"

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done; Hallowed be Thy name.

As in heaven, so on the earth. Hallowed be Thy name.
Give us this day our daily bread. Hallowed be Thy name.

And forgive us all our debts; Hallowed be Thy name.
Just as we forgive our debtors. Hallowed be Thy name.

Lead us not into temptation; Hallowed be Thy name.
But deliver us from evil. Hallowed be Thy name.

Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory; Hallowed be Thy name.
Forever and forever more. Hallowed be Thy name.

Amen, it shall be so. Hallowed be Thy name.
Amen, amen, it shall be so. Hallowed be Thy name.
Hallowed be Thy name.

Consecration of Communion Elements

(sit)

ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION/THE LORD'S SUPPER

Here at Zion Lutheran, we believe that Christ's true body and blood are received by everyone in the Lord's Supper (Real Presence). All who participate here believe the same Biblical truths and we practice "Closed Communion." (Acts 2:42, 1 Cor 1:10, 10:16-18, 11:26-29)

Visitors, please consult with Pastor Johnson or the Elder before receiving the Lord's Supper.

Only communicant members of Zion or one of our sister LCMS churches are invited to receive the Communion elements. If you do not meet this criterion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing by our pastor. Simply fold your hands across your chest when the bread and the wine are distributed, and our pastor will speak a blessing over you. All children are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Our Communion practices are to have four adults (with children standing in front of the adults) on each side of area in front of the chancel (Altar area) as our Pastor and Elder are serving the elements. The Ushers are instructed to limit the communicants to four. Inform the Usher if you desire NOT to be separated from someone and he'll adjust the groupings of four accordingly.

First Communion Song: "Shout To The Lord"

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You.
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.
My Comfort, my Shelter, Tower of refuge and strength,
let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Chorus:

Shout to the Lord all the earth, let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King!
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands. Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You!

Second Communion Song:

I'll Fly Away

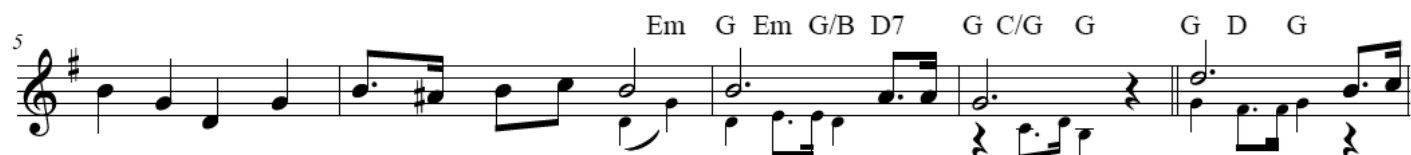
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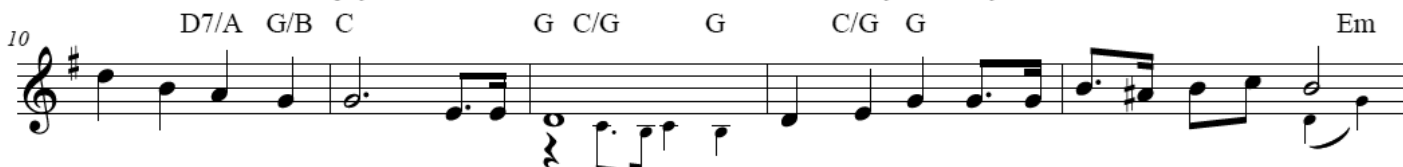


1. Some glad morn - ing when this life is o'er, I'll fly a - way.
2. When the shad - ows of this life have grown, I'll fly a - way.
3. Just a few more wea - ry days and then I'll fly a - way.

CHORUS



To a home on God's ce - les - tial shore, I'll fly a - way. I'll fly a -
Like a bird from pris - on bars has flown, I'll fly a - way.
To a land where joys shall nev - er end, I'll fly a - way.



way, O glo - ry; I'll fly a - way. When I die, hal - le - lu - jah, by and by,



Third Communion Song: “Here I Am, Lord”

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Chorus: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My Word to them. Whom shall I send? **(Chorus)**

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? **(Chorus)**

Fourth Communion Song (if needed): “Majesty”

Majesty, worship His majesty.
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.

Majesty, kingdom authority
flows from His throne unto His own;
His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.

Majesty, worship His majesty,
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all Kings.

Post Communion Collect

P: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

(sit)

Closing Song: "You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)"

"The Mighty One has done great things for me, and His name is holy." Luke 1:49

Group 1:

You are holy,
You are mighty,
You are worthy,
worthy of praise.
I will follow,
I will listen,
I will love You
all of my days.

You are Lord of lords,
You are King of kings,
You are mighty God,
Lord of ev'rything
You're Emanuel
You're the Great I AM
You're the Prince of Peace
who is the Lamb
You're the Living God,
You're my saving grace.
You will Reign forever;
You are Ancient of Days.
You are Alpha, Omega,
Beginning and End.
You're my Savior, Messiah,
Redeemer and Friend,

You're my Prince of Peace,
and I will live my life for You!

(REPEAT FROM THE BEGINNING)

Group 2 (Echo):

You are holy,
You are mighty,
You are worthy,
worthy of praise.
I will follow,
I will listen,
I will love You
all of my days.

I will sing to
and worship
the King who
is worthy,
I will love and
adore Him,
I will bow down
before Him,
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and worship
the King who
is worthy.
I will love and
adore Him,
I will bow down
before Him,

You're my Prince of Peace,
and I will live my life for You!

(REPEAT FROM THE BEGINNING)