

LORD's Day Service -- May 10, 2020
Preparation for Worship: *Habakkuk 3:17-19*

God Calls us into His presence; we respond with praise.

*Call to Worship: Psalm 23

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed!**

Minister: Grace to you and peace, in the name of the Father & of the Son & of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen!**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Hymn: Trinity 4, "All praise to God, Who reigns above" (pause, see below)

God Cleanses us; we gladly confess of our sins to Him.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Jeremiah 10:6-16,21

Let us kneel before the Lord our God.

Most merciful God, Who are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, we come before You in a humble sense of our own unworthiness, acknowledging our multiple transgressions of Your righteous laws. But, O gracious Father, Who desires not the death of a sinner, You are ever ready to receive humble and penitent sinners. Look upon us in mercy; make us deeply sensible of the great evil of our sin; and forgive us our debts for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, our only Savior and Redeemer. Amen! *(Silent prayer)*

Assurance of Pardon: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Beloved, your sins are forgiven through Christ.

Thanks be to God! Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. AMEN!

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is proper and right to do so!

Truly it is our greatest joy to give thanks to You at all times and in every situation, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty and everlasting God; Only You can cleanse us and fill us with joy. Therefore, with all saints on earth and the heavenly host, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song, singing:

Sanctus: **Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord, God of Hosts.**

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory!

Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the Highest!

Hymn: Psalter 84B, "Advancing still from strength to strength" (pause, see below)

Prayer: **O God, Whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of Your people: Grant that when we hear His voice we may know Him Who calls us each by name, and follow where He leads; Who, with You, and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. Amen!**

God Consecrates by His Word; we listen & offer ourselves to Him.

Old Testament Lesson: Daniel 3:1-18

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

New Testament Lesson: Revelation 2:8-11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 10:24-31

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

Praise to You, O Christ!

Sermon: "Nebuchadnezzar's Counterfeit Temple: Image of Gold & Furnace of Fire"

Hymn: Trinity 81, "A mighty fortress is our God" (pause, see below)

Dedication of tithes & offerings. (You may mail your tithes to Deacon Hummel)

Prayers of the Church

God communes with us; we eat with joy at His Table.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We confess our faith in the Triune, Incarnate God

God commissions & blesses us; we march out to serve Him

The Lord's Commission of us: Proverbs 29:25-26

We receive God's blessing, His good Word to us: Numbers 6:24-26

We bless the Lord, lifting our hands and voices to Him: Gloria Patri

“Nebuchadnezzar’s Counterfeit Temple: Image of Gold & Furnace of Fire”
Daniel 3:8-18

1. The Chaldeans charge against the three faithful men (3:8-12)

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2. Nebuchadnezzar’s investigation of the accused three (3:13-15)

3. Shadrach, Meshach & Abed-Nego’s defense before the king (3:16-18)

“All Praise to God who Reigns Above” (listen to tune: https://opc.org/hymn.html?hymn_id=25)

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THE GLORY OF GOD

Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! Psalm 107:15

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Melchior Vulpinus, 1609

Johann J. Schütz, 1675, cento

1. All praise to God, who reigns a - bove, The God of all cre -
2. What God's al - might - y pow'r hath made His gra - cious mer - cy
3. I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O, hear my
4. The Lord for - sak - eth not his flock, His cho - sen gen - er -
5. Ye who con - fess Christ's ho - ly Name, To God give praise and
6. Then come be - fore his pres - ence now And ban - ish fear and
a - tion, The God of won - ders, pow'r, and love, The God of
keep - eth; By morn - ing dawn or eve - ning shade His watch - ful
call - ing! For death he gave me life in - deed And kept my
a - tion; He is their Ref - uge and their Rock, Their Peace and
glo - ry! Ye who the Fa - ther's pow'r pro - claim, To God give
sad - ness; To your Re - deem - er pay your vow And sing with
our sal - va - tion! With heal - ing balm my soul he fills, The God who
eye ne'er sleep - eth; With - in the king - dom of his might, Lo, all is
feet from fall - ing. For this my thanks shall end - less be; O, thank him,
their Sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's ten - der hand He leads his
praise and glo - ry! All i - dols un - der foot be trod, The Lord is
joy and glad - ness: Though great dis - tress my soul be - fell, The Lord, my
ev - 'ry sor - row stills, To God all praise and glo - ry!
just and all is right, To God all praise and glo - ry!
thank our God, with me, To God all praise and glo - ry!
own, his cho - sen hand, To God all praise and glo - ry!
God! The Lord is God! To God all praise and glo - ry!
God, did all things well, To God all praise and glo - ry! A - MEN.

Psalter 84B "Advancing Still from Strength to Strength" (tune: Melita, Eternal Father Strong to Save) listen to the tune: <https://hymnary.org/media/fetch/179914>

Advancing still from strength to strength They go where other pilgrims trod,
Till each to Zion comes at length And stands before the face of God.
LORD God of hosts, my pleading hear; O Jacob's God, to me give ear.

Look Thou, O God, upon our Shield; The face of Thine Anointed see;
One day within Thy courts will yield More good than thousands without Thee.
I'll rather stand near my God's house Than dwell in tents of wickedness.

For God the LORD is shield and sun; The LORD will grace and glory give.
No good will He withhold from one Who does uprightly walk and live.
O LORD of hosts, how blest is he Who places all his trust in Thee! "YES!"

A Mighty Fortress is our God tune: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0gHBE3RWAww>

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us;
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever. A-men!