

LORD's Day Service -- May 24, 2020
Preparation for Worship: *Ezekiel 31:18*

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

*Call to Worship: Psalm 47

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: Insert, "Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem" (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. Philippians 2:3-11

Let us kneel before the Lord our God.

O most merciful God, since You have given Your only begotten Son to die for me, have mercy on me, and for His sake grant me remission of all my sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in me true knowledge of You and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, that by Your grace I may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen!

(Silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon: Colossians 3:1-4

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 104C & 104E “The trees of the LORD” (6 stanzas; pause, see below)

Prayer: **O God, the King of glory, You have exalted Your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to Your throne, to reign on earth from heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us Your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; Who lives and reigns with You, and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen!**

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

Old Testament Lesson: Daniel 4:1-18

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

New Testament Lesson: Acts 1:1-11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13:31-32; John 14:23--15:2

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

Praise to You, O Christ!

Sermon: “*The Tree in the Midst of the Earth*”

Hymn: Psalter 29A “O give to Jehovah” (tune: Let all things now living; 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

Hymn: Trinity 273 “Christ hath a garden”

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

The Lord's Commission of us: John 15:4-5,10-11

We receive God’s blessing, His good Word to us: Jude 24-25

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

"The Tree in the Midst of the Earth"
Daniel 4:1-18

1 The first *tree in the midst of the earth* -- the *tree of the* _____
(Ge 1:29; 2:16-17; 2 Sa 14:17,20; 1 Kg 3:9,28; Dt 1:39; 2 Sa 19:35; He 5:14)

2 Other *trees in the midst of the earth* -- _____ & _____ (Da 4:20,22;
Judg 9:8-16; Ezek 31:2ff; 17:1-12; Lu 13:6-9; Mt 21:18-19)

3. The Other *tree in the midst of the earth* -- _____, the ascended Jesus
Christ (Ge 2:9; Pro 3:18; Isa 11:1-4; Jn 15:1; Re 2:7)

Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem (same tune as Psalm 98A; listen to tune,
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dwlxbFJw2Yg>

1 Sing, choirs of new Je-ru-sa-lem, your sweetest notes employ, your sweetest notes employ
the paschal vic-to-ry to hymn
in songs of holy joy, in songs of holy joy, in songs of holy joy!

2 For Judah's Li-on burst his chains and crushed the serpent's head, and crushed the serpent's
head; Christ cries aloud through death's domains
to wake th'imprisoned dead, to wake th'imprisoned dead, to wake th'imprisoned dead.

3 Triumphant in - his glory now - to him all pow'r is giv'n, to him all pow'r is giv'n;
to him in one communion bow
all saints in earth and heav'n, all saints in earth and heav'n, all saints in earth and heav'n.

4 All glory to - the Father be, all glory to the Son, all glory to the Son,
all glory to the Spirit be
while endless ages run, while endless ages run, while endless ages run. YES!

Psalter 104C & 104E (listen to the tune:
https://psalter.org/sing/psalter?psalter_in=singing&psalm_in=104D

The trees of the LORD are all watered well; great cedars high up on Lebanon dwell.
There birds build their nests; the stork makes fir its home.
On high rocks the badgers and goats safely roam.

The moon You have set the seasons to show; the sun will its time for each setting know.
When You make the darkness, the night follows day,
And beasts of the forest creep forth seeking prey.

The young lions roar, from God begging meat, but at the sunrise they quickly retreat,
And deep in their dens all day hide from the light,
While man works and labors abroad till the night.

Forever O may the LORD's glory stand! The LORD shall enjoy each work of His hand.
He looks on the earth and it trembles in fear; When He touches mountains, the smoke will appear.

I'll sing to the LORD as long as I live, sing praise to my God while life He will give.
My thoughts about Him will sweet pleasure afford. For I am rejoicing each day in the LORD.

Consumed from the earth let sinners then be; the wicked in life no more let us see.
And now, O my soul, blessing give to the LORD. Let glad hallelujahs ring; O praise the LORD!
YES!

Psalter 29A (tune: Let all things now living; listen to tune,
<https://hymnary.org/media/fetch/181755>)

O give to Jehovah, you sons of the Mighty,
both glory and strength to Jehovah accord!
O give to the LORD His name's greatness of glory!
In splendor of holiness worship the LORD!
The voice of Jehovah resounds on the waters;
The glorious God thunders forth from the height.
The LORD is upon the great sweep of the waters--
The LORD's voice in splendor! The LORD's voice in might!

The voice of Jehovah is breaking the cedars!
Jehovah rips Lebanon's cedars apart!
The slopes of Mount Hermon--like calves they are leaping!
And Lebanon's hills like young antelope start!
The voice of Jehovah divides flames of lightning
And causes the fiery flashes to break!
The voice of the LORD makes the wilderness tremble;
The LORD makes the desert of Kadesh to shake!

The voice of the LORD makes the deer twist in labor!
The high-standing forest of trees it strips bare!
And all of the length and the breadth of His temple
And all things within it His glory declare!
The LORD on His throne sat above the great deluge!
The LORD on His throne sits as King without cease!
The LORD is the One Who gives strength to His people!
The LORD is the One Who will bless them with peace!

YES!

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

On moun-tain tops a - bove the hills, And draw the won-d'ring eyes.
 Up to the hill of God, they'll say, And to his house we'll go.
 The King who reigns in Sa - lem's tow'rs Shall all the world com-mand.
 His scep - tre shall pro - tect the just, And quell the sin - ner's pride.
 And, walk - ing in the light of God, With ho - ly beau-ties shine. A-MEN.

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Let my beloved come into his garden, and eat his pleasant fruits. Song of Solomon 4: 16

Isaac Watts, 1674 - 1748 LEIGHTON L. M.
William Leighton, c. 1614
reset by Harry E. Wooldridge, 1845-1917

1. Christ hath a gar - den walled a - round, A Par - a - dise of
 2. Like trees of spice his serv - ants stand, There plant - ed by his
 3. A - wake, O wind of heav'n, and bear Their sweet - est per - fume
 4. That he may come, and lin - ger yet A - mong the trees that

fruit - ful ground, Cho - sen by love and fenced by grace
 might - y hand; By E - den's gra - cious streams, that flow
 through the air: Stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom,
 he hath set; That he may ev - er - more be seen

From out the world's wide wil - der - ness.
 To feed their beau - ty where they grow.
 Till the be - lov - ed Mas - ter come:
 To walk a - mid the spring - ing green. A - MEN.

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