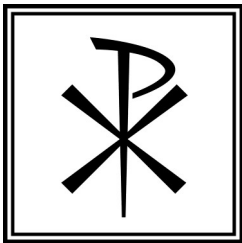




Morning Praise

FREED TO SERVE!



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Birmingham, Alabama

June 30, 2013

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word. If you are a guest, please fill out a Welcome card found in our entryway. You can place it in the offering plate or hand it to Pastor or an usher as you leave.

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SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY



BEFORE WORSHIP

As you prepare to worship your Lord today, spend a few quiet moments in prayer before the service. Review the lessons, the service notes, and pray this prayer:

O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire. We pray this and all things through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FOR THE CHILDREN

Children's Activity Sheets give activities and lessons pertaining to the Scripture lessons for the day. Ask an usher at the door into the sanctuary.

If your little one needs a moment, there is a speaker and window in our entryway that will allow you to see and hear the service.

Children's Church is a special place for younger children to hear a Bible story, sing some songs, learn a prayer, and do a craft. You can escort your child to our children's church just before the sermon as noted in the service folder.

INFORMATION

Bathrooms are located at the end of the end of the hallway as you exit the sanctuary.

Looking for more information? If you would like to learn more about Our Savior Lutheran Church, check out our information table in the entryway, speak with Pastor Kratz after the service, send him an email at: Pastor@OurSaviorBirmingham.com, or call the church office at (205) 677-8642.

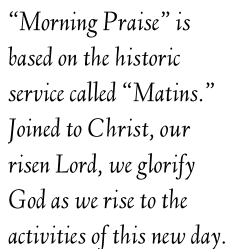
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With music based on the South African Freedom Song, this paraphrase of Psalm 27 underscores the confidence Christians have in God's deliverance from every

~Please stand

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Verses



1 The Lord is the strength of our lives; Of
 2 One thing have we asked of the Lord, Yes,
 3 When bur - dens are heav - y to bear, Our
 4 We walk in the strength of the Lord; God's



whom shall we be a - fraid? Though
 this is the thing we seek: To
 shel - ter is God a - lone. Our
 love is ev - er sure. We



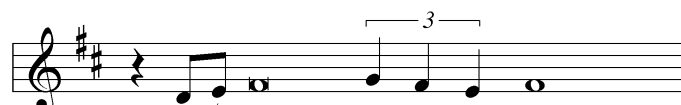
foes may be near to de - stroy; The
 dwell in the house of the Lord, To
 feet are lift - ed high, Yes
 shout that the world may hear; We

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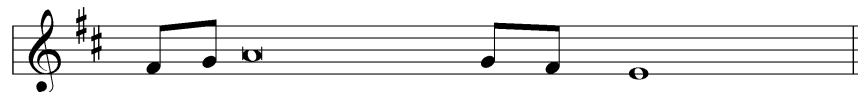


Lord will be our light.
 live with God for - ev - er.
 high up - on a rock.
 sing a joy - ful song. We are

OPENING SENTENCES



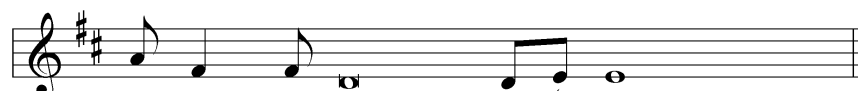
L O Lord, o - pen my lips.



C And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



L Hasten to save me, O God.



C O Lord, come quickly to help me.

The opening sentences resemble the urgent prayers of those who are threatened by their enemies (Psalm 70:1). They verbalize the heartfelt needs of all who have gathered to worship the God of justice, truth, and mercy. With these words, the gathered believers call for the Lord's help and thus begin their worship.

L Give glory to God, our light and our life.

C Come, oh, come, let us wor - ship.

COME, OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD ~ Venite

With these words from Psalm 95, the worshiper makes a joyful noise in praise of the maker of heaven and earth.

1 Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,

2 let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;

3 come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,

Repeat for use with canon

come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.

Verses

1. You are a great and a won - drous God,
2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,

cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.

You made the hills and the moun - tains high,
You are the God whom we call our own,

to Refrain

you made the seas and the dry land.
we are the flock that you shep - herd.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 19:14-21 (pg. 560)



¹⁴He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

¹⁵The LORD said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. ¹⁶Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. ¹⁷Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. ¹⁸Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and all whose mouths have not kissed him."

¹⁹So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. ²⁰Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. "Let me kiss my father and mother good-by," he said, "and then I will come with you."

"Go back," Elijah replied. "What have I done to you?"

²¹So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his attendant.

Elisha is called to follow Elijah in proclaiming the Word of the Lord to Israel. He answered the all-or-nothing call of God with total commitment by burning his oxen and plow. There would be no turning back.



As early as the third century, Christians were using Psalm 63 as a morning prayer.

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In the morn-ing I will sing, I will
sing glad songs to you, I will sing glad songs of praise to
you. I will sing glad songs of praise to you.

Verses



1. O God, you are my God; for you I long; for you my soul is thirst-ing. My bod-y
2. For your love is bet-ter than life, my lips will speak your praise. So I will
3. On my bed I re-mem-ber you. On you I muse through the night, for you have
6
pines for you like a dry, wea-ry land with-out wa-ter. So I
bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My
been my help; in the shad-ow of your wings I re-joice. My
9
gaze on you in the sanc-tu-ar-y to see your strength and your glo-ry.
soul shall be filled as with a ban-quet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.
soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

~Please stand

⁵¹ As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; ⁵³ but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?" ⁵⁵ But Jesus turned and rebuked them, ⁵⁶ and they went to another village.

⁵⁷ As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

⁵⁸ Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

⁵⁹ He said to another man, "Follow me."

But the man replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

⁶⁰ Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

⁶¹ Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say good-by to my family."

⁶² Jesus replied, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

After the reading, the congregation responds:

C: Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done!

~Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

HYMN OF THE DAY

#496

Glorious in Majesty

Following Christ is all or nothing—it calls for total commitment. So, Christ impressed on his followers that discipleship means counting the cost and setting new priorities in life.

Children are invited to assemble at the front for a children's message.

During the singing of the next hymn, parents may choose to escort their young child(ren) to our children's church.

5 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

¹³You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. ¹⁴The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

¹⁶So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. ¹⁷For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.

¹⁹The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. ²⁵Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

You Are Freed.... To Serve!

YOU ARE GOD; WE PRAISE YOU ~ *Te Deum*

The Te Deum is an ancient and majestic canticle of the Christian church, a confession of faith, a mighty hymn of praise to God.

~Please stand

REFRAIN



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.



Verses
1. With the an - gels in heav - en,
2. Cre - a - tor of all things, **We praise you, we**
3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



praise you! With the cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, **We**
You be - came a man to set us free;



praise you, we praise you! With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,
O Spir - it, most ho - ly, **We**
You have ris - en to free us;

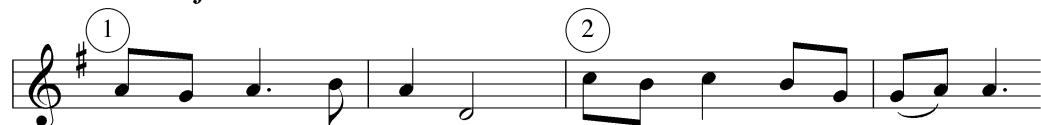


praise you, we praise you! With the mar - tyrs and your
To the Trin - i - ty most
And with all your saints in

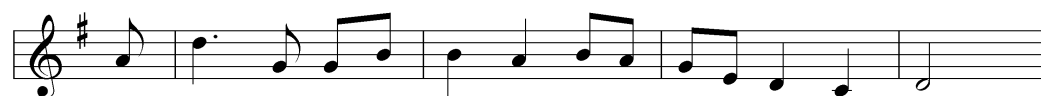


ho - ly Church,
bless - ed, **We sing in end - less** *to Refrain*
glo - ry, **praise!** *to Refrain*
to Final Refrain

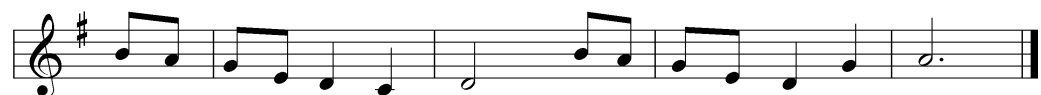
Final Refrain



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa - ther ho - ly, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise,



all cre - a - tion of - fers praise, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.

~Please be seated

OFFERING

How Firm a Foundation

LORD, HAVE MERCY ~ Kyrie

~Please stand

“Kyrie” is the Greek word for “Lord.” The expression “Lord, have mercy” is one of the oldest responses in the Christian church and is a cry for mercy to the Lord in the morning hour.

L In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you;
be mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer.

C Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

L: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: The Lord has refreshed us with His Word. Let us head into this new week equipped for lives of service.

C: Our mission is to worship God, to spread his Word to our community and to all nations, and to nurture all believers to prepare them for lives of Christian service.



This hymn helps us recognize the nature of divine grace, which is entirely independent of anything we are or can offer to God. God's grace willingly acts on behalf of rebellious sinners, as especially displayed in the suffering and death of our Savior.

What Grace Is This!

1 What grace is this! My Lord and
 2 What grace is this— That ve - ry
 3 What grace is this! Though Lord of
 4 What grace is this! Rude a - gon -
 5 What grace is this! Once wrapped in
 6 What grace is this? How can it
 King God all, ies! cloths be?
 Has set his face to suf - fer -
 Would stoop to lift a cross of
 He yields to Pon - tius Pil - ate's
 With com - mon thieves he hangs and
 And gent - ly laid in man - ger -
 He wears this raw hu - mil - i -
 ing. wood
 And walk a road of rock and
 And lets the Ro - man ham - mers
 The sin - less Son bears each mis -
 He's ta - ken, dead, from wretch - ed
 To lift me to e - ter - ni -
 bring blood, draw deed. cross ty.
 E - ter - nal life to
 A sin - ner's road, for
 A rush of blood for
 He pays for all, for
 And wrapped a - gain for
 Such grace—sweet grace— for

Last time

me.
 me.
 me.
 me.
 me.
 me.





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