



Sunday, October 18, 2020

GATHERING HYMN "God Is Here"

ELW#526

**God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**

**Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.**

**Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.**

**Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

**Faithful God, have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free
ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one
another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.
We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ
has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✚

Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. Amen.

KYRIE

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day. (Refrain)

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord (Refrain)**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord(Refrain)**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord(Refrain)**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our soul

Is with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord (Refrain)**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Together let us pray. **Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD,

and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 22nd Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Soli Deo Gloria"

ELW#878

vs. 1, 3, 5

**O God of blessings, all praise to you! Your love surrounds us our whole life through.
You are the freedom of those oppressed; you are the comfort of all distressed.
Come now, O holy and welcome guest: Soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!**

**All praise for music, deep gift profound, through hands and voices in holy sound;
the psalms of David, and Mary's praise, in wordless splendor and lyric phrase,
with all creation one song we raise: Soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!**

**A billion voices in one great song, now soft and gentle, now deep and strong,
in ev'ry culture and style and key, from hill and valley, with sky and sea,
with Christ we praise you eternally: Soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!**

SENDING HYMN "Jesus Shall Reign"

ELW#434

vs. 1, 3, 5

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**People and realms of ev'ry tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.**

**Let ev'ry creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our king;
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.**

SENDING

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Yes, we will! Thanks be to God!