



Risen Christ Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship

November 12, 2023

**YOU ARE IN GOD'S SANCTUARY. AS YOU ENTER,
PLEASE SIT QUIETLY, READ THROUGH YOUR WORSHIP
FOLDER, AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP.**



Five of Them Were Wise, by Walter Rane, courtesy Church History Museum

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise...”

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ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION – (2nd & 4th Sundays) We believe: that Christ’s body and blood are truly present for forgiveness and spiritual strength, that God desires our sincere confession, continuous seeking and giving forgiveness and, that being genuine in taking Communion so that we not harm ourselves by taking it in an unworthy manner. If you believe the above, are a baptized believer who trusts in the death and resurrection of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins, and have examined yourself, you are welcome to commune with us. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions. The bread is offered before the “individual” and “common” cups of wine. (Note: White Non-Alcoholic Wine is in the center of the tray.)

OFFERING – Through the offerings of His faithful people, our Lord provides for the ongoing work of His Church. If you are a visitor, we are glad that you came to be served by the Lord this day. If you choose to contribute to the ongoing work of the Gospel, we give thanks that God has moved you to contribute toward the work of sharing the Gospel here in Plymouth and around the world! You can also take advantage of Online Giving by visiting www.RisenChrist.info

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As We Gather

It’s not a big surprise that no one has accurately predicted the end of the world—not that it hasn’t been attempted. From religious sects to cult leaders to apocalyptic predictions made when we entered a new millennium, a fascination grows around those who claim they have it all figured out. We are wise though to take the Lord at His word concerning the Last Day. From Amos in the Old Testament proclaiming the day of the Lord, to Paul writing the Thessalonians about Christ’s return, to Jesus’ parable of the ten virgins, the Lord does not give us a date or a time of the end of this world as we know it. What He continues to give us, though, are promises of His faithfulness, His continued care and providence, and His assurance that when that day comes, it will usher in a glorious blessedness in His perfect presence that will last forever.

Preservice and Postlude Music *by Jennifer Kirk*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship – Sing of Your Great Love

All that is within me Lord will bless
Your holy name,
I live my life to worship You alone.
You brought me out of darkness, into Your glorious light,

Forever I will sing of Your great love.
Forever I will sing of Your great love.

I love to see You glorified, to see You lifted high,
I yearn to see all nations bow their knee.
It's You alone Lord Jesus Who can cause the coldest heart
To find Your love and everlasting peace.
To find Your love and everlasting peace.

**CHORUS: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.**

I love to see You glorified, to see You lifted high,
I yearn to see all nations bow their knee.
It's You alone Lord Jesus Who can cause the coldest heart
To find Your love and everlasting peace.
To find Your love and everlasting peace. **CHORUS**

**BRIDGE: And Your trumpet will sound, and all of heaven will know,
That the time has finally come, for the bride to take her place,
And we'll hear the angels sing **CHORUS****

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Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Opening Sentences

Amos 5:18, 20; 1 Thessalonians 4:13, 16; Matthew 25:6, 10

- P** Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD?
- C** **Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?**

- P** But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.
- C** **For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God.**

- P** At midnight there was a cry, "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him."
- C** **The bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut.**

How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
 3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
 die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o-



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
 bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 ra - tion And there pro - claim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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Confession and Absolution

Amos 5:24; 1 Thessalonians 4:17-18; Matthew 25:13

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. Merciful Lord, as we await the day to come when Christ returns, we grow impatient as we wait.
- C** **We become distracted by the things of this world that do not last, and have given our attention and even devotion to things not beneficial to our faith. Forgive us.**
- P** As we await the day to come when Christ returns, we grow impatient with others.
- C** **We have sinned against others and You in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with our whole heart, nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us.**

P As we await the day to come when Christ returns, we grow impatient with You.
C **We come to think the day will never come when You make all things new, and have let our earthly circumstances cause faith to waiver, despair to increase, and doubts to arise. Forgive us.**

P But let justice roll down like waters,
C **and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

P And so we will always be with the Lord.
C **Therefore encourage one another with these words.**

P In His parable, Jesus reminds His people to “watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.” In our watch and in our waiting, the Lord remains faithful to His promises of provision, and assurance of grace and forgiveness. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, as Christ Himself would say, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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

P Let us pray.
Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Amos 5:18–24

¹⁸Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, and not light,

¹⁹as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him.

²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹“I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them.

²³Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 70; antiphon: v. 4

¹Make haste, O God, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me!

²Let them be put to shame and confusion who seek my life!

Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire my hurt!

³Let them turn back because of their shame who say, "Aha, Aha!"

⁴May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you!

May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

⁵But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!

Gradual

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

L These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

C **They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

L Blessed are those whose strength is in You,

C **in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

It Is Well With My Soul



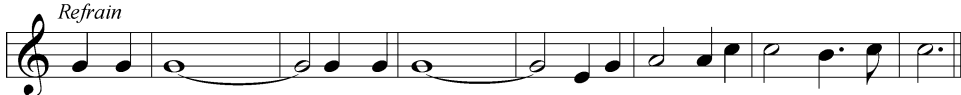
1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My
4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The



sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de-scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

Nicene Creed

- C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.
- And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.
- And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.
- And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Verse

Matthew 25:13

Alleluia. Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C **Glorify to You, O Lord.**

¹[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise,

'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon – “Prepared in Life to Be Prepared to Die”

I Will Rise

1. There's a peace I've come to know
Though my heart and flesh may fail
There's an anchor for my soul
I can say it is well
Jesus has overcome
And the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won
He is risen from the dead

***CHORUS: (And) I will rise
when He calls my name
No more sorrow no more pain
I will rise on eagle's wings
Before my God fall on my knees
And rise I will rise (I will rise)***

2. There's a day that's drawing near
When this darkness breaks to light
And the shadows disappear
And my faith shall be my eyes ***CHORUS***

BRIDGE: And I hear the voice
of many angels sing
Worthy is the Lamb
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart
Worthy is the Lamb
(REPEAT)
Worthy is the Lamb ***CHORUS***

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There's Something About That Name

Jesus Jesus Jesus
There's just something about that name
Master Savior Jesus
Like a fragrance after the rain

Jesus Jesus Jesus
Let all heaven and earth proclaim
Kings and kingdoms may all pass away
But there's something about that name

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Prayer of the Church

Revelation 22:20

- P** As the Lord invites us to come to Him with petitions and supplications, we commonly close our prayers with “Amen.” Derived from a Hebrew verb, *amen* means “certainty” or “to confirm.” As Martin Luther put it, *amen* means, “Yes, yes, it shall be so.” As we await the day of the Lord, we pray in confidence as Scripture closes with the words: “He who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming soon.’ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!” We, in our wait, come to our Lord in prayer, proclaim our “amens,” and confidently invite Him to come.

Let us pray for the people of God in the Bridegroom, Christ Jesus; His Bride, the Church; and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, grant to us all things needful and dissuade us from all things harmful. Fill the oil in our lamps, strengthen and nourish our faith, that united, together we as Your Church and as Your people confidently and courageously shine Your light to our neighbors, our community, and the world. Amen.

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

- P** Heavenly Father, keep us ready in our waiting for the promised day to come when the door is opened and we are welcomed to the wedding feast. In our wait, keep us from earthly distractions that would lead us away from You. By Your Holy Spirit, keep us prepared to welcome Jesus when He comes in all His glory at the hour and the day You have set, as we remain trusting in Your promises made, promises fulfilled, and promises to come. Amen.

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

- P** Heavenly Father, You have already called faithful servants from this life as they are in Your glorious care and await the resurrection. For we who remain on this earth, give comfort and hope to those who grieve. For those who struggle with health of mind or sickness of body, grant healing according to Your will and lasting peace in light of affliction. For all those whose needs are known only to You and for all who face the afflictions of this life while awaiting the Last Day at Your time, grant patience. Amen.

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Heavenly Father, as we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," awaiting His return, we know that in the meantime He even comes to us now through Your Word and Means of Grace. In the body and blood given and shed for us in, with, and under the bread and wine given and received, forgive us our sins and nourish our faith in our waiting that our hearts and lives be reflective of the grace You freely give. Amen.

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

G **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.**

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
G Amen.

Communion

Grace Flows Down

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
Amazing love now flowing down
From hands and feet that were nailed to the tree
Grace flows down and covers me

*It covers me
It covers me
It covers me
And covers me*

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Lamb of God

1. Your only Son, no sin to hide
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God

2. Your gift of Love they crucified
They laughed and scorned him as He died
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God

***CHORUS: Oh Lamb of God,
Sweet Lamb of God
I love the Holy Lamb of God
Oh wash me in His precious Blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God***

3. I was so lost I should have died
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God ***CHORUS***

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Closing Prayer

Closing Response

Amos 5:24; 1 Thessalonians 4:17–18; Matthew 25:13; Revelation 22:20–21

- P** But let justice roll down like waters,
C **and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**
- P** And so we will always be with the Lord.
C **Therefore encourage one another with these words.**
- P** Watch therefore,
C **for you know neither the day nor the hour.**
- P** He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”
C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**
- P** The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.
C **Amen.**

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

CHORUS: Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

CHORUS

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

CHORUS

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

CHORUS

ENDING: Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Jesus I'll worship Your holy name
I'll worship Your holy name

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Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

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