

After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." (Revelation 7:9-10)



The Third Week of End Time

Saints Triumphant

November 15, 2010

*Believers Reign
with Christ in Glory*

OPENING HYMN

Jerusalem, My Happy Home
CW 215

Stand to sing the hymn.

INVOCATION

Stand.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: **Lord of Life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:
I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Kyrie eleison means "Lord, have mercy" in the original language of the New Testament. It is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian church.

KYRIE

M: Lord Jesus, you forgive us all our sins...
 Lord Jesus, you feed us with the Word of Life...
 Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life...

Minister

1 Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son, e-le-i-son, Ky-ri-e.
 2 Chri-ste e-le-i-son, e-le-i-son, Chri-ste.
 3 Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son, e-le-i-son, Ky-ri-e.

Congregation

Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son, e-le-i-son, Ky-ri-e.
 Chri-ste e-le-i-son, e-le-i-son, Chri-ste.
 Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son, e-le-i-son, Ky-ri-e.

GLORY TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis

The choir sings the refrain. All repeat the refrain and sing it again as indicated.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high-est!
 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God! Glo-ry to God
 in the high-est! Peace to his peo-ple on earth!

The minister/choir sings:

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Refrain

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Christians praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. "Glory to God in the Highest" has been sung in Christian worship since the fourth century.

Refrain

You alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Final refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est!
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God! Glo-ry to God
in the high - est! Peace to his peo - ple on earth!
Glo - ry to God in the high - est!
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God! Glo-ry to God
in the high - est! Peace on earth!

SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow the example of your blessed saints in lives of faith and willing service and with them at last inherit the inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 26:1-4, 8-9, 12-13, 19-21




Isaiah foresees the day when believers from all over the world will rise from their graves and live with God forever.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 30

Setting by Brian McLinden

The minister/choir sings the refrain. All repeat the refrain and sing it again as indicated.



I will praise you Lord for you have res - cued me,

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I will praise you Lord for you have res-cued me. _____

The choir sings the verses of the psalm.

I will extol you, O my LORD, for you drew me near,
and my enemies you kept from rejoicing over me.
You brought me up from death
and preserved me from the one who sank down into the pit.

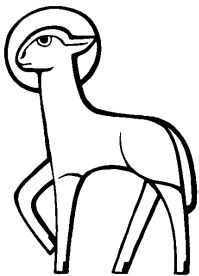
Refrain

Sing to the LORD, you saints of his, praise his holy name,
for his anger lasts a moment, but his pleasure lasts a lifetime.
At night the weeping enters,
but with dawn the tears give way to rejoicing in the LORD.

Refrain

Hear, O LORD, and grant me grace; LORD, pity me.
You have turned my tears of mourning into endless dancing days.
My heart will sing to you
and forever shall my tongue sing the praises of the LORD.

Refrain



For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17

ALLELUIA VERSE

The minister/choir sings the refrain. All repeat the refrain and sing it again as indicated.

Refrain



The choir sings the verse.

Be faithful unto death, says the Lord, and I will give you the crown of life

Refrain sung twice.

Stand for the Gospel of the Day.

GOspel OF THE DAY

Matthew 5:1-12



Worshipers stand in respect for the words of Christ our King

Following the Gospel, the minister says:

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Be seated following the Gospel.

HYMN OF THE DAY

There Is a Blessed Home
CWS 729

SERMON

Matthew 5:1-12

WHY GET COMFORTABLE?

Stand for the Votum.

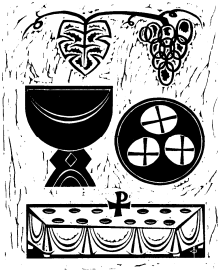
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Stand.

M: Lord of eternity and King of saints, all the heavens adore you. Saints and angels sing before you.

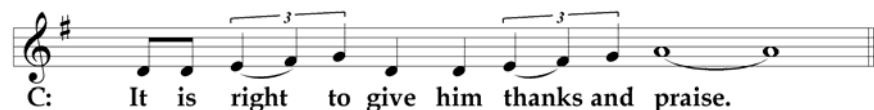
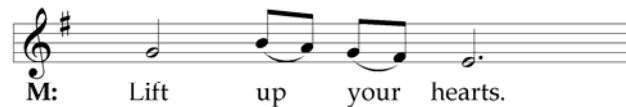
C: **We join them to praise your majesty.**

- M: You clothe us with garments of splendor. You bless us with grace and mercy in this life and eternal glory forever. What undeserved love you show us!
- C: **We thank you, Lord, that you have made us your saints.**
- M: Encourage us by your gracious promises. Forgive our failures to live as you desire. Strengthen the faith of all who are weak and wandering.
- C: **Give us power to live as your faithful people.**
- M: Your saints will triumph forever in new heavens and a new earth. The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more. We anticipate with joy an eternity of perfect fellowship with you.
- C: **Be with us as we work and witness for Christ, so that many more people can join us before your throne.**
- M: Lord of life, the day is coming when you will come down from heaven with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God. On that glorious day, the saints triumphant will rise in bright array, clothed in your perfect righteousness.
- C: **Give us strength until that day when we will share fully in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**



SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE



M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who will soon come again in glory to deliver us forever from this present evil age. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na,
Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na,
Ho - san - na in the high - est!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation he became one with us.
By his perfect life he fulfilled your holy will.
By his innocent death he overcame hell.
By his rising from the grave he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed in your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is ✠ my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is ✠ my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world, grant us your peace.
A - men. A - men. A - men.

Be seated.

Approach the chancel steps via a center aisle in the central seating section. Form two rows, dividing to the left and right and forming two tables.

DISTRIBUTION

HYMN

Blessed Are They
CWS 730

Refrain

Bless - ed are they which are called, Bless - ed are
they which are called, Bless - ed are they which are
called To the mar - riage feast of the Lamb.

Verses

1 Mul - ti - tudes, clothed in white robes,
2 They'll nei - ther hun - ger nor thirst,
3 Bless - ing and hon - or, they cry,
4 Ser - vant, saint, mar - tyr at rest,
5 Wor - thy are you, Lamb of God,
From ev - 'ry na - tion and tongue,
Death, sor - row, pain van - quished now,
Un - to the Lamb that was slain,
Sanc - ti - fied, ran - somed, re - stored,
To re - ceive glo - ry and praise.
Stood be - fore God and the Lamb At the
God wipes all tears from their eyes By the
Re - deem - ing us with his blood In the
Thun - d'rous - ly sing a new song Of the
Al - le - lu - ia and a - men! For the

mar - riage feast of the Lamb. *to Verse 2*
mar - riage feast of the Lamb. *to Refrain*
mar - riage feast of the Lamb. *to Verse 4*
mar - riage feast of the Lamb. *to Refrain*
mar - riage feast of the Lamb. *to Refrain*

Please note the instructions for moving from stanza to refrain.

Stand.

PRAYER

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your people until that day when you will receive us as your heavenly guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Remain standing for the hymn.

HYMN

May the Peace of God
CWS 745

1 May the peace of God our heav'n - ly Fa -
peace which pass - es un - der - stand -
ther, And the grace of Christ the ris - en
ing, And this grace which makes us what we
Son,
are, And the fel - low-ship of God the
And this fel - low-ship of his Com -
Spir - it Keep our hearts and minds with - in his
mun - ion Make us one in spir - it and in

Refrain

love.
heart. And to him be praise for his

glo - rious reign From the depths of earth to the

heights of heav'n. We de - clare the name of the

Lamb once slain— Christ e - ter - nal, the King of

kings.

2 May this kings.

The Chorus will begin its rehearsal five minutes after the end of the service.