



CHURCH OF THE
REDEEMER

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 2, 2021

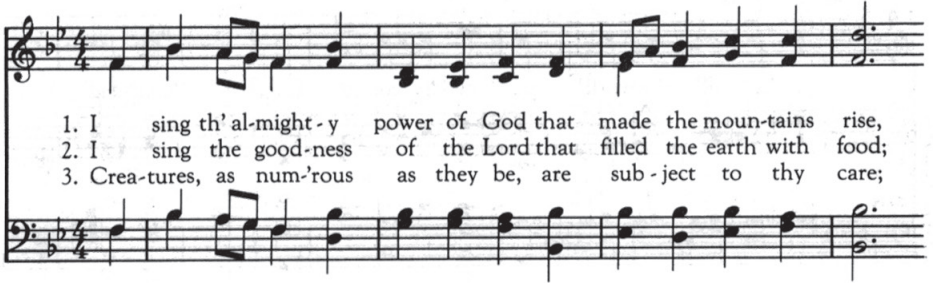
I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Romans 12:1-2

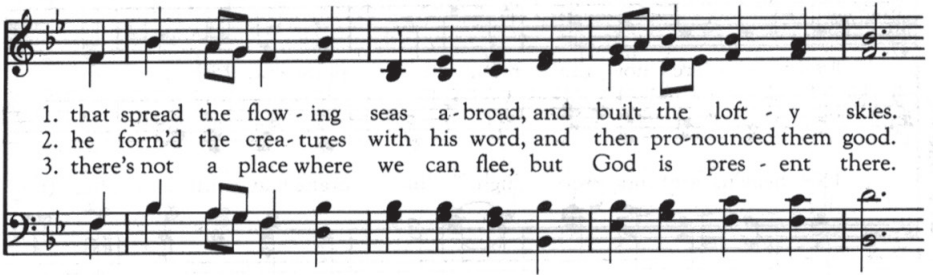
I Sing th' Almighty Power of God

Isaac Watts, 1715

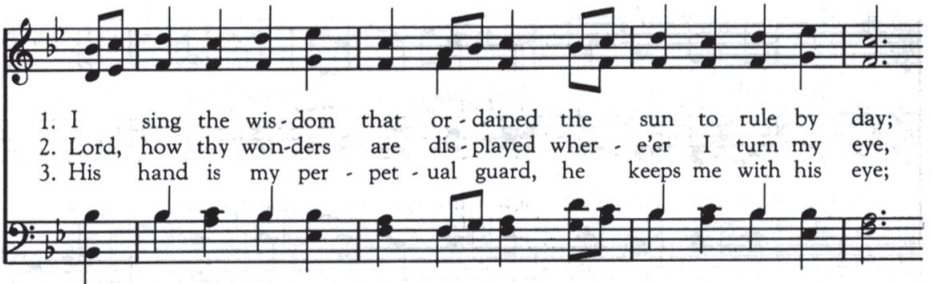
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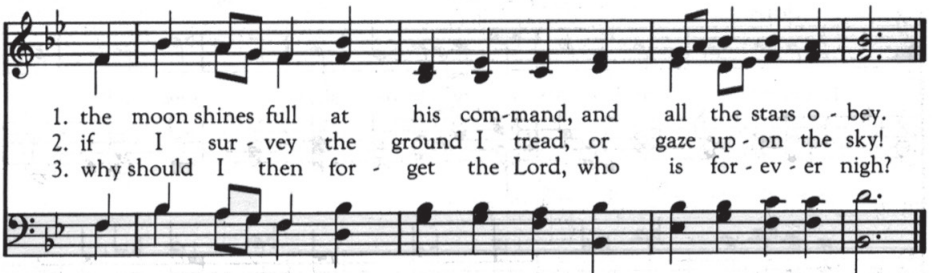
1. I sing th' al-might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
3. Crea-tures, as num-'rous as they be, are sub-ject to thy care;



1. that spread the flow - ing seas a-broad, and built the loft - y skies.
2. he form'd the crea-tures with his word, and then pro-nounced them good.
3. there's not a place where we can flee, but God is pres - ent there.



1. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule by day;
2. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played wher - e'er I turn my eye,
3. His hand is my per - pet - ual guard, he keeps me with his eye;



1. the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
2. if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
3. why should I then for - get the Lord, who is for - ev - er nigh?

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

YOUR LOVE OH LORD

Verse

Your love oh Lord
Reaches to the heavens
Your faithfulness
Stretches to the sky
Your righteousness
Is like the mighty mountains
Your justice flows
Like the ocean's tide

Chorus

I will lift my voice
To worship You my King
I will find my strength
In the shadow of Your wings

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ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER

Christ be with me, Christ within me
Christ behind me, Christ before me
Christ beside me, Christ to win me
Christ to comfort and restore me

So I bind unto myself
The strong name of the Trinity
I believe the Three in One
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Christ beneath me, Christ above me
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger
Christ in hearts of all that love me
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

DEUTERONOMY 4:32-40

³² "For ask now of the days that are past, which were before you, since the day that God created man on the earth, and ask from one end of heaven to the other, whether such a great thing as this has ever happened or was ever heard of. ³³ Did any people ever hear the voice of a god speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and still live? ³⁴ Or has any god ever attempted to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, and by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great deeds of terror, all of which the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? ³⁵ To you it was shown, that you might know that the Lord is God; there is no other besides him. ³⁶ Out of heaven he let you hear his voice, that he might discipline you. And on earth he let you see his great fire, and you heard his words out of the midst of the fire. ³⁷ And because he loved your fathers and chose their offspring after them and brought you out of Egypt with his own presence, by his great power, ³⁸ driving out before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in, to give you their land for an inheritance, as it is this day, ³⁹ know therefore today, and lay it to your heart, that the Lord is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other. ⁴⁰ Therefore you shall keep his statutes and his commandments, which I command you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land that the Lord your God is giving you for all time."

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 66:1-11

- ¹ Be joyful in God, all you lands; *
sing praises to the honor of his Name;
make his praise to be glorious.
- ² Say to God, "How wonderful are your works; *
through the greatness of your power
shall your enemies cower before you.
- ³ For all the world shall worship you, *
sing to you, and praise your Name."
- ⁴ O come and see the works of God, *
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.
- ⁵ He turned the sea into dry land,
so that they went through the water on foot; *
therefore in him let us rejoice.
- ⁶ He rules with his power for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; *
let not the rebellious exalt themselves.
- ⁷ Bless our God, you peoples, *
and make the voice of his praise to be heard,
- ⁸ Who holds our soul in life, *
and does not allow our feet to slip.
- ⁹ For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us, as silver is tried.
- ¹⁰ You brought us into the snare *
and laid trouble upon our backs.
- ¹¹ You allowed men to ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of plenty.

The Holy Bible, New Coverdale Psalter

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

1 JOHN 3:18-24

- ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.
- ¹⁹ By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰ for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²² and whatever we ask

we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

At the Gospel reading, we stand and the Scripture is read in the midst of the congregation as a way to honor the truth that in Christ God became flesh and dwelt among us.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People: Glory to you Lord Christ

JOHN 14:15-17, 25-27

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessed art Thou O Lord God of our fathers
Alleluia! Alleluia! You are worthy of praise forever**

¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

²⁵ "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

SERMON

David Stewart

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

CONFESSON OF SIN

You may kneel or sit during the prayer of confession

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Celebrant: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him...

THE PEACE

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

People: And with your spirit.

As we remember the peace that we have been given with God through his forgiveness, we also remember that He has made us at peace with one another. That is why we "exchange the peace." You may say "The peace of the Lord" to those around you, or just say "Hello."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

In order to support the mission of the church financially, you may deposit your gifts in the collection box at the Welcome Table, send checks to Church of the Redeemer, P.O. Box 130965, St. Paul, MN 55113, or if you wish to give online or set up direct deposit from your bank account, please visit <https://oftheredeemer.org/give/>

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye Heavenly Host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of —
Hosts. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of —
Hosts. Hea - ven and earth are — full of the
glo - ry of your ma - jes - ty Bles - sed is he who
comes — in the name of the Lord Ho - san - na in the
high - est Ho - san - na in the high - est Ho - san - na
in the high - - - est.

*Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father...
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:*

*Sanctus
Elizabeth Stewart
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Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...

...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Celebrant and People: AMEN.

And now, as our savior Christ has taught us we are bold to pray together,

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.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us, once for all upon the cross.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, Lamb of God

You take away, You take away, You take away,

All of our sin

Have mercy on us

This is the good news

This is the gift of life

This is the the body and blood of Christ for the life of the world

Sing Hallelujah 3X

Ben Kyle
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Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Directions for Communion

All baptized believers in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Communion. However, if you are not able to receive you may remain seated or come forward for a prayer of blessing from one of our ministers. Please indicate your desire for a prayer of blessing by crossing your arms across your chest.

You will be dismissed to receive by one of our greeters. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Please extend your hand to receive the bread and the cup and move toward the basket to consume the elements before returning to your seat. Please place the empty cup in the basket to the right or left of the server before you return to your seat.

A Prayer When Unable to Receive Communion

Heavenly Father, I now join my heart and mind with all my brothers and sisters in Holy Mother Church throughout the world who gather at your holy table this day to remember your death and proclaim your resurrection. Accept my soul and body as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to you, through the merits of your dear son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Hasten the day when I may once more draw near with them to receive the most precious sacrament of your body and blood. Amen.

○ BREATH OF LIFE

Verse 1

○ breath of life come sweeping through us
Revive Thy church with life and power
○ breath of life come cleanse renew us
And fit Your church to meet this hour

Verse 2

○ wind of God come bend us break us
Till humbly we confess our need
Then in your tenderness remake us
Revive restore for this we plead

Verse 3

○ breath of love come breathe within us
Renewing thought and will and heart
Come love of Christ afresh to win us
Revive your church in every part

Chorus

Revive us Lord is zeal abating?
While harvest fields are vast and white
Revive us Lord the world is waiting
Equip your church to spread the light

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IT WAS FINISHED UPON THAT CROSS

Verse 1

How I love the voice of Jesus
On the Cross of Calvary
He declares his work is finished
He has spoken this hope to me
Though the sun had ceased its shining
Though the war appeared as lost
Christ had triumphed over evil
It was finished upon that Cross

Verse 2

Now the curse it has been broken
Jesus paid the price for me
Full the pardon He has offered
Great the welcome that I receive
Boldly I approach my Father
Clothed in Jesus' righteousness
There is no more guilt to carry
It was finished upon that Cross

Verse 3

Death was once my great opponent
Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed
Yes He rose that we would be free indeed
Free from ev'ry plan of darkness
Free to live and free to love
Death is dead and Christ is risen
It was finished upon that Cross

Ending

Onward to eternal glory
To my Saviour and my God
I rejoice in Jesus' victory
It was finished upon that Cross

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BE STILL MY SOUL

Verse 1

Be still my soul the Lord is on thy side
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain
Leave to thy God to order and provide
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain
Be still my soul thy best thy heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end

Verse 2

Be still my soul thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past
Thy hope thy confidence let nothing shake
All now mysterious shall be bright at last
Be still my soul the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below

Verse 3

Be still my soul when dearest friends depart
And all is darkened in the vale of tears
Then shalt thou better know His love His heart
Who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears
Be still my soul thy Jesus can repay
From His own fullness all He takes away

Verse 4

Be still my soul the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord
When disappointment grief and fear are gone
Sorrow forgot love's purest joys restored
Be still my soul when change and tears are past
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last

Verse 5

Be still my soul begin the song of praise
On earth believing to thy Lord on high
Acknowledge Him in all thy words and ways
So shall He view thee with a well-pleased eye
Be still my soul the Sun of life divine
Through passing clouds shall but more brightly shine

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Celebrant and People:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out into the world to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Deacon: Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Please keep social distance of at least six feet as you exit the sanctuary and depart the church. Out of respect for the space and our host congregation, please take a moment to check for papers, bulletins and other items as you leave the sanctuary today.

WELCOME!

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are blessed by your presence with us! If you would like to be contacted by one of our clergy or added to our weekly email communication, please use this QR code. Thank you!





ASCENSION DAY
Thursday, May 13, 5:30-7pm
 We lift our eyes up through prayer and worship in celebration of the
Ascension of our Lord Jesus!
 All ages are warmly invited.
 5:30pm - Food trucks (expense covered), kite making, and balloon release
 6:00pm - Worship and prayer
 Outdoor location, Tony Schmidt Regional Park, Lake Johanna

kidCONNECT

Nursery & Preschool

Sundays, 4:30 p.m.

Nursery and Preschool children are invited to gather in Calvary's nursery during the worship service for stories, songs, and lots of movement. Parents can pick children up from the nursery at the passing of the Peace. Contact Julie with any questions.

Kindergarten - 5th Grade

Sundays, 4:30 p.m.

Children in K-3rd and 4th-5th gather weekly for their own time of Bible engagement and connection with peers during the worship service. Children rejoin their parents at the passing of the Peace.

Be in touch with Sara & Deacon Liz (4/5) or Sonia & Steffie (K-3) if you have questions.

YOUTH OF THE REDEEMER

Youth in 6th-12th Grade meet on Sunday afternoons from 3:00-4:15 at Calvary in a large group/small group format. There is also a Zoom-in option hosted by youth leaders for those not able to meet in person. Be in touch with Caleb or Breana Dahl, Katie Pitchford (6th Graders) or Pete or Caitlyn Talbert (Zoom Group) with questions or encouragements as they lead and develop ministry to and with our youth.

WOMEN'S LISTENING PRAYER

Women's Listening Prayer warmly invites you to our last formal meeting of the year. We will be gathering in small groups (outdoors and in person) on Thursday, May 6th and Saturday, May 8th. Sign up here (<https://tinyurl.com/393pcjtu>) at least two days beforehand. We would love to see you there whether you've been at every WLP gathering this year or this would be your first ever! We will be praying, sharing, and listening - as well as reflecting a bit on our year together as we start to dream about what WLP could look like in the fall.

Additionally, we hope you'll consider joining us for an outdoor social gathering in Anne Calvin's backyard on Saturday, June 5th at 10am. More details to follow in a few weeks.

Questions? Contact Haley Scharf (haleyscharf@gmail.com) or anyone on the planning team.

MEN'S LISTENING PRAYER

Wednesday, May 19, 7-9 p.m.

Outdoors at Gathering Place
3245 New Brighton Rd., Arden Hills, MN 55112

Join us for our final gathering of Men's Listening Prayer until the fall. We will meet for a time of fellowship and worship, followed by journaling, and intercession in breakout groups.

Save the date: Men's Fellowship Gatherings at Como Park, Third Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m., beginning June 19.

PRAYER FOR YOUTH & CHILDREN – FRIDAYS, 12–12:30 P.M.

Join us in prayer via Zoom at noon on Friday, to pray for the next generation of leaders and Christ-followers – the precious ones in our church family, and beyond.

<u>GENERAL FUND GIVING SUMMARY</u>		
As of	Actual Giving	Budgeted Giving
April 25, 2021	\$292,717	\$291,833

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