



# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

8th Sunday of Pentecost | July 18, 2021

## CALLED BY GOD WE GATHER

### GATHERING MUSIC AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Greet each other in joy. When the chimes toll, let us prepare silently for worship.)*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*(All speak words in **boldface**.)*

Friends of Christ, what is the church?

**A group of ordinary, flawed and forgiven, people.**

Yes! Alive in Christ, growing up in Christ,

**and live for the praise of God's glory.** (Eph. 2:5, 4:13-15, 1:14)

Let us worship God.

\*HYMN *When Morning Gilds the Skies* LAUDES DOMINI

*(\*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary, to stand.)*

**When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: may Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair: may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound: may Jesus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply: may Jesus Christ be praised!**

### \*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

Glorious God, **what a blessing you are!**

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... the seal and pledge of our inheritance. (Eph. 1:3-18, *The Message*)

**All praise and glory be to you, O God,**

**for the richness of your grace, for the splendor of your gifts,  
for the wonder of your love.**

... We silently confess our short-comings to you. (*Silent confession*)

O God,

**forgive us, and gift us again with your grace.**

**Help us grow up in Christ – practice resurrection –  
and walk worthy the road you call us to walk.**

**Each day, may we remember our calling, use our Spirit-gifts,  
and live for each celebration of your presence in the world. Amen.**

### \*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Friends, God has heard our plea for forgiveness. According to the riches of his grace, which God has lavished upon us, receive this good news:

In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. (Eph. 1:7)

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.**

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE *When Morning Gilds the Skies* LAUDES DOMINI

**Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Be this the eternal song through all the ages long:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

TEXT: German hymn, c. 1800; trans. Edward Caswall, 1853, 1858, alt. PD MUSIC: Joseph Barnby, 1868 PD.

## TO HEAR GOD'S WORD OF GRACE

SCRIPTURE READING *Ephesians 2:1-10*

MUSIC *God of Grace, We Sing Your Praise* arr. Michael Helman  
SPC Handbell Ringers

SERMON "Goodness and Grace" Rev. Laura Viau

## TO RESPOND IN FAITH WITH GRATITUDE

### PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power; and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## TO DEPART BLESSED TO SERVE

### \*HYMN *Called As Partners in Christ's Service* ODE TO JOY

***Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,  
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,  
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.***

***Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and  
worth, let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.***

***Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,  
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.***

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### \*BENEDICTION AND CHARGE | CLOSING MUSIC



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