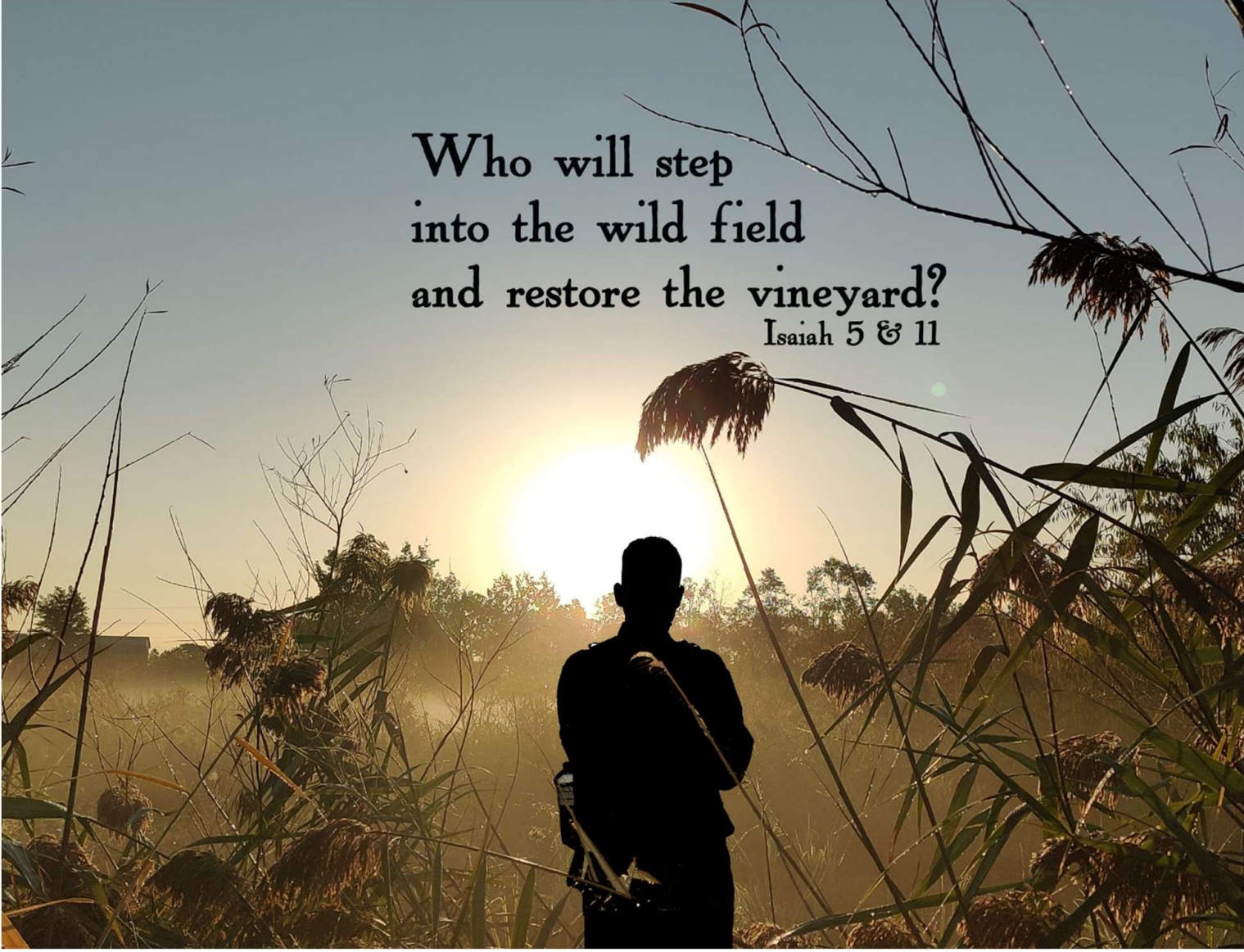


Narrative Lectionary – Week 11



Who will step
into the wild field
and restore the vineyard?
Isaiah 5 & 11

Sunday, November 19, 2023

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NEHEMIAH SERVICE

Worship in a traditional order that uses portions of the book of Nehemiah.

Opening Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

LSB 549 sts. 1-4



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
 2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;
 3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,
 4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,

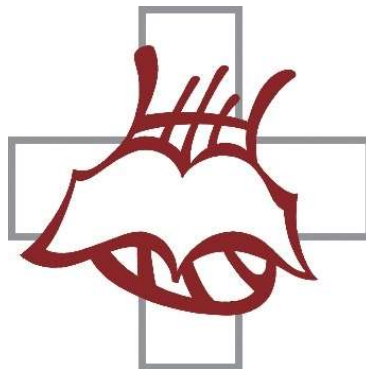


Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
 Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
 The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.



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Text: Edward Perronet, 1726-92, alt.
Tune: Oliver Holden, 1765-1844



Invocation (Based on selections from Nehemiah 8)

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: All the people gathered into the square.

And they told Ezra the scribe,

**C: Bring the Book of the Law of Moses,
Bring the Word of the Lord to us.**

P: And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered,

C: Amen, Amen.

P: They lifted up their hands.

They bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord.

This day is holy to our Lord.

C: The joy of the Lord is our strength. Amen.

Confession and Absolution (Based on selections from Nehemiah 1)

P: O Lord God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments,

C: let Your ear be attentive and Your eyes open, to hear the prayer of Your servants that we now pray before You day and night, confessing the sins we have committed against You. We have acted very corruptly against You and have not kept the commandments, the statutes, and the rules that You commanded.

P: Lord, remember the word that You gave to Your servant Moses, "If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples."

C: But Lord also remember that You promised: "If you return to Me, even though you are outcasts, I will gather you and bring you to the place that I have chosen, to make My Name dwell there."

P: God has indeed heard your prayers and remembers His promise to gather you again to Himself, so that you may dwell with Him for eternity. By His Holy Spirit, you are the Lord's servants and His people, whom God has redeemed by His great power and by His strong hand, by the death and resurrection of His Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Your sins are forgiven in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

Song of Praise

Praise the Father, Praise the Son



1. O sov-'reign God, O match-less King— the saints a - dore, the an - gels
2. These suf - fer - ings, this pass - ing tide un - der Your wings I will a -



sing, and fall be - fore the throne of grace— to You be - longs the high - est
-bide, and ev - 'ry en - e - my shall flee; You are my hope and vic - to -



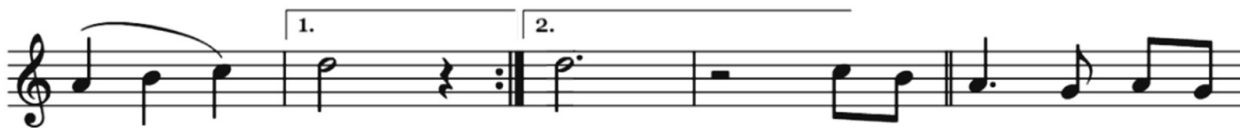
praise. Praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, praise the Spir - it, Three in
ry.



One; Clothed in pow - er and in grace, the name a - -bove all oth - er names. Yours is the



king - dom, Yours is the pow - er, Yours is the glo - ry for -



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Today's Narrative Lectionary Readings

(Robert Alter, alt.)

Isaiah 5:1-7

¹Let me sing to my Beloved,
my love song for His vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a hillside rich in soil.
²And He dug it and hauled out its stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
And He built a watchtower in its midst,
and a winepress, too, dug out of rock.
And He hoped to get good grapes,
but it put forth rotten fruit.
³“And now, O dweller of Jerusalem
and man of Judah,
judge between Me and My vineyard.
⁴What more could be done for My vineyard,
that I did not do?
Why did I hope to get grapes
and it put forth rotten fruit?
⁵And now, let me tell you,
what I am about to do to My vineyard:
take away its hedge,
and it shall turn to waste,
break down its fence,
and it shall be trampled.
⁶And I will make it a wild field,
and it shall not be pruned or raked,
and thorn and thistle shall spring up;
And I will charge the clouds not to rain on it.”
⁷For the house of Israel is
the vineyard of the LORD of Armies.
and the men of Judah are
His delightful planting.
He hoped for justice, and look, jaundice,
for righteousness,
and look, wretchedness.

Isaiah 11:1-5

¹And a shoot shall come out from
the stump of Jesse,
a branch shall bloom from his roots.
²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
a spirit of wisdom and insight,
a spirit of counsel and valor,
a spirit of knowledge and fear of the LORD,
his very breath in the fear of the LORD.
³And not by what his eyes see shall he judge,
and not by what his ears hear
shall he render verdicts.
⁴And he shall judge the poor in justice
and render right verdicts
for the lowly of the land.
⁵And he shall strike the land
with the rod of his mouth,
with the breath from his lips
he shall put the wicked to death.
And justice shall be the belt round his waist,
faithfulness the belt round his loins.
L: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Be Glad in the Lord

- Use the anthem's music and words to help you to meditate on God's Word and His truth for you today. Maintain this as meditative time.

*Be glad in the Lord, all ye righteous.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, all ye people,
Sing out for joy, all ye pure in heart,
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing.
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing.
Bring praise to the King of kings.
Rejoice, rejoice let the nations sing and
lift their praise to the Lord who redeems.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.*

*The steadfast love of the Lord is with you.
His grace surrounds all who trust in his name.*

*Be glad in the Lord, all ye righteous.
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Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.*

Be glad in the Lord, be glad in the Lord, give thanks and sing.

Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: Lord God, our Father, You ask of us today: "My people, answer Me: What more could I have done for you?" Thank You that You did not leave us a wild field, but sent Your Son to restore the vineyard, to restore Your people. Teach and help us to respond with our whole being to your daily forgiveness and patience, to the riches of life brought us by Jesus, to the prompting of the Holy Spirit, that we may be a people that bears lasting fruits. May we bring to all a justice animated by love, may we learn to share as you do with us. All of this we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, the Worker in the Field who brings restoration and will one day restore all things.

C: Amen.



1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of
 3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant From the stump of
 5 Christ, the way that leads un - fail - ing To the Fa - ther's
 △ 6 Christ, the Al - pha and O - me - ga, Christ, the first-born



A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,
 Jes - se's tree; Christ, true vine, You nur - ture branch - es
 home on high, Christ, the truth that frees the cap - tive,
 from the dead, Christ, the life and res - ur - rec - tion,



Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You
 To bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly. Graft us in - to
 Christ, the life that can - not die. Me - di - a - tor
 Christ, the Church's glo - rious head: Praise and thanks and



shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our
 You, O Sav - ior; Prune our hearts so we re - main Fruit - ful
 to the Fa - ther, Sac - ri - fice and great High Priest: Lead us
 ad - o - ra - tion And un - end - ing wor - ship be To the



path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.
 branch - es in Your vine - yard Till e - ter - nal life we gain.
 to Your heav'n - ly man - sions, There to share Your wed - ding feast.
 Fa - ther and the Spir - it And to You e - ter - nal - ly.

Sermon

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Offertory (Based on Nehemiah 9)

Stand up and bless the Lord, ye people of his choice;
Though high above all praise, above all blessing high,
God is our strength and song, and his sal - va - tion ours;

stand up and bless the Lord your God with heart and soul and voice.
who would not fear his ho - ly name, and laud and mag - ni - fy?
then be his love in Christ pro - claimed with all our ran - somed powers.

Offering Preface (Based on selections from Nehemiah 9)

P: You are the Lord, You alone.

C: *You have made heaven, even the highest heavens,
the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them;
and You preserve all of them; and the multitudes of heaven worship You.*

P: You saw the affliction of our fathers in Egypt and heard their cry at the Red Sea, and performed signs and wonders against Pharaoh and all his servants and all the people of his land, for You knew that they acted arrogantly against our fathers.

C: And You made a name for Yourself for all generations.

P: And You divided the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on dry land, and You threw Pharaoh's army into the depths like a stone into mighty waters.

**C: By a pillar of cloud You led them in the day,
and by a pillar of fire in the night.**

P: You are the Lord, You alone. We remember Your graciousness and blessings to Your people throughout all generations.

C: You have kept Your promise, for You are righteous. Amen.

Offering & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

Offertory


The Joy of the Lord is My Strength (Nehemiah 8:10)



1 The joy ___ of the Lord _____ is my strength; The
4 He heals the bro-ken-heart-ed and they cry no more, He



joy ___ of the Lord _____ is my strength; The joy ___ of the
heals the bro-ken-heart-ed and they cry no more. He heals the bro-ken-



Lord _____ is my strength; The joy of the Lord is my strength,
heart-ed and they cry no more, The joy of the Lord is my strength.

Repeat 1st stanza

Prayers

Confession of Faith

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 of the world to come. Amen.

Nicene Creed

The Lord's Supper: What We Believe

All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed

are invited to receive Communion with us

if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ,
and the wine is the blood of Christ,

truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

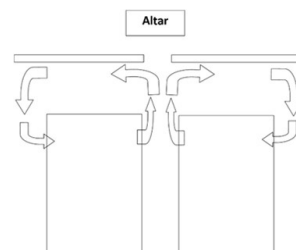
If this is a new teaching to you, or if this is different than you believe,

we ask that you wait to commune until we've had a further chance to talk. We invite those who are not communing to come to the rail, cross your arms, and receive a blessing from the Lord.



Communion Distribution

- Pastor distributes the bread, and the Elders distribute the wine—with individual cups or common cup. The individual trays also contain alcohol-removed wine in the center of each tray in the purple cups.
- Each side will be ushered from the center aisle to the communion rail, row by row, starting with the front.
- Go to the rail on your side of the sanctuary, filling in starting with the outside wall towards the center. Once you have received the elements, you may remain at the rail for prayer and leave at your own pace.
- Return to your seat using the outside aisle.
- Use the distribution time to prepare yourself for communion, sing the hymns as prayers to God, and maintain this as meditative time.



Preparation for the Lord's Supper

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *And also with you.*

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: *We lift them to the Lord.*

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

C: *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 Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

Words of Institution

Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: *And also with you.***

(We greet one another in peace saying "God's peace" or "The Lord be with you.")

First Distribution Hymn Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

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1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the
 3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the
 4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more



lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head
 prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree
 ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee
 won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise
 dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree



Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the
 Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the
 Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly



sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the
 rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the
 sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the
 sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the
 ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the



vine-yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
 splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

Second Distribution Hymn Jesus Comes Today with Healing

LSB 620 sts. 1-2, 4



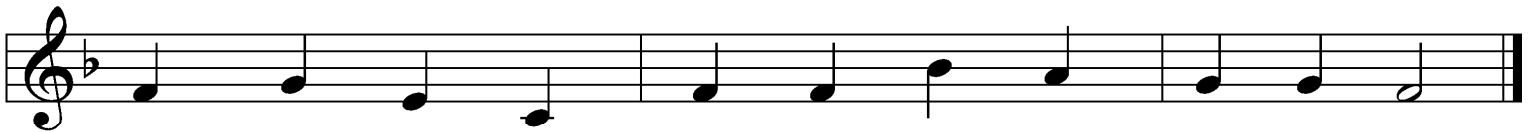
1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my
2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and
4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
me this hour In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His
Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the
On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."
pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.
grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

Text: Heinrich Puchta, 1808-58; tr. David W. Rogner, 1960

Tune: Johann Löhner, 1645-1705; adapt. Johann Balthasar König, 1691-1758

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Common Dismissal

P: Now may this true body and true blood of our Lord... **C: Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benedicamus Domino (“Let us bless, the Lord”) & Benediction (Blessing)

P: Rise up and bless the Lord your God **(Based on Nehemiah 9:5 & Psalm 126:3,6)**
from everlasting to everlasting.

**C: Blessed be Your glorious name, O Lord;
Your Name is exalted above all blessing and praise.**

P: The Lord has done great things for us;
Those who come before the Lord weeping
shall now go with shouts of joy,
because of the Lord’s great mercy, love, and strength.
In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Closing Hymn

O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

LSB 632

1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to Thee My heart - felt
2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is
thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing -
come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with -
ly be - stowed On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood.
in my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Arthur J. Mason, 1851–1928
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UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN GYM W/COMMUNION) – 9AM

FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM

EDUCATION HOUR 10:30-11:30AM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY W/COMMUNION) – 6:30PM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN GYM) – 9AM

FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM

EDUCATION HOUR 10:30-11:30AM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY) – 6:30PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN GYM W/COMMUNION) – 9AM

FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM

EDUCATION HOUR 10:30-11:30AM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY) – 6:30PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN GYM) – 9AM

FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM

EDUCATION HOUR 10:30-11:30AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM (IN GYM) – 4PM

CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SCHEDULE. USHERS, READERS, AND VARIOUS OTHER VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP AND COMMUNION. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR ONE OF THOSE ROLES, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AT OFFICE@BETHELGURNEE.ORG.



Poinsettia Order Form

Due on Sunday, December 3rd

Orders are being taken for poinsettia plants to decorate our worship areas on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The cost for a plant is **\$12**.

Name: _____

Phone or E-mail address: _____

How many plants_____

Price.....x \$12

Enclosed Payment.....\$_____

Make checks payable to “Bethel Altar Guild”, and place clearly marked payment in offering or bring to the church office.

Please place my plant(s)

In memory of: _____

In appreciation of/to honor: _____

To the Glory of God

Poinsettia(s) can be picked up after the Christmas Day worship service or that week. All plants will be red.