



*My Word shall not return to Me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose.
Isaiah 55:11*

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ALL GOD'S PEOPLE SING

This service is based on the Praise service in the hymn/songbook, All God's People Sing.

Encouragement in the Time of a Pandemic

All: We will get through this.

We will get through this together.

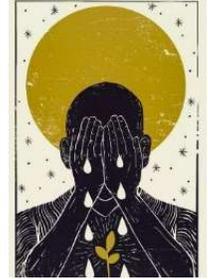
We will get through this by the grace and mercy of God.

Words of Truth in the Time of National Lament & Repentance

All: We will face this.

We will face this together.

We will face this by the grace and mercy of God.



The Sorrowful Saint
Scott Erickson

Opening Hymn

Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

LSB 811



1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es To praise my
2 O all you pow'rs that He im - plant - ed, A - rise, keep
3 You for - est leaves so green and ten - der That dance for
4 All crea - tures that have breath and mo - tion, That throng the
5 Cre - a - tor, hum - bly I im - plore You To lis - ten



God with thou - sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -
si - lence now no more; Put forth the strength that God has
joy in sum - mer air, You mead - ow grass - es, bright and
earth, the sea, the sky, Come, share with me my heart's de -
to my earth - ly song Un - til that day when I a -



joic - es, Would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs To all, wher -
grant - ed! Your no - blest work is to a - dore. O soul and
slen - der, You flow'rs so fra - grant and so fair, You live to
vo - tion, Help me to sing God's prais - es high. My ut - most
dore You, To - geth - er with the an - gel throng And learn with



ev - er I might be, What great things God has done for me.
bod - y, join to raise With heart - felt joy our Mak - er's praise.
show God's praise a - lone. Join me to make His glo - ry known.
pow'rs can nev - er quite De - clare the won - ders of His might.
choirs of heav'n to sing E - ter - nal an - thems to my King.

Invocation

P: In the Name of God the Father: **C: Praise to our creating God!**
P: In the Name of His Son, Jesus: **C: Praise to our redeeming God!**
P: In the Name of God the Spirit: **C: Praise to our renewing God!**
P: Let us join our thankful voices, **C: Amen! Amen! Praise the Lord!**

Confession (based on Psalm 51)

P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your unfailing love;
C: according to Your great compassion, wipe out our sin.
P: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C: have mercy on us.
P: Create in me a pure heart, O God,
C: and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
P: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C: have mercy on us.
P: O Lord, open my lips,
C: and my mouth will declare Your praise.
P: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C: have mercy on us. Amen.

Absolution (based on Psalm 103)

P: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He does not deal with you according to your sins,
nor repay you according to your iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove your transgressions from you.
According to this Word from the Lord, and by the command of our Lord Jesus
Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you your sins in
the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen. Bless the Lord, O my soul! Bless His Holy Name! Amen.

Song of the Day

Thy Word Is a Lamp

LSB 973

Refrain



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.



1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,
2 I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet My



Still You're there right be - side me. And
heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing.



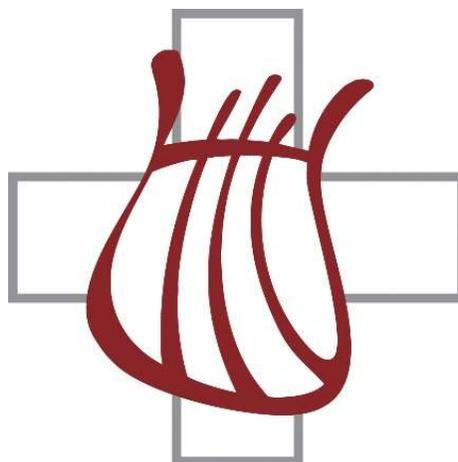
noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near.
Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; *And*



Please be near me to the end. _____
I will love You to the end. _____

Refrain

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Words of Praise

P: From all that dwell below the skies, Let the Creator's praise arise;

C: Alleluia! Alleluia!

P: Let the redeemer's name be sung, Through every land, by every tongue.

C: Alleluia! Alleluia!

P: Eternal are Your mercies, Lord; Eternal truth attends Your Word;

C: Alleluia! Alleluia!

P: Your praise shall sound from shore to shore, 'Til suns shall rise and set no more.

C: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:10–13 (ESV)

¹⁰[And the Lord said]: “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Reading

Psalm 33:4–11 (ESV)

⁴For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

⁵He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

⁶By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

⁷He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses.

⁸Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

⁹For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

¹⁰The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;
he frustrates the plans of the peoples.

¹¹The counsel of the LORD stands forever,
the plans of his heart to all generations.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Jesus Is Lord of All

Adult Choir

- 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.

*All my tomorrows, all my past, Jesus is Lord of all.
I've quit my struggle, contentment at last, Jesus is Lord of all.
King of kings, Lord of lords, Jesus is Lord of all;
All my possessions, and all my life, Jesus is Lord of all.*

*All of my conflicts, all my thoughts, Jesus is Lord of all.
His love wins the battles I could not have fought, Jesus is Lord of all.
King of kings, Lord of lords, Jesus is Lord of all;
All my possessions, and all my life, Jesus is Lord of all.*

*All of my longings, all my dreams, Jesus is Lord of all.
All of my failures His power redeems, Jesus is Lord of all.
King of kings, Lord of lords, Jesus is Lord of all;
All my possessions, and all my life, Jesus is Lord of all.*

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23 (ESV)

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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Hymn of the Day **Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast**

LSB 577



1 Al - might - y God, Your Word is cast Like
2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe This
3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The
4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, Life -



seed in - to the ground; Now let the dew of
ho - ly seed re - move, But give it root in
ris - ing plant de - stroy, But let it yield a
giv - ing grace be - stow That all whose souls the



heav'n de - scend And righ - teous fruits a - bound.
ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.
hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.
truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.

Sermon

Isaiah 55:10-13 (Psalm 33:4-11)

**“God, I Spoke Your Word the Other Day to Some People;
What Purpose Did You Accomplish with it?”**

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.—I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Praise for the Wisdom of God – a Gift to Us Through the Holy Spirit

P: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

C: ***The Lord is worthy of eternal praise.***

P: The wisdom of God transforms our “heart life.”

C: ***The Lord is worthy of eternal praise.***

P: Lord, teach us to number our days, and live according to Your wisdom.

C: ***The Lord is worthy of eternal praise.***

P: In Christ, we have received the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

C: ***The Lord is worthy of eternal praise.***

P: May the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

C: ***The Lord is worthy of eternal praise. Amen.***

Offertory

We Give Thee But Thine Own

LSB 781 sts. 1-2



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What-e'er the gift may be;
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

Prayers

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.

Benediction

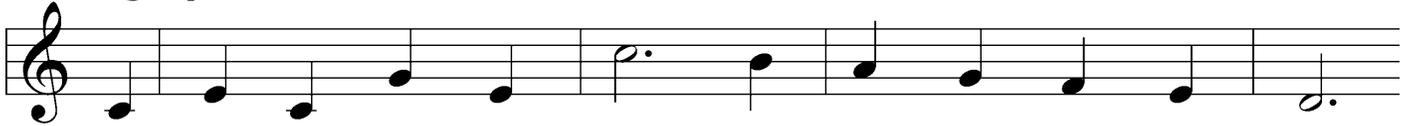
P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

On What Has Now Been Sown

LSB 921



1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;
2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;
3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou
Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!
es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.
low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

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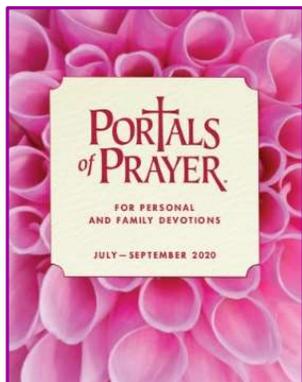
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