

FIND YOUR ADJECTIVES

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THE GOSPEL OF ST. MATTHEW SERVICE

*Worship in a traditional order drawing words from Matthew's Gospel.
Matthew is the focus of Year A Gospel readings in the Lectionary.*

Encouragement in the Time of a Pandemic

All: We will get through this.

We will get through this together.

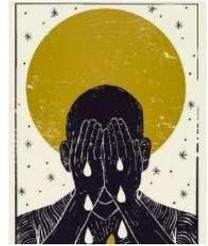
We will get through this by the grace and mercy of God.

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

Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

LSB 822 sts. 1-3



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! To God the Fa -
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to the Lamb
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to the Ho -



ther let us bring Our songs of ad - o - ra - tion.
of God we sing, In whom we are e - lect - ed.
ly Ghost we sing For our re - gen - er - a - tion.



To Him through ev - er - last - ing days Be wor - ship, hon -
He bought His Church with His own blood, He cleansed her in
The sav - ing faith in us He wrought And us un - to



or, pow'r, and praise, Whose hand sus - tains cre - a - tion.
that bless - ed flood, And as His bride se - lect - ed.
the Bride - groom brought, Made us His cho - sen na - tion.



Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;
Ho - ly, ho - ly Is our u - nion And com - mu - nion.
Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Joy e - ter - nal, Bliss su - per - nal;



Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry.
His be - friend - ing Gives us joy and peace un - end - ing.
There is man - na And an end - less, glad ho - san - na.

Invocation (Based on Matthew 11:28-30)

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

C: ***Amen.***

P: Jesus says, "Come to Me all who are weary, and I will give You rest.

Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me.

For I am gentle and lowly in heart."

C: ***For You have promised we will find rest for our souls.***

P: For His yoke is easy, and His burden is light.

C: ***Amen.***

Confession and Absolution (Matthew 22:34-40;19:16-26;18:13-14,19-20;20:28)

P: When asked "Teacher, what is the great commandment in the Law?", Jesus said,

C: ***You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart***

and with all your soul and with all your mind.

And you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

P: Jesus said, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

C: ***This brings us sorrow, Lord,***

Because we treasure many things which are not focused on You.

Who then can be saved?

P: Jesus declares, "With people this is impossible,

but with God all things are possible."

He rejoices more over finding one lost sheep than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. It is not His will that one of you should perish.

C: ***For the Lord has promised:***

Where two or three are gathered in His Name,

He is among us with His forgiveness.

P: Indeed, He is here in the power of His forgiveness for you today.

He comes not to be served

but to serve, to give His life as a ransom for you.

Therefore, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: ***Amen.***

Gloria in Excelsis (based on Matthew 20:28)

LSB 971, st. 2



2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.



Refrain

Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv-ing us Your Son,



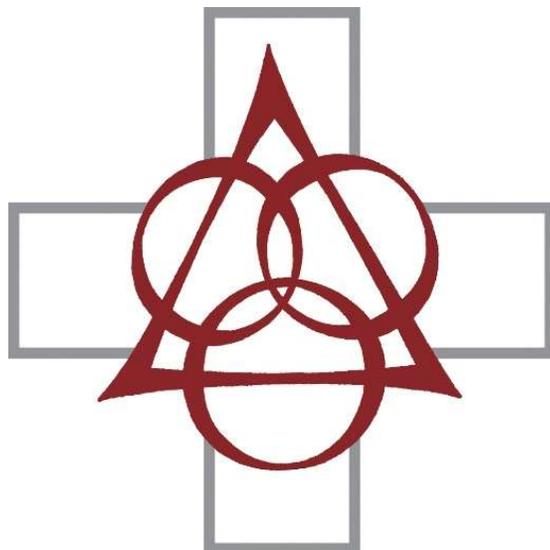
And leav - ing Your Spir-it Till the work on earth is done.

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Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



Anthem**Cradle Me, Lord****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.

Cradle me, Lord, in your arms of love,
Cradle me, Lord, I am weary.
Cradle me, Lord, in your arms of love,
I need to feel You near me.
Come, O Lord, in Your gentle way.
Come, O Lord, I am lonely.
Come, O Lord, in your gentle way,
I need to hear You only.

O Lord above, you are my light, my song of joy, my true delight;
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
And I am yours, and yours alone, so make my soul your humble home.
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

Lead us to Your love. Make us pure and strong.
We will hold your hand and know that we belong.
We need to find your way through ev'ry trying day,
And with your love this will be.

O Lord above, you are my light, my song of joy, my true delight;
Cradle me, Lord, in your arms of love, Cradle me, Lord, I am weary.
Cradle me, Lord, in your arms of love. I need to feel you near me.
And I am yours, and yours alone, so make my soul your humble home.
Come, O Lord, in your gentle way. Come, O Lord, I am lonely.
Come, O Lord, in your gentle way, I need to hear you only. Amen, Amen.

Old Testament Reading**Deuteronomy 7:6–9(ESV)**

[And Moses said to the people]: ⁶“You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful

God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle (New Testament Letter)

Romans 8:28–35, 37–39(ESV)

²⁸And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

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Song of Praise

How Majestic is Your Name

O Lord, our Lord, how ma - jes - tic is Your name in all the
earth. O Lord, our Lord, how ma - jes - tic is Your name in all the
earth. O Lord, we praise Your name. O
Lord, we mag - ni - fy Your name: Prince of Peace. Might - y
God, O Lord God Al - might - y. O y.

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:44-52(ESV)

⁴⁴[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of the Day

Church of God, Elect and Glorious

LSB 646, sts. 1-3; tune: 826



1 Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious, Ho - ly na - tion, cho - sen race;
2 God has called you out of dark - ness In - to His most mar - v' lous light;
3 Once you were an al - ien peo - ple, Strang - ers to God's heart of love;



Called as God's own spe - cial peo - ple, Roy - al priests and heirs of grace:
Brought His truth to life with - in you, Turned your blind - ness in - to sight.
But He brought you home in mer - cy, Cit - i - zens of heav' n a - bove.



Know the pur - pose of your call - ing, Show to all His might - y deeds;
Let your light so shine a - round you That God's name is glo - ri - fied
Let His love flow out to oth - ers, Let them feel a Fa - ther's care;



Tell of love that knows no lim - its, Grace that meets all hu - man needs.
And all find fresh hope and pur - pose In Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.
That they too may know His wel - come And His count - less bless - ings share.

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Sermon

“Find Your Adjectives”

Confession of Faith from Matthew 11:2-6; 16:13-16

P: When John the Baptist heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to Jesus, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?”

C: ***Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see:
the blind receive their sight and the lame walk,
lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear,
and the dead are raised up,
and the poor have good news preached to them.
And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”***

P: Jesus asked His disciples, using the title “Son of Man” to speak about Himself, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”
 And the disciples said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”
 Then He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?”
 And I also ask you, disciples here today, “Who do you say that Jesus is?”

C: **Simon Peter replied,**
and we also say,
“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Amen.

Offertory (Based on Matthew 19:28, 12:18-21)

LSB 920 sts.2,5; tune: 616

2 King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings; King - ship with
 5 We are the Church: Christ bids us show That in His
 Him His ser - vants gain; With Christ the Ser - vant
 Church all na - tions find Their hearth and home where
 - Lord of all, Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.
 Christ re - stores True peace, true love to all man - kind.

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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 (Blessing) (Based on Matthew 28:18-20)

P: As Jesus said to His disciples before He ascended into heaven, He says to you,
“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.
And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship

LSB 949



1 Heav'n-ly hosts in cease-less wor-ship “Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly” cry;
2 All cre-a-tion, all re-demp-tion, Join to sing the Sav-ior’s worth;



“He who is, who was and will be, God Al-might-y, Lord Most High.”
Lamb of God, whose blood has bought us, Kings and priests, to reign on earth.



Praise and hon-or, pow’r and glo-ry, Be to Him who reigns a-lone!
Wealth and wis-dom, pow’r and glo-ry, Hon-or, might, do-min-ion, praise,



We, with all His hands have fash-ioned, Fall be-fore the Fa-ther’s throne.
Now be His from all His crea-tures And to ev-er-last-ing days!

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AUGUST 2 - LIVESTREAM WORSHIP 9AM

OUTDOOR COMMUNION & FELLOWSHIP 10:15 -11:00AM

IN-PERSON AND ZOOM VOTERS MEETING 11:00AM

AUGUST 9 - LIVESTREAM WORSHIP 9AM

AUGUST 16 - LIVESTREAM WORSHIP - 9AM

OUTDOOR COMMUNION & FELLOWSHIP 10:30 -11:30AM

AUGUST 23 - LIVESTREAM WORSHIP - 9AM

AUGUST 30 - LIVESTREAM WORSHIP - 9AM*

OUTDOOR COMMUNION & FELLOWSHIP 10:30 -11:30AM

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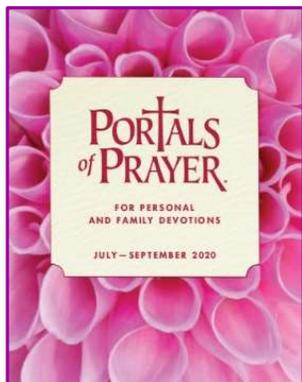
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