

Hymn: 172 v1, 2, 4 - words as below.
GOD IS WORKING HIS PURPOSE OUT,
As year succeeds to year;
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And the day is drawing near;
Nearer and nearer draws the time,
The time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled
With the glory of God,
As the waters cover the sea.

From the East to the utmost West,
Wherever foot has trod,
Through the mouths of his messengers
Echoes forth the voice of God;
Listen to Me, ye continents,
Ye islands, give ear to Me,
That the earth shall be filled
With the glory of God,
As the waters cover the sea.

March we forth in the strength of God
With the banner of Christ unfurled,
That the light of the glorious gospel of truth
May shine throughout the world:
Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin,
To set their captives free,
That the earth may be filled
With the glory of God,
As the waters cover the sea.

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Morning Worship - 9/1/21

Welcome and call to worship

God in Christ has revealed his glory.
Come let us worship.

From the rising of the sun to its setting
the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.
O praise the name of the Lord!

Hymn: 193 v1, 2, 4, 5

HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED,
Great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free,
To take away transgression,
And rule in equity.

He comes, with succour speedy,
To those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy,
And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing,
Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying,
Were precious in His sight.

**Kings shall fall down before Him,
And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore Him,
His praise all people sing;
To Him shall prayer unceasing
And daily vows ascend,
His kingdom still increasing,
A kingdom without end.**

**O'er every foe victorious,
He on His throne shall rest;
From age to age more glorious,
All-blessing and all-blessed.
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever,
His changeless name of Love.**

Confession and Absolution

Jesus says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." So let us turn away from sin and turn to the Lord, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

We keep silence to recall our need for God's forgiveness.

**Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

**When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
His grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; his only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."**

**The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
He will not, he cannot, desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
He never will leave, he will never forsake!"**

Responding With Praise

The Word of life which was from the beginning
we proclaim to you.

The darkness is passing away
and the true light is already shining;
the Word of life which was from the beginning.

That which we heard, which we saw with our eyes,
and touched with our hands,
we proclaim to you.

For our fellowship is with the Father,
and with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
**The Word of life which was from the beginning
we proclaim to you.**

The Blessing

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and
gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the
blessing ...

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Hymn: 216 v1, 2, 4, 5, 6

**HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
you who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?**

**Fear not, he is with thee, O be not dismayed,
For he is thy God, and will still give thee aid;
he'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by his righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**When through the deep waters he calls thee to go,
The rivers of grief shall not thee overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."**

May almighty God,
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring you his pardon and peace,
now and for ever.

Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we
may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Readings and Sermon

Luke 3:15-22

After the reading we use these words:

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

Hymn: SOF1850

**HOLY SPIRIT, LIVING BREATH OF GOD,
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
To renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your word to come alive in me,
Give me faith for what I cannot see;
Give me passion for Your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.**

**Holy Spirit, come abide within,
May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin
In each thought and deed and attitude:
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.**

**Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth,
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
May the fragrance of our prayers arise;
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see.**

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day
he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The Intercessions