

Service for Wednesday, March 24, 2021

**Midweek Lenten Worship  
SERVICE OF THE WORD  
GATHERING**

**Gathering Music**

**Welcome**

**Prayer & Meditation**

**Gathering Hymn, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" ELW #858**

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**All:**

- 1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him,  
for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear  
now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration!**

Cantor:

- 2. Praise to the Lord,  
who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
and, as on wings of an eagle,  
uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen  
all that is needful has been  
sent by his gracious ordaining?**

Cantor:

- 3. Praise to the Lord,  
who will prosper your work and defend you;  
surely his goodness and mercy  
shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do  
if with his love he befriend you.**

**All:**

- 4. Praise to the Lord!  
Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath,  
come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen  
sound from his people again.  
Gladly forever adore him!**

**Greeting**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, you have given us the Christian habits as a means to draw us closer to you and transform us. Grant us grace to walk in the habit and discipline of celebration so that we may follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

**WORD**

**Scriptures**

**Nehemiah 8:10**

<sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

### **Psalm 92:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;  
<sup>2</sup>to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night,  
<sup>3</sup>to the music of the lute and the harp,  
to the melody of the lyre.  
<sup>4</sup>For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;  
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

**Sermon**, "The Christian Habit of Celebration"

### **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

#### **Hymn**, "How Great Thou Art" ELW 856

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**All:**

**1. O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds Thy hand has made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee.  
how great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

Cantor: *(Congregation hums)*

**2. When through the woods  
and forest glades I wander  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down  
from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook  
and feel the gentle breeze.  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee.  
how great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

Cantor: *(Congregation hums)*

**3. But when I think  
that God, his Son not sparing  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin.  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee.  
how great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

**All:**

**4. When Christ shall come  
with shout of acclamation  
and take me home,**

**what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim:  
“My God, how great thou art!”  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee.  
how great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

#### **Responsive Prayer**

**P:** Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
**C:** **have mercy on us.**

**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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

#### **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty..... and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**P:** Show us your mercy, O God,  
**C:** **and grant us your salvation.**  
**P:** Give us the joy of your saving help again,  
**C:** **and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**  
**P:** Give us peace in all the world;  
**C:** **For only in you can we live in safety.**  
**P:** Keep the nations under your care,  
**C:** **and guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
**P:** Let your way be known upon earth;  
**C:** **your saving health among all nations.**  
**P:** Let not the needy be forgotten,  
**C:** **nor the hope of the poor taken away.**  
**P:** Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**C:** **and sustain me with your Holy Spirit.**  
**P:** Lord, hear my prayer,  
**C:** **and let my cry come before you.**  
**P:** We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected us today. We ask you to forgive us all our sins, where we have done wrong, and graciously to protect us tonight. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us.  
**C:** **Amen.**

#### **SENDING**

#### **Blessing**

**P:** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C:** **Thanks be to God.**  
**P:** Almighty God, bless us, defend us from evil, and bring us to everlasting life.  
**C:** **Amen.**

## Announcements

1. Loose Offering during Lent will go to the Warroad Food Shelf
2. Easter Services – You will need to register to attend the Easter services at 7:00 am and 9:00 am on Sunday, April 4. You may make reservations by contacting Zion’s office at 218-387-1733 or email [zlcw@mncable.net](mailto:zlcw@mncable.net). Also, a Worship Committee member will be taking reservations after each service during Lent. Please include in your registration information how many people will be attending from your household and others sitting with you. (parents, kids, grandkids, friends, etc.)

## Sending Hymn, “God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven” ELW #564 vv. 1, 4

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1. **God, who made the earth and heaven,  
darkness and light:  
you the day for work have given,  
for rest the night.  
May your angel guards defend us,  
slumber sweet your mercy send us,  
holy dreams and hopes attend us  
all through the night.**
  
4. **Holy Father, throned in heaven,  
all-holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, freely given,  
blest Three in One:  
grant us grace, we now implore you,  
till we lay our crowns before you  
and in worthier strains adore you  
while ages run.**

## Sending Music

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