

September 6, 2020

Hymn *When Morning Guilds the Skies* LBW # 545

1. When morning gilds the skies, my heart, awaking, cries,
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"
When evening shadows fall, this rings my curfew call:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"
When mirth for music longs, this is my song of songs:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"
God's holy house of prayer hath none that can compare
With "Jesus Christ be praised!"
2. To Him my highest and best I sing when love possessed
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"
Whate'er my hands begin, this blessing shall break in:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"
No lovelier antiphon in all high heav'n is known
Than "Jesus Christ be praised!"
There to the eternal Word the eternal psalm is heard:
"Oh, Jesus Christ be praised!"
3. Let all of humankind in this In this their concord find:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"
Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound:
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"
Sing sun and stars of space, sing all who see His face,
"Sing Jesus Christ be praised!"
God's whole creation o'er, today and evermore,
"Shall Jesus Christ be praised!"

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Greeting & Call to Worship

Pastor: Sing to the Lord a new song.

All: We will worship God, our maker!

Pastor: Let your praise be to God with song and dance,

All: For God is gracious and loving!

Pastor: Let us bring God glory and honour,

All: For God deserves our praise.

Pastor: Holy One, God of grace and glory, your creative power is beyond imagining. Your love is wider than the whole universe; your mercy, greater than the heights of heaven; your wisdom, deeper than the sea. Maker of all things, you became one of us in Jesus Christ, and through your Spirit you are present with us in every place and every time. We worship you, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, one God, now and always, Amen.

In confidence and honesty, let us confess our sins to God and to one another:

Although Christ is among us as our peace, we confess we are a people divided, within ourselves and against each other. We cling to the values and habits of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue harm creation and the lives of others. The fears and jealousies we harbour set neighbour against neighbour, and nation against nation. The freedom and abundance we enjoy belong mostly to a few, when they are God's gift to all. Have mercy upon us, O God. Heal us, forgive us, and set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

<i>Readings</i>	<i>Ezekiel 33:7-9</i>	NIV page 853
	<i>Psalms 32:1-7</i>	NIV page 549
	<i>Romans 13:1-10</i>	NIV page 1123

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading ***Matthew 18:15-20*** NIV page 974

Sermon ***"Conflict Resolution"***

Hymn ***He Leadeth Me*** LBW # 501

1. He leadeth me O blessed thought,
O words with heavenly comfort fraught
Whate'er I do where'er I be Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me

Chorus: He leadeth me, He leadeth me
By His own hand He leadeth me
His faithful follower I would be
For by His hand He leadeth me

2. Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom
By water's calm o'er troubled sea
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me
3. Lord I would clasp Thy hand in mine
Nor ever murmur nor repine
Content whatever lot I see since 'tis my God that leadeth me.
4. And when my task on earth is done
When by Thy grace the victory's won
E'en death's cold waves I would not flee
Since Thou through Jordan leadeth me.

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Apostles' Creed

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Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Creator of heaven and earth, lover of each and every soul, we are filled with gratitude for the blessings of this life. For making us in your image to love and care for one another, we give you thanks. For the gift of Christ, who redeems and guides us, and who gives us a pattern for everyday living, we praise you. Hear us now as we pray for situations where your love and grace are sorely needed in the world you love.

We pray for St. Matthews Lutheran Church and churches around the world, facing so many new challenges to respond to so many enduring needs...

We pray for this beautiful planet, the fragile home we share with all living things...

For those who govern locally, provincially and federally, and the nations of the world, that they may find the wisdom and courage to do justice in the decisions they make...

For those who serve as teachers, healers and caregivers facing new situations this fall, and for all students who return to school in very different circumstances...

For the homeless and the hungry, for the unemployed and the

anxious, and for all who have become more vulnerable through the pandemic...

For those who mourn and those who are alone or feeling isolated...

For the powerless and oppressed, and those caught up in destructive relationships or unjust political systems...

For the concerns we bear on our hearts this day...

Eternal God, we thank you for those who have gone ahead of us and showed us some measure of your eternal love. Keep us always in communion with you, and with your people from every time and place. So we join our voices to theirs in the words Jesus taught us, saying: *Our Father...*

Offering and Offertory Prayer

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Benediction

Hymn

Beautiful Saviour

LBW #518

1. Beautiful Saviour, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, fair still the woodlands
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring.
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes the woeful heart to sing
3. Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight
Bright the sparkling stars on high!
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels in the sky.
4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of all nations
Son of God and Son of Man
Glory and honor, praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!

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