
WELCOME:

OPENING PRAYER:

A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit among the People of God

by ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton & Episcopal Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence
and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.

Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.

Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:

a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors,
bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.

Wherever and however we gather,

unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,

that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GATHERING SONG: "He is Exalted"

Verse:

He is exalted

The King is exalted on high

I will praise Him

He is exalted forever exalted

And I will praise His name

Chorus:

He is the Lord

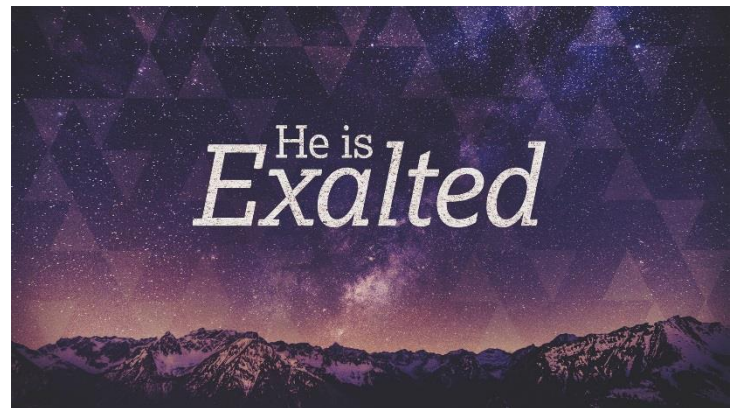
Forever His truth shall reign

Heaven and earth

Rejoice in His holy name

He is exalted

The King is exalted on high

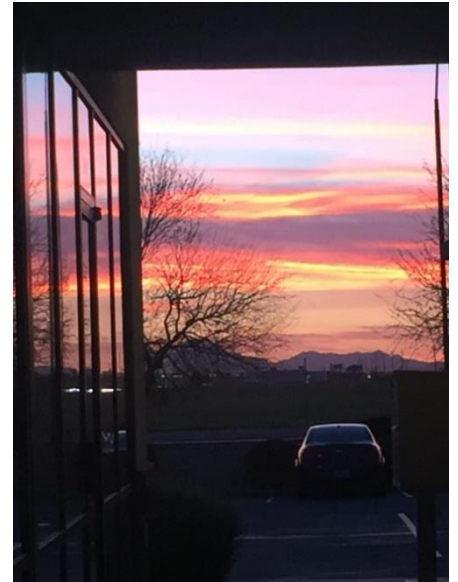


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Verse & Chorus

FIRST READING: Psalm 90:1-8, 12 *Read by Art Krzyzewski*

¹LORD, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
²Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
³You turn us back to dust,
and say, "Turn back, you mortals."
⁴For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.
⁵You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
⁶in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.
⁷For we are consumed by your anger;
by your wrath we are overwhelmed.
⁸You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
¹²So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.



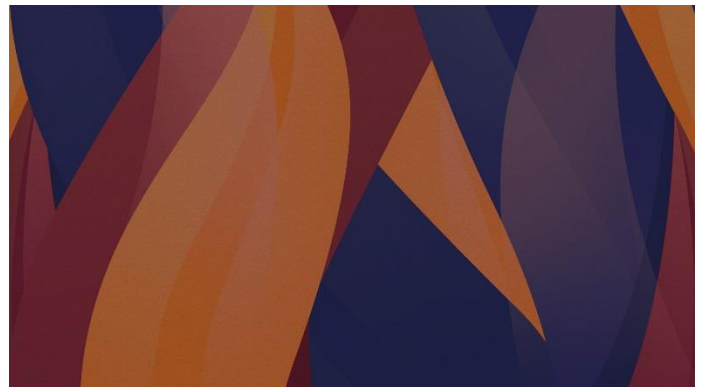
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Gilbert, AZ*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Holy Spirit"

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence, Lord



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GOSPEL: Matthew 5:21-26 (Sermon on the Mount, Part 3)

²¹"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON: Pastor Andrea Cain

SERMON SONG: "The Heart of Worship"

Verse 1:

When the music fades all is stripped away
And I simply come
Longing just to bring something that's of
worth
That will bless Your heart

Pre-Chorus:

I'll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself is not what You have
required
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

Chorus:

I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You all about You Jesus
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You all about You Jesus

Verse 2:

King of endless worth no one could express
How much You deserve
Though I'm weak and poor all I have is
Yours
Ev'ry single breath

Pre-Chorus and Chorus:

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APOSTLES' CREED:

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.



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SPECIAL MUSIC: "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" w/ "In Christ Alone" - Joni Van Rossum (piano)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

Let us pray:

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Lord of the church, ignite your people with the passion of your love. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, unify us across denominations and refine us to participate in your activity throughout the world. Lord in your mercy,

Lord of creation, we stand in awe at your creation and praise you for the beauty of nature. Bless places that have been destroyed by flood or fire and bring new life in their wake. Lord in your mercy,

Lord of the nations, bring peace and justice among nations and unity in our nation and abroad. Lord in your mercy,

Lord of all in need, search out all who cry to you in distress. Bring healing and new life to those suffering with chronic illness, COVID-19, cancer, and grief. Send us as encouragement and signs of your healing. Lord in your mercy,

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SENDING SONG: "The Blessing"

Verse:

The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make his face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn his
Face toward you
And give you peace **(Repeat)**

Chorus:

Amen...
Amen...
Amen...

Verse & Chorus:

Bridge 1:

May his favor
Be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family
And your children
And their children
And their children

BENEDICTION:

The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord's face shine on you
With grace and mercy,
The Lord look upon you with favor
And + give you peace.
Amen.

Bridge 2:

May his presence
Go before you
And behind you
And beside you
All around you
And within you
He is with you
He is with you

Bridge 3:

In the morning
In the evening
In your coming
And your going
In your weeping
And rejoicing
He is for you
He is for you

Chorus:

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Musicians: Daniel Decker (vocalist), Michael Lottes (vocalist), and Joni Van Rossum (piano)