

CLOSING HYMN

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

ELW 669

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

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GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023
MORNING PRAYER
8:00AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

P God loves you all the time.
C All the time God loves you.

Please stand as you are able.

P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.
Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.
Silence for reflection and self examination.

P Gracious God,
C have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us
by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of
life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P The almighty and merciful ☩ Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness,
and remission of all our sins.
C Amen



1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and
2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers in some far out -
3 Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, at your feet may
4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent

suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom
ly - ing field, by the cour - age where the ra - diance
low - ly kneel; with your grace our tri - umphs hal - low,
day or night; by the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing

as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -
of the cross is still re - vealed, by the vic - to -
with your char - i - ty our zeal; lift the na - tions
peace to all and heal - ing light; by the love that

fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.
ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:
from the shad - ows to the glad - ness of the sun:
pass - es knowl - edge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:

Refrain
Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

HOLY COMMUNION

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for
all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and
for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
C **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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in
his grace.
C **Amen.**
P O God, for our redemption you gave your only Son to suffer death on the
cross, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power
of death. Make us die every day to sin so that we may rise to live with
Christ forever; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**
P Almighty God bless us,+ and direct our days and our deeds in peace.
C **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

P Show us your mercy, O Lord,
C **and grant us your salvation.**
P Clothe your ministers with righteousness.
C **Let your people sing with joy.**
P Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
C **for only in you can we live in safety.**
P Lord, keep this nation 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, O Lord, be forgotten,
C **nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
P Create in us clean hearts, O God,
C **and sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**
P Lord, we pray for those who are hurting in mind, body, or spirit,
C **Give them the healing, wholeness, and comfort of your presence.**
P We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all danger and harm. We ask you to preserve and keep us, this day also, from all sin and evil, that in all our thoughts, words, and deeds we may serve and please you. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us.
C **Amen**

P The Lord be with you
C **And also with you**
P Lift up your heart
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

OPENING DIALOG

P You are the treasured people of the LORD,
C **a people holy to the LORD our God.**
P Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.
C **Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**
P One does not live by bread alone,
C **but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

Please be seated.

READINGS

Jonah 3:10-4:11

When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

^{4:1}But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

⁹But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” ¹⁰Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more

than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Matthew 20:1-16

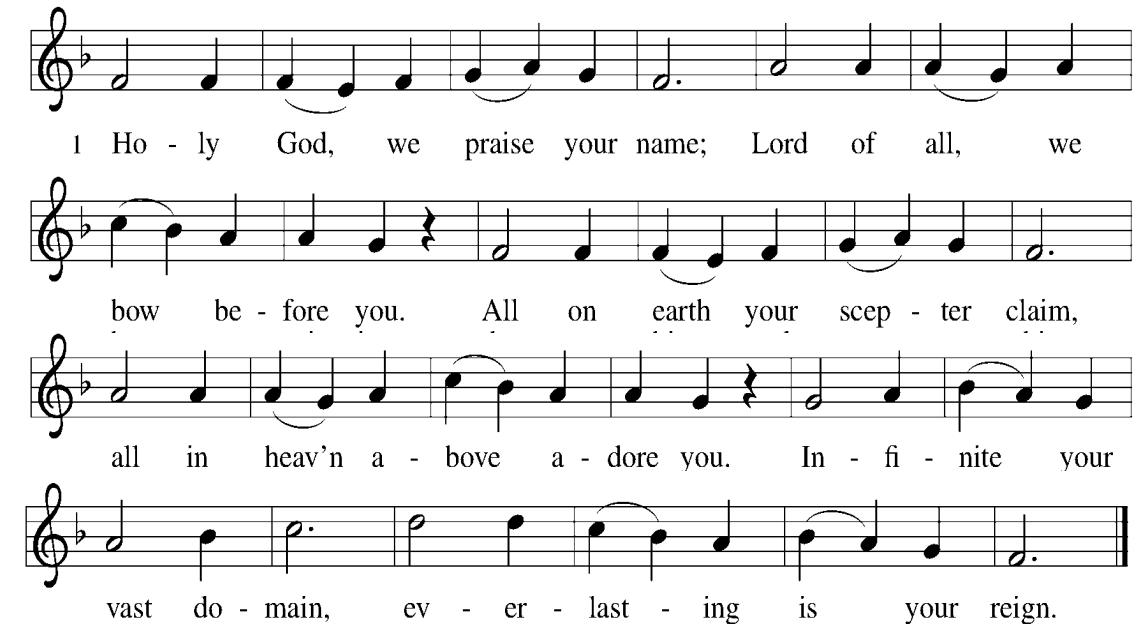
Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

P The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

GOSPEL CANTICLE RESPONSE TO THE WORD



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,
all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.