

“Thank The Lord” *Christian Worship page 36*

Thank the Lord and sing his praise.
Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re-joice
and proud-ly bear his name.

He re-news his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth
in joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing.

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

BLESSING

M: May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

(1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: *(sung)* Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn “Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See
Christian Worship Hymn 219

Lord, when your glory I shall see
And taste your kingdom's pleasure,
Your blood my royal robe shall be,
My joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before your throne,
Your righteousness shall be my crown;
With these I need not hide me.
And there, in garments richly wrought,
As your own bride I shall be brought,
To stand in joy beside you.



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**THE GOSPEL HAS THE POWER TO...
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Good morning!

Welcome to worship! The afterlife has intrigued the curiosity and imagination of many people. Some would deny it altogether and some would create fanciful versions of what it will be. While the Word of God doesn't tell us every detail, it does tell us that there is a heaven and there is a hell. The Gospel tells us the truth about how to be saved so that when we die, we can be certain we will be with the Lord. God bless our worship of him this morning.

Opening Song "For All The Saints"
Verses 1-2, 6-8 *Christian Worship Hymn 551*

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
All who their faith before the world confessed,
Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

You were their rock, their fortress, and their might;
You, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight
And in the darkness drear their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon, to faithful warriors comes their rest.
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

"Holy, Holy, Holy" *Christian Worship page 34*

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glo-ry.

You are my God, and I will ex-alt you.
I will give you thanks, for you have be-come my sal-va-tion.

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glo-ry.

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, when ever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: *(sing)* Amen.

"O Christ, Lamb Of God" *Christian Worship page 35*

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us your peace.

A-men.

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LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

The Celebration of Holy Communion*Christian Worship* pages 33-36



At Tree of Life, we desire to have all commune with us at the Lord's Table. However, since the Scripture encourages us to "recognize the body and blood of the Lord," "examine ourselves," and join together as "one body," we ask those who are visiting with us this morning to take the time to understand these teachings and establish a unity of beliefs with us before partaking of this act of fellowship. By this practice of close communion, we are in no way judging your personal faith and relationship with Jesus, we just ask for an opportunity for us to share our beliefs with you so that together we can make a true expression of oneness at the Lord's Table.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: (sing) And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: (sing) We lift them up unto the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: (sing) It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds to ocean's farthest coast
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all!

C: (spoken) Amen.

M: As we gather this morning to hear the Gospel message, we first pause to confess our sins. The Apostle Paul wrote to the Romans, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes." (Romans 1:16) As we hear these words, we must confess that we at times have been ashamed of the Gospel's power and lived as if it has no influence in our lives.

C: Almighty, merciful God, we confess to you that we have sinned against you by our thoughts, words and actions. Our thoughts have justified our sin and convinced us that we aren't as bad as we really are. Forgive us. Our words haven't always given clear testimony to our faith in you. Forgive us. Our actions have often indicated that we are more interested in serving self rather than serving our Savior. Forgive us.

Silence for personal confession

M: The heart of the Gospel is the reality that "God so loved the world so that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." The reality of the Gospel is that "God is faithful and just" and as we confess our sins, "he will forgive us from all our unrighteousness." Unashamedly, as a called servant of Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the powerful name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: (spoken) AMEN.

M: We rejoice in the reality of God's forgiveness.

Song of Praise “Like The Golden Sun Ascending”
Verses 2,3 & 5 *Christian Worship Hymn 147*

Thanks to you, O Christ victorious! Thanks to you, O Lord of Life!
Death has now no power o'er us, You have conquered in the strife.
Thanks because you did arise And have opened paradise!
None can fully sing the glory Of the resurrection story.

You have died for my transgression; All my sins on you were laid.
You have won for me salvation; On the cross my debt was paid.
From the grave I shall arise And shall meet you in the skies.
Death itself is transitory; I shall lift my head in glory.

For the joy your advent gave me, For your gospel's great reward,
For your baptism which has saved me, For your supper and your Word;
For your death, the bitter scorn, For your resurrection morn:
Lord, I thank you and extol you, And in heav'n I shall behold you.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,
C: *(spoken)* **AMEN.** *BE SEATED*

Prayer of the Church END TIME OR SAINTS TRIUMPHANT—RESPONSIVE

M: Lord of eternity and King of saints, all the heavens adore you. Saints and angels sing before you.

C: We too join them to praise your majesty.

M: You clothe us with garments of splendor. You bless us with grace and mercy in this life and eternal glory forever. What undeserved love you show us!

C: We thank you, Lord, that you have made us your saints.

M: Encourage us by your gracious promises. Forgive our failures to live as you desire. Strengthen the faith of all who are weak and wandering.

C: Give us power to live as your faithful people.

M: Your saints will triumph forever in new heavens and a new earth. The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more. We anticipate with joy an eternity of perfect fellowship with you.

C: Be with us as we work and witness for Christ, so that many more people can join us before your throne.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Lord of life, the day is coming when you will come down from heaven with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God. On that glorious day, the saints triumphant will rise in bright array, clothed in your perfect righteousness.

C: Give us strength until that day when we will share fully in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Statement of Belief Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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FIRST LESSON
ISAIAH 52:1-6

“There will come a day when all will know the Lord's name.”

- 1 Awake, awake, O Zion,
clothe yourself with strength.
Put on your garments of splendor,
O Jerusalem, the holy city.
The uncircumcised and defiled
will not enter you again.
- 2 Shake off your dust;
rise up, sit enthroned, O Jerusalem.
Free yourself from the chains on your neck,
O captive Daughter of Zion.
- 3 For this is what the LORD says:
"You were sold for nothing,
and without money you will be redeemed."
- 4 For this is what the Sovereign LORD says:
"At first my people went down to Egypt to live;
lately, Assyria has oppressed them.
- 5 "And now what do I have here?" declares the LORD.
"For my people have been taken away for nothing,
and those who rule them mock, ^[a] "
declares the LORD.
"And all day long
my name is constantly blasphemed.
- 6 Therefore my people will know my name;
therefore in that day they will know
that it is I who foretold it.
Yes, it is I."

PSALM OF THE DAY

“Jerusalem the Golden” *Christian Worship Supplement Hymn 728*

Jerusalem the golden, With milk and honey blest –
The sight of it refreseh The weary and oppressed:
I know not, oh, I know not What joys await us there,
What radiancy of glory, What bliss beyond compare:
To sing the hymn unending With all the martyr throng,
Amidst the halls of Zion Resounding full with song.

Oh, sweet and blessed country, The home of God's elect!
Oh, sweet and blessed country That eager hearts expect,
Where they who with their leader Have conquered in the fight
Forever and forever Are clad in robes of white.
Jesus in mercy bring us To that dear land of rest
Where sings the host of heaven Your glorious name to bless.

The Christ is ever with them; The daylight is serene.
The pastures of the blessed Are ever rich and green.
There is the throne of David; And there from care released,
The shout of them hat triumph, The song of them that feast.
To God enthroned in glory The Church's voices blend
The Lamb forever blessed, The Light that knows no end.

**SECOND LESSON
MATTHEW 25:1-13**

“Keep watch! Be ready for the Lord's return.”

1"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2Five of them were foolish and five were wise. 3The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. 4The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. 5The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. 6"At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' 7"Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. 8The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'

9" 'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'
10"But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.
11"Later the others also came. 'Sir! Sir!' they said. 'Open the door for us!'
12"But he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't know you.'
13"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

Hymn “Blessed Are They”
Refrains: Congregation; Choir: Verses Christian Worship Supplement Hymn 730

REFRAIN: *Congregation*
Blessed are they which are called,
Blessed are they which are called,
Blessed are they which are called
To the marriage feast of the Lamb.

Verse 3: *Choir*
Blessing and honor, they cry,
Unto the Lamb that was slain,
Redeeming us with his blood
In the marriage feast of the Lamb.

Verse 1: *Choir*
Multitudes, clothed in white robes,
From ev'ry nation and tongue,
Stood before God and the Lamb
At the marriage feast of the Lamb

Verse 4: *Choir*
Servant, saint, martyr at rest,
Sanctified, ransomed, restored,
Thund'rously sing a new song
Of the marriage feast of the Lamb.

Verse 2: *Choir*
They'll neither hunger nor thirst,
Death, sorrow, pain vanquished now,
God wipes all tears from their eyes
By the marriage feast of the Lamb

REFRAIN: *Congregation*
Verse 5: *Choir*
Worthy are you, Lamb of God
To receive glory and praise.
Alleluia and amen!

REFRAIN: *Congregation*

For the marriage feast of the Lamb.

REFRAIN: *Congregation*

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1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
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