

Sunday, March 2, 2025
We Gather to Celebrate God's Presence

Welcome
Family Life and Work
Family Celebrations
Lighting of the Christ Candle:
Acknowledgement of the Land:

Introit: Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary

MV 18

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Call to Worship:

The Lord is sovereign and above any thing! Let the people tremble in awe!

Let us praise God's wondrous name!

Give glory to God, and to Him alone!

Let us worship the God of justice and truth!

Opening Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

VU 333

**1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.**

**2 Breathe, Thy loving, gentle spirit
into every human breast,
Let us all from Thee inherit
Of Thy noble gifts the best.
Now that earth is just beginning
On an upward path we move,
Give to all new hope of winning
laurels that their worth may prove.**

**3 Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

Prayer of Approach:

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing. Yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, whose compassion illumines the world. Transform us into the likeness of Christ, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity; the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Hear us now as we offer the words which Jesus taught us to say,

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

**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 for ever and ever. Amen**

First Reading: Exodus 34: 29-35

Children's Time:

Gospel Reading: Luke 9: 28-36

Gradual Hymn: Fairest Lord Jesus

VU 341

**1 * Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down:
thee will I cherish, thee will I honour,
thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.**

**2 Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
who makes the troubled heart to sing.**

**3 Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and fair the twinkling, starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.**

**4 All fairest beauty heavenly and earthly,
wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;
none can be nearer, fairer or dearer
than thou, my Saviour, art to me.**

We Listen

Meditation:

We Respond

Musical Offering: Bound for Greater Things

Offertory: Give Thanks

**Give thanks, with a grateful heart,
Give thanks, to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son.
And now let the weak say, I am strong.
Let the poor say, I am rich because of what
The Lord has done for us.**

Offertory/Prayer of Dedication:

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession:

Closing Hymn: Mine Eyes Have Seen

**1. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord:
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword: His truth is marching
on.**

Refrain: Glory, glory, hallelujah! (Repeat Three Times) His truth is marching on.

**2. I have seen God in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps,
They have builded there an altar in the evening dews and damps;**

I can read God's righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps: His day is marching on.

Refrain: Glory, glory, hallelujah! (Repeat Three Times) His day is marching on.

**3. In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me:
As He died to make us holy, let us live to make all free: Our God is marching on.
Refrain: Glory, glory, hallelujah! (Repeat Three Times) Our God is marching on.**

**4. He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave,
He is Wisdom to the mighty; He is Honour to the brave,
So the world shall be His footstool, and the soul of wrong His slave: Our God is marching on.**

Refrain: Glory, glory, hallelujah! (Repeat Three Times) Our God is marching on.

Benedictions and Commissioning

Choral Benediction: [Go Now in Peace](#)

by Besing

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**