

# LORD'S DAY MORNING WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

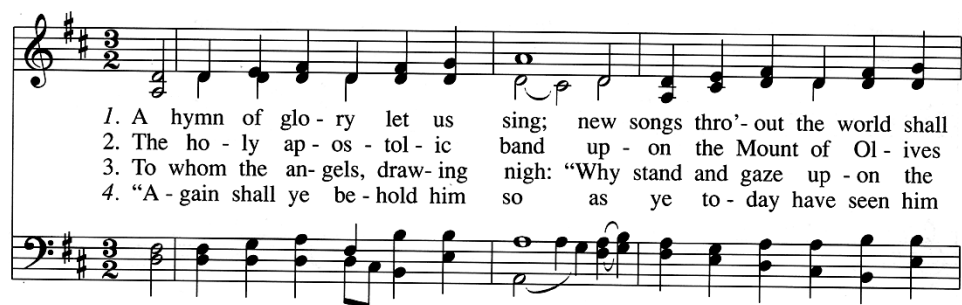
*During the Prelude we ask that you would silently prepare your heart for worship.*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

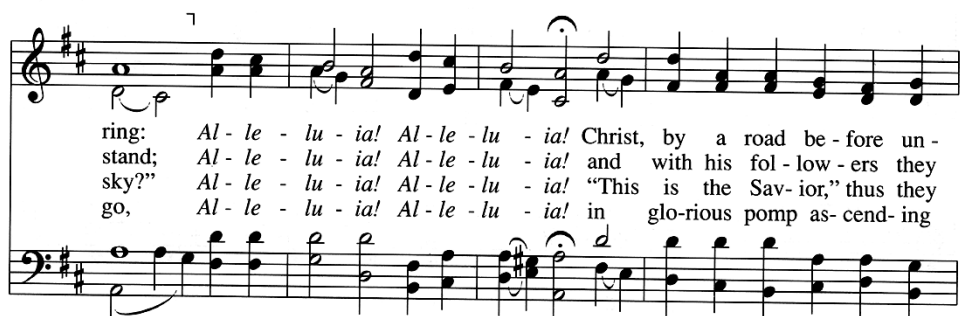
Psalm 95:1-3

## \*HYMN #289

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing



1. A hymn of glo - ry let us sing; new songs thro'-out the world shall  
2. The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives  
3. To whom the an - gels, draw - ing nigh: "Why stand and gaze up - on the  
4. "A - gain shall ye be - hold him so as ye to - day have seen him



ring; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -  
stand; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! and with his fol - low - ers they  
sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior," thus they  
go, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! in glo - rious pomp as - cend - ing



trod, as - cend - eth to the throne of God.  
see Je - sus' re - splen - dent maj - es - ty. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
say, "this is his no - ble tri - umph day." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
high, up to the por - tals of the sky."



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

## \*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism #83 & 84

Leader: Are all transgressions of the law equally heinous?

People: Some sins in themselves, and by reason of several aggravations, are more heinous in the sight of God than others.

Leader: What does every sin deserve?

People: Every sin deserves God's wrath and curse, both in this life, and that which is to come.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O great and everlasting God, who dwells in unapproachable light, who searches and knows the thoughts and intentions of the heart; we confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, nor with all our soul, nor with all our mind, nor with all our strength; nor our neighbors as ourselves. We have loved what we ought not to have loved; we have coveted what is not ours; we have not been content with Your provisions for us. We have complained in our hearts about our family, about our friends, about our health, about our occupations, about Your church, and about our trials. We have sought our security in those things that perish, rather than in you, the Everlasting God. Chasten, cleanse, and forgive us, through Jesus Christ, who is able for all time to save us who approach you through him, since he always lives to make intercession for us. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### OT SCRIPTURE READING

Amos 1

1 The words of Amos, who was among the shepherds of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel, two years before the earthquake. <sup>2</sup> And he said: “The LORD roars from Zion and utters his voice from Jerusalem; the pastures of the shepherds mourn, and the top of Carmel withers.” <sup>3</sup> Thus says the LORD: “For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment, because they have threshed Gilead with threshing sledges of iron. <sup>4</sup> So I will send a fire upon the house of Hazael, and it shall devour the strongholds of Ben-hadad. <sup>5</sup> I will break the gate-bar of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitants from the Valley of Aven, and him who holds the scepter from Beth-eden; and the people of Syria shall go into exile to Kir,” says the LORD. <sup>6</sup> Thus says the LORD: “For three transgressions of Gaza, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment, because they carried into exile a whole people to deliver them up to Edom. <sup>7</sup> So I will send a fire upon the wall of Gaza, and it shall devour her strongholds. <sup>8</sup> I will cut off the inhabitants from Ashdod, and him who holds the scepter from Ashkelon; I will turn my hand against Ekron, and the remnant of the Philistines shall perish,” says the Lord GOD. <sup>9</sup> Thus says the LORD: “For three transgressions of Tyre, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment, because they delivered up a whole people to Edom, and did not remember the covenant of brotherhood. <sup>10</sup> So I will send a fire upon the wall of Tyre, and it shall devour her strongholds.” <sup>11</sup> Thus says the LORD: “For three transgressions of Edom, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment, because he pursued his brother with the sword and cast off all pity, and his anger tore perpetually, and he kept his wrath forever. <sup>12</sup> So I will send a fire upon Teman, and it shall devour the strongholds of Bozrah.” <sup>13</sup> Thus says the LORD: “For three transgressions of the Ammonites, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment, because they have ripped open pregnant women in Gilead, that they might enlarge their border. <sup>14</sup> So I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, and it shall devour her strongholds, with shouting on the day of battle, with a tempest in the day of the whirlwind; <sup>15</sup> and their king shall go into exile, he and his princes together,” says the LORD.

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord!

**People:** Thanks be to God!

## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Psalm 141

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 1:1-11

1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” <sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.

<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”  
<sup>9</sup> And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup> and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

## SERMON

Redemption Continued  
*Pastor Christopher Diebold*

## \*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Before the Throne of God Above

1. Be - fore the throne of God - a - bove; I have one strong and per - fect  
 2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me of the wrong with -  
 3. Be - hold him there! The Ris - en Lamb; my per - fect spot - less Right - eous -

plea. A great high priest whose name is Love; who ev - er lives and pleads for  
 in, up - ward I look and see him there; who made an end to all my  
 ness. The great un - change - a - ble I Am; the King of Glo - ry and of

me. My name is grav - en on his hands; My name is writ - ten on his  
 sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died; my sin - ful soul is count - ed  
 grace. One with Him - self I can - not die; my soul is pur - chased by his

heart. I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can  
 free. For God, the Just is sat - is - fied: to look on  
 blood. My life is hid with Christ on high: with Christ my

bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
 him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.  
 Sav - ior and my God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE

### \*HYMN #75

O Father, You Are Sovereign (v.4)

O Father, you are sovereign! We see you dimly now,  
 but soon before your triumph earth's every knee shall bow.  
 With this glad hope before us our faith springs up anew:  
 our sovereign Lord and Savior, we trust and worship you!

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*AMEN & MOMENT OF REFLECTION