

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020

HYMN #CH 277 “Christians, We Have Met to Worship”

- ▶ Christians, we have met to worship and adore the living God;
will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;
Christians, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.
- ▶ Is there here a trembling jailer, seeking grace and filled with fears?
Is there here a weeping Mary pouring forth a flood of tears?
Tell them all about the Savior, how in Christ the lost are found.
Pray, oh pray, and holy manna will be scattered all around.
- ▶ Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other, too;
let us pray for all earth's people till our God makes all things new.
Christ will call us home to heaven, at the table we'll sit down;
Christ will welcome us and serve us living manna all around.

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CALL TO WORSHIP—from Psalm 103

- ▶ **LEADER:** Be wild, O my soul, for the Source of Wonder; let all my insides praise the Holy Name.
- ▶ **PEOPLE:** Be wild, O my soul, for the Source of Wonder; don't let me forget all your kindness and help.
- ▶ **LEADER:** The One who forgives all my wrongs, who heals me from sickness, who rescues my life from the abyss —
- ▶ **PEOPLE:** who wraps me around with love and devotion, who satiates my mouth with delight, renewing my youth like an eagle's.
- ▶ **LEADER:** You make harmony, bringing justice to all the oppressed.
- ▶ **PEOPLE:** You are compassionate, generous beyond limit, quieting anger, abounding in love.
- ▶ **LEADER:** You do not requite us according to our errors, do not demand from us in proportion to our wrongs.
- ▶ **ALL:** Just as a mother has compassion for her child, so do you have compassion for those who hold you in awe.

HYMN “Blessed Be the Name” (v.1 & 4)

- ▶ 1 All praise to God who reigns above In majesty supreme,
Who gave His Son for all to die,
That He might man redeem!
- ▶ Refrain:
Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name!
Blessed be the name of the Lord!
Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name!
Blessed be the name of the Lord!
- ▶ 4 His name shall be the Counselor, The mighty Prince of
Peace, Of all earth’s kingdoms conqueror, Whose reign shall
never cease! [Refrain]

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Receiving Of Our Offerings

- ▶ *Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Whose constant love and grace we know.
Bless now, O God, these gifts we give
That others may in your peace live. Amen.*

HYMN #CH 558 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

- ▶ Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care; in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are; blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.
- ▶ We are thine, do thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way; keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray: Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray; blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray.
- ▶ Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will; blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill: Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still; blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still.

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Scriptures & Sermon “*Why Do We Gather?*”

▶ **Acts 2:41-47**

▶ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

▶ **I Cor 14:26-31**

▶ What should be done then, my friends? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up. If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be only two or at most three, and each in turn; and let one interpret. But if there is no one to interpret, let them be silent in church and speak to themselves and to God. Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh what is said. If a revelation is made to someone else sitting nearby, let the first person be silent. For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged.

▶ **Col 3:16-17**

▶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

HYMN #CH 434 “God Be With You Till We Meet Again” (v.1, 2)

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- ▶ God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.
- ▶ [Refrain:] Till we meet (Till we meet,) till we meet, (till we meet,) till we meet at Jesus' feet; (till we meet;) till we meet (till we meet,) till we meet, (till we meet,) God be with you till we meet again.
- ▶ God be with you till we meet again; unseen wings, protecting, hide you, daily manna still provide you: God be with you till we meet again.
[Refrain]

Shalom Circle

- ▶ Shalom, my friend; Shalom, my friend; Shalom, Shalom. We'll see you again; We'll see you again; Shalom, Shalom.

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