



2024 Service at St. Matthews
August 11 – 10 AM

For the Fruit of All Creation
THANKS BE TO GOD!



Prelude

Welcome

We gather, looking back to see the paths taken,

Looking forward to see our path.

We honor those who have gone before us,

Learning from their successes and failures.

We celebrate who we are today,

And welcome the possibilities and opportunities before us.

We gather to worship God,

the God of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

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From Genesis

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus, the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Morning has Broken – verses 1 & 3

1 Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

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From the Book of Psalms

¹O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

⁴what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

⁵Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

⁶He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There we rejoiced in him,

⁷who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations— let the rebellious not exalt themselves.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

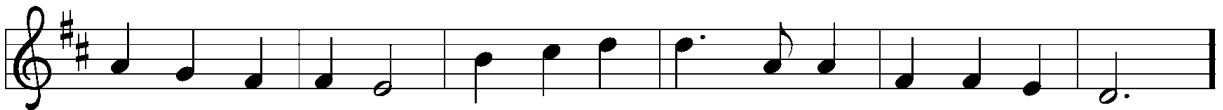
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1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

From Ephesians

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Ten Thousand Reasons

Shea Stokely, soloist

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul. Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Worship Your holy name

Lord I'll worship Your holy name

Ending

Sing like never before O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

Worship Your holy name

Worship Your holy name

From the Gospels

Luke 12:22-31

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²²He said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! ²⁹And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Beautiful Savior



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

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God be with you. **And also with you**

Let us pray.

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

LET US TURN TO THE WEST

the place of thunderstorms and darkness, that we may face our fears in the darkness and suffering and return to God, to the land that God has promised us.

Silence

We ask your blessing on the darkness and suffering in our lives that there we may find strength and growth and the Light of the World. In the Name of God, Father, Son, & Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

For favorable weather, temperate rains and fruitful seasons, and that there may be food and drink for all your creatures, let us pray to our God.

God hear our prayer.

For your blessing upon the lands and waters, and all who work upon them to bring forth food and all things needful for your people, let us pray to our God.

God hear our prayer.

For all who care for the earth, the water and the air, that the riches of your creation may abound from age to age, let us pray to our God.

God hear our prayer.

LET US TURN TO THE NORTH

the place of the cold winds and waiting, that we may learn to wait with hope and eager longing for the redemption and freedom of all creation.

Silence

We ask your blessing on this county and on our communities where the love of Christ has taken root in many places. In the Name of God, Creator, Redeemer, & Sustainer. **Amen.**

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, *
O heavens and all waters above the heavens.
Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, *
all winds and fire and heat.

Winter and Summer, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, *
drops of dew and flakes of snow
Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, *
O shining light and enfolding dark.
Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

LET US TURN TO THE EAST

the place of the rising sun and beginning again, in the resurrection certainty that God sends God's Spirit to renew our lives and the face of the earth.

Silence

We ask your blessing on all that we are this day. The brokenness of our lives and the blessings, and on this your good earth and all creation that we may live together in harmony. In the Name of God, Life Giver, Pain Bearer, & Love Maker. **Amen.**

Let the earth glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,
and all that grows upon the earth, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, *
O whales and all that move in the waters.
All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, *
and all you flocks and herds.
O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

LET US TURN TO THE SOUTH

the place of the warm wind that is the growing place, asking that our lives and all creation may grow in love and be fruitful.

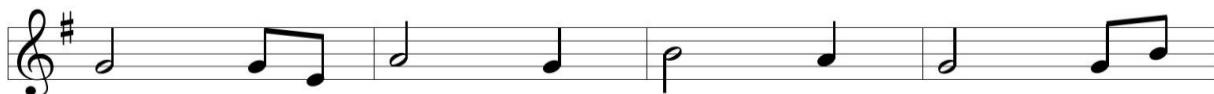
Silence

We ask your blessing as we walk into the future that we may be united in your love with all creation and that we ourselves be fertile soil, producing abundant growth rich in the fruits of the Spirit. In the Name of God, Father, Son, Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

We Praise You for the Life that Stirs (From Of the Land and Seasons)



1 We praise you for the life that stirs when
2 We praise you for the sum - mer sun, for
3 We sing your praise for au - tumn's glow, for
4 We sing your praise through win - ter's night, when
5 We praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, and



spring - time warms the sleep - ing earth; but
rip'n - ing grain and length - ened days; but
har - vest yield from spring - time seed; up -
earth in fro - zen si - lence lies, for
praise the Spir - it, with the throng of



most, we praise the grace that lures our
most, we praise you for the Son whose
on our hearts your grace be - stow till
prom - ise of re - turn - ing light, for
saints and an - gels, joined as one in



slum - b'ring souls to love and mirth.
light brings heal - ing in his rays.
faith bears fruit in lov - ing deed.
life in Christ that nev - er dies.
grate - ful, ev - er - last - ing song.

The Lord's Prayer

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. I invite you to pray this prayer in a whisper, using the words you know best, in the language of your heart.

Benediction

May you love God so much that you love nothing else too much. May you fear God enough that you need fear nothing else at all. May almighty God bless you, +in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Closing hymn: Shout to the Lord (on the next page)

Dismissal

Go in peace; do good, do no harm and stay in love with God.

Thanks be to God.

**The offering plate in the back of the church
is for donations to the upkeep of St. Matthews.**

Shout to the Lord

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My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.



All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y love.



My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;



let ev - ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.



Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise



to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the



sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;



for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.



Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

It's fair weekend and that means it's only 7 weeks until our annual Octoberfest supper! Well, there might be a few other things in between, but there are a few things to get working on for the supper. As we've done the last couple of years, we are inviting people to support the supper by donating towards the purchase of supper supplies. Meat, vegetables, rolls, paper products and other supplies. There will be a board available at each congregation which will have donation amounts, ranging from \$10 to around \$1500. When you give a donation, please include the tag with your cash or check (made payable to Trinity Church). In the meantime, mark your calendars for October 2! The work schedule sign up will be available soon and tickets (800) will go on sale August 31. Reminder, Trinity members, put your suggestions for disbursement of funds raised in the container in the fellowship hall; to be determined at the August council meeting.

The Octoberfest Dinner Committee will be meeting Thursday, August 15 at Grace at Noon.

The West Point Ministerial Association is again kicking off the school year with Brad Ramp and friends in concert Wednesday August 28; 6:30 to 8 at the theater. There will be food trucks available in the theater parking lot from 5 on. Just a reminder no outside food can be brought into the theater, so plan to be there early enough to eat. Theater concessions will be available during the concert. This is a great time for family and friends to get together and enjoy some fellowship and excellent Christian music.

First class for Christian Ed will be Wednesday, September 4; beginning at 5:30 at Trinity. Parents are asked to attend; supper will be provided. Registration forms will be emailed out next week. Classes range from K to 8th grade; and 4 year olds are welcome as well. Parents are welcome to attend. We will celebrate the beginning of the school year at services the weekend of September 7 & 8. Families are asked to attend service at either Trinity or Grace. Bibles will be presented/blessed and Christian Ed. teachers commissioned. We will also pray over students and teachers. Fellowship will be pot-luck; bring your favorite after school snack to share!