

Welcome

Hymn – MP 237 – Holy, holy, holy

1. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! – merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea:
cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,.
which wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

3. Holy, holy, holy, – though the darkness hide Thee,
through the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
all Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and
sea:
Holy, holy, holy! – merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Prayer

Scripture Reading (NIV) – Matthew 28: 16-20 – ¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Scripture Reading (NIV) – Acts 1: 15-26 – ¹³ In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) ¹⁶ and said, “Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ He was one of our number and shared in our ministry.” ¹⁸ (With the payment he received for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out. ¹⁹ Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰ “For,” said Peter, “it is written in the Book of Psalms: “‘May his place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it,’ and, “‘May another take his place of leadership.’” ²¹ Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, ²² beginning from John’s baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.” ²³ So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.” ²⁶ Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

Hymn – MP 631 – Tell out my soul

1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of His word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His name!
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name, the Lord, the mighty One.

3. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4. Tell out, my soul, the glories of His word!
Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children’s children and forever more!

Sermon

Hymn – MP 683 – There’s a wideness

1. There’s a wideness in God’s mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there’s a kindness in His justice,
which is more than liberty.

2. There is a plentiful redemption
in the blood that He has shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of His head.

3. There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.

4. For the love of God is broader
than the measures of man’s mind.
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

5. But we make His love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify His strictness
with a zeal He will not own

6. If our love were but more simple
we would take Him at His word;
and our lives would be illumined
by the presence of our Lord.

Prayers

Hymn – MP 210 – Hark, the glad sound

1. Hark, the glad sound! the Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long;
let every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song.

(Continued overleaf)

2. He comes , the prisoners to release
In Satan's bondage held;
the chains of sin before Him break,
The iron fetters yield.

3. He comes to free the captive mind
Where evil thoughts control;
And for the darkness of the blind,
Gives light that makes them whole.

4. He comes the broken heart to bind,
the wounded soul to cure;
and with the treasures of His grace
To enrich the humble poor.

5. Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,
Your welcome shall proclaim;
And heaven's eternal arches ring
With Your beloved name.

Benediction & Amen

Hymn - MP 460 - May God's Blessing surround you

May God's blessing surround you each day,
as you trust Him and walk in His way.
May His presence within guard and keep you from sin,
go in peace, go in joy, go in love.