

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 30, 2023



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Welcome to Gloria Dei!

The name *Gloria Dei* is a Latin phrase meaning *God's glory*. We pray that here you will find his glory and love chiefly revealed in our Savior Jesus. May your time in worship be edifying and enable you to focus on Jesus as the solution to your sin and as the certainty of eternal life in heaven.

Should you need a **restroom** during the service, you will find them in the Fellowship Hall directly beneath the sanctuary. Exit the sanctuary by the main doors, turn right and head down the stairs, turn right at the bottom of the stairs and enter the first door.

If you need anything during the service, please speak to one of the ushers.

To Those Visiting with Children

The members of Gloria Dei believe that families should be able to worship together. It is clear that some amount of noise will come with children being in worship. Any noise children make in worship is the sound of families doing what God has told them to do: bringing their children to sit at Jesus' feet. Should your family need a few moments away from the sanctuary, the Fellowship Hall located directly beneath the sanctuary is open and equipped with a closed circuit TV of the service.

The Theme of Today's Worship

What do you consider your life's priorities? If you made a list, what would be near the top? Faith, family, and friends would probably head the lists of many. Financial security and health would be right up there. Reputation and recreation would likely make the cut. But perhaps a more interesting question than "What do you consider your life's priorities?" is "Which of the items on that list would you be willing to sacrifice to save your top priority?" What if you had to give up the whole list—family, friends, finances, health, reputation, recreation—to save just one priority: faith?

This week we are given an honest assessment of what really matters in life. The kingdom is worth everything. Worldly wealth can buy the things of this world, the type of things that rust and decay, things that will not last. True wealth is spiritual wealth. It can be found only in God and his eternal blessings for us in Christ. The Christian seeks first spiritual wealth and will sacrifice anything to obtain it.

Serving Today

Presiding Minister & PreacherPastor Timothy Shrimpton
Accompaniment Assistantz.....Ella and Emilia Donovan
UshersSteve Powers and Steve Hansen
Coffee Hour Host.....Jasen Higgins

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Morning Prayer

Matins

Opening Hymn

541 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in
2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole and
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my
4 O Je - sus, shep - herd, guard - ian, friend, my



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
calms the heart's un - rest; 'tis man - na to the
shield and hid - ing place, my nev - er - fail - ing
Proph - et, Priest, and King, my Lord, my life, my



heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.
hun - gry soul and to the wea - ry, rest.
treasure filled with bound - less stores of grace.
way, my end, ac - cept the praise I bring.

5 How weak the effort of my heart,
how cold my warmest thought,
but when I see you as you are,
I'll praise you as I ought!

6 Till then I would your love proclaim
with ev'ry fleeting breath;
and may the music of your name
refresh my soul in death.

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Please stand



O Lord, o - pen my lips,



and my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



Has - ten to save me, O God;



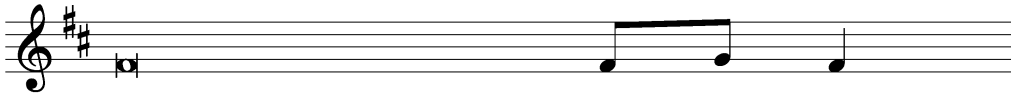
O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world:
praise and thanks to God!

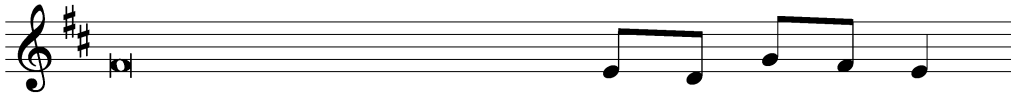
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O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

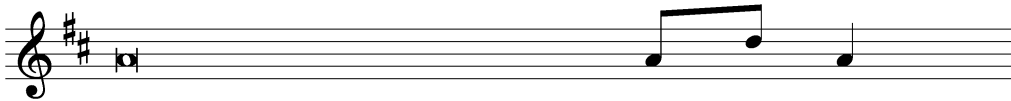
*Venite**



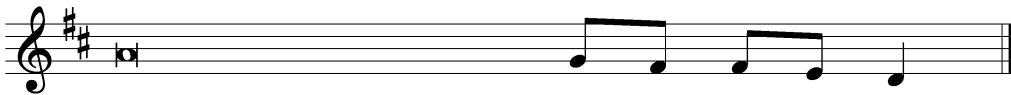
- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
- 2 For the Lord is a great _____ God
- 3 The sea is his, for he made _____ it,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
- 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
- 3 and his hand formed the dry _____ land.



- 1 Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,
- 2 The deep places of the earth are in his hand;
- 3 O come, let us worship and bow _____ down,
- 4 For he is our God,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.
- 2 the heights of the hills are al - so his.
- 3 let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er.
- 4 and we are the people of his
pasture and the sheep of his _____ hand.

Be seated

* This song of praise uses the words of **Psalm 95** to praise our Maker, the one who make the heavens and the earth. The traditional name of this song, *Venite*, is the first word of the song in Latin meaning *Come*.

First Reading

1 Kings 3:5–12

The LORD appeared to Solomon in Gibeon in a dream at night.

God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.”

⁶Solomon said, “You have shown great mercy and faithfulness to your servant, my father David, just as he walked before you in truth, righteousness, and uprightness of heart toward you. You have shown this great mercy and faithfulness to him and have given him a son who is seated on his throne to this very day. ⁷O LORD my God, now you have made your servant king in the place of my father David, but I am a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And I, your servant, am among your people whom you have chosen, a great people, who cannot be counted or numbered because they are so many. ⁹Now give to your servant a perceptive heart to judge your people, to distinguish between good and evil, for who is able to judge this great people of yours?”

¹⁰In the eyes of the LORD, Solomon’s request was good. ¹¹So God said to him, “Because you have asked for this, and you have not asked for a long life, nor have you asked for riches, nor have you asked for the lives of your enemies, but you have asked for discernment to reach just verdicts, ¹²therefore I will act according to your words. Yes, I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you before you, nor will anyone like you rise up after you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

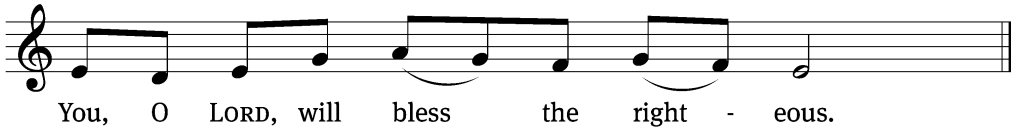


*Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern
your people, **that I may discern between good and evil,**
for who is able to govern this your great people? —1 Kings 3:9*

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 5C

Refrain



Tone



In the morning, LORD, you / hear my voice;
in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait ex- / pectantly.
For you are not a God who is pleased with / wickedness;
with you, evil people are not / welcome.
The arrogant cannot stand in your / presence.
You hate all who / do wrong.
But I, by your great love, can come into / your house;
in reverence I bow down toward your holy / temple. *Refrain*

Let all who take refuge in / you be glad;
let them ever / sing for joy.
Surely, LORD, you bless the / righteous;
you surround them with your favor as / with a shield.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:17-21

Instruct those who are rich in this present age not to be arrogant or to put their hope in the uncertainty of riches, but rather in God, who richly supplies us with all things for

our enjoyment. ¹⁸Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹In this way they are storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

²⁰O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you, turning away from godless, empty talk and the contradictions of what is falsely called “knowledge.” ²¹By professing it, some have veered away from the faith. Grace be with you. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Please stand**

Gospel

Matthew 13:44–52

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid again. In his joy, he goes away and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls. ⁴⁶When he found one very valuable pearl, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When the net was filled, they pulled it onto the shore. They sat down and gathered the good fish into containers, but threw the bad ones away. ⁴⁹That is how it will be at the end of the world. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous who are among them. ⁵⁰And they will throw the wicked into the fiery furnace where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” ⁵¹Jesus said to them, “Did you understand all these things?”

They answered him, “Yes.”

⁵²He said to them, “Therefore every expert in the law who has been trained as a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his treasure both new things and old things.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

* We stand in respect for the words and life of Jesus, our King.

Hymn of the Day

807 All Depends on Our Possessing



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant
2 He who to this day has fed me and to man - y
3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting o - ver tri - fles
4 When with sor - row I am strick - en, hope a - new my



grace and bless - ing, though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
joys has led me is and ev - er shall be mine.
and in get - ting things that have no sol - id ground.
heart will quick - en; all my long - ing shall be stilled.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en in their God are
He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, he who dai - ly
I shall strive to win a trea - sure that will bring me
To his lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der soul and bod - y



not for - sak - en and will keep a daunt - less heart.
guides and rules me, will re - main my help di - vine.
last - ing plea - sure and that now is sel - dom found.
I sur - ren - der, for on God a - lone I build.

- 5 Well he knows what best to grant me;
all the longing hopes that haunt me,
joy and sorrow, have their day.
I shall doubt his wisdom never;
as God wills, so be it ever;
I commit to him my way.
- 6 If my days on earth he lengthen,
he my weary soul will strengthen;
all my trust in him I place.
Earthly wealth is not abiding,
like a stream away is gliding;
safe I anchor in his grace.

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Sermon Listening Guide

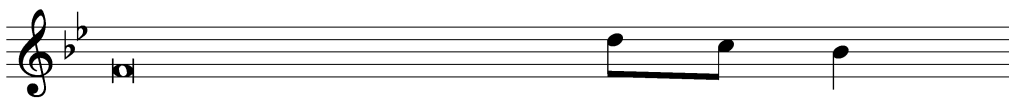
- How is God's law clear in this part of Scripture? How does he address my sin?
- How does God show his solution for my sin in this section of Scripture?
- How does God direct me to use my life to thank him in this section of Scripture?
- What is something new I learned or a different way to think about what I already knew in this section of Scripture?



Please stand

We Praise You, O God

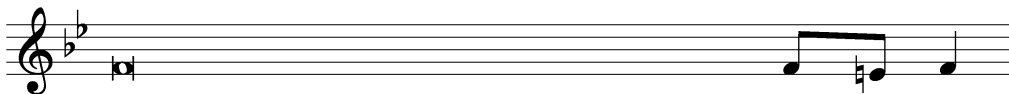
*Te Deum Laudamus**



- 1 We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord;
- 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of heav'n - ly hosts,
- 3 The white-robed army of martyrs praise — you.



- 1 all creation worships you, Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing.
- 2 heaven and earth are full — of your glo - ry.
- 3 Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



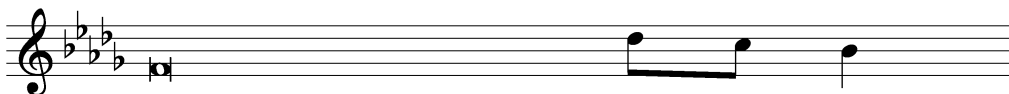
- 1 To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,
- 2 The glorious company of apostles praise — you.
- 3 Father of majesty unbounded; your glorious, true, and on - ly Son;



- 1 cherubim and seraphim, sing in end - less praise:
- 2 The noble fellowship of proph - ets praise — you.
- 3 and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide.

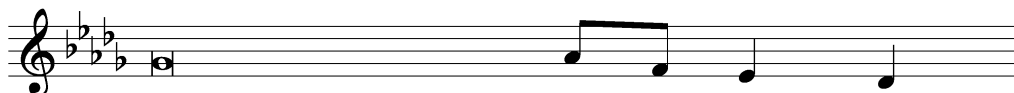


- 4 You, Christ, are the King of glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther.

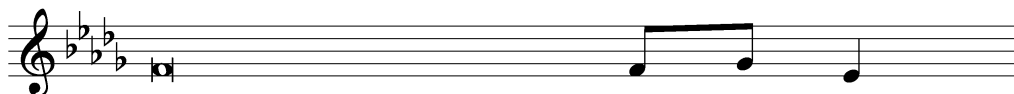


- 5 When you became man to set us free,
- 6 You sit at the right hand of God

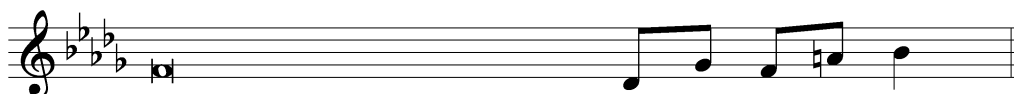
* This song serves as the congregation's confession of faith in the service of Morning Prayer. This ancient canticle is a joyful response to the message of forgiveness proclaimed in the Lessons and Sermon. The traditional name of the song, *Te Deum Laudamus*, is the first phrase of the song in Latin, *We Praise You, God*.



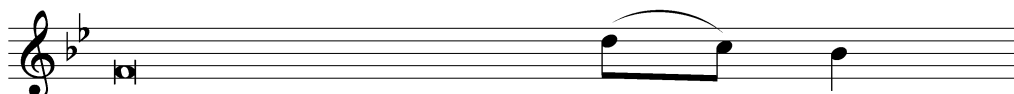
5 you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



5 You overcame the sting of death
6 We believe that you will come



5 and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be our judge.



7 Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple,



7 bought with the price of your own blood,



7 and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

Be seated

Offering

The members of Gloria Dei give their offerings out of thanks to God for his unending love. These offerings are used to support our work locally and around the world. Our guests may give, but should not feel compelled to do so. If you wish to give a gift electronically, please visit www.gdluth.org/giving.

If you are a guest with us today, please fill out the "Connection Card" in the racks at the end of each pew and leave the card with an usher, in the offering plate, or with the pastor.

As the offering plates are brought forward, please stand for prayer.



Church Council Installation

The members of the Church Council elected at the June Congregational Voters' Meeting are formally installed to their positions.

Lord, Have Mercy

*Kyrie**



Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and answer me.



Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Prayer

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

* This closing prayer section of Morning Prayer begins with a final plea to God to hear and answer our prayers ("Lord, Have Mercy"). The first prayer is the Prayer of the Day, reflecting the focus of this morning's worship. Other appropriate prayers may be inserted. The section closes with the model prayer that Jesus taught to his disciples, the Lord's Prayer.

Lord's Prayer*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing



Let us praise the Lord.



Thanks be to God.



The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



A - men.

* When [Jesus] finished [praying], one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John also taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say, 'Our Father in heaven...'" (Luke 11:1-2).

Closing Hymn

823 Jesus, Priceless Treasure



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, fount of pur - est plea - sure,
2 In thine arms I rest me; foes who would op - press me
3 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; death, I now de - cry thee;
4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my plea - sure,
5 Hence, all fear and sad - ness! For the Lord of glad - ness,



tru - est friend to me. Ah, how long in an - guish
can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,
fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me
Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp - ty glo - ry!
Je - sus, en - ters in. Those who love the Fa - ther,



shall my spir - it lan - guish, yearn - ing, Lord, for thee?
ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.
nor thy threats a - larm me while I sing of peace.
Naught to me thy sto - ry told with tempt - ing voice.
though the storms may gath - er, still have peace with - in.



Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer
Light - nings flash and thun - ders crash; yet, though sin and
God's great pow'r guards ev - 'ry hour; earth and all its
Pain or loss or shame or cross shall not from my
Yea, what - e'er I here must bear, thou art still my



naught to hide thee; naught I ask be - side thee.
hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
depths a - dore him, si - lent bow be - fore him.
Sav - ior move me since he deigns to love me.
pur - est plea - sure, Je - sus, price - less trea - sure!

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Calendar & Announcements

Sunday

Adult Bible Class [Genesis 1-11]	9:00 am
Worship	10:30 am
Coffee Hour	11:30 am
Call Meeting [Apostles, San Jose]	6:00 pm

Tuesday

Bible Information Class	4:30 pm
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Thursday

Senior Care Center Devotional Service [The Abigail, Redwood City]	10:00 am
Member Care Committee Meeting	7:00 pm

Next Sunday

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Worship	10:30 am
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Text Messages Reminders from Gloria Dei

We have added the ability to send out brief text message reminders ahead of worship services, classes, or meetings as a light reminder. Those that are already signed up have said they really appreciate it as a way to stay connected to the events of the congregation, and through that, our Savior’s Word. To register you can go to this address (<http://gdluth.360members.com/opt-in/texting>) or scan the code to the right. Let Pastor Shrimpton know if you have any questions.



Reading and Congregational Brainstorming

Pastor Shrimpton has asked the members of the Church Council, the Evangelism Committee and the Member Care Committee to read through the book *The Gospel-Driven Church* by Jared Wilson this summer. While not a book that we would necessarily agree with every last point made, it emphasizes a Christian congregation’s need to keep the gospel—the message of sins forgiven in Jesus—center to everything they do. The hope and prayer is that reading through this book will give our leadership opportunities to reflect on where we are doing work that God has entrusted to us well and perhaps to think through places where our work might be

better focused on the message of Jesus rather than simply doing things just to do them. We will hold a brainstorming meeting late this summer or early this fall to discuss these matters, once people have had a chance to work through the book. The date of that meeting will be determined in the next couple of weeks.

All the members of Gloria Dei are invited to share in this reading exercise and join in the brainstorming session that will follow. If you are not a member of any of the leadership groups mentioned above, but know that you would like to be a part of these discussions, please let Pastor know. Once the date of the discussion has been determined, it will be shared with the congregation at large.

If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor.

Service and Sermon Notes



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As a family of believers, Gloria Dei proclaims God's glory, the good news of sins forgiven in Jesus. We teach the entirety of God's truth as revealed in the Bible to strengthen the faith of our members, to train those who wish to know more about their Savior, and to proclaim Christ-crucified to all the world.

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