



Homecoming Worship Service

**October 3, 2021, 9:30 am
Chapel of the Christ, New Ulm**

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

As the hymn is introduced, stand and face the cross at the entrance to the chapel and follow its path to the chancel, where it becomes the focus of Christian worship.

Congregation and Choirs

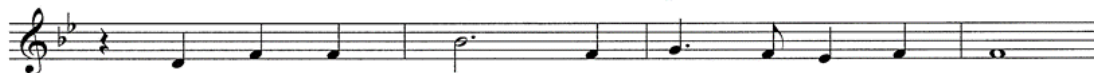
*Commissioned for the 25th Anniversary of Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota
1995-2020*

O Christ the Same

Choir: Jesus Christ the same, yesterday, today, and forever.



All: O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es,
Men: O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,
Choir: O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing
Women: O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en,



our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;
who spread the skies and set the stars a - blaze,
our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide,
O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power,



e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,
still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en,



un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:
we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.
the marks of love, in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:
we bring our thanks for this the pre - sent hour.

*Choir: O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping
our lives and loves, our days and years remain,
our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,
our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:*

**All: O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows,
for all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee,
O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows,
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.**

Choir: Jesus Christ the same, yesterday, today, and forever.

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INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Lord of Life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me for Jesus' sake.**

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: **Amen.**

GLORY BE TO GOD

O God from God, O Light from Light, O Prince of Peace and King of kings,
To you, in heaven's glory bright The song of praise forever rings.
To him who sits upon the throne, The Lamb once slain but raised again,
Be all the glory he has won, All thanks and praise! Amen, Amen.

Sing to the Lord a mighty song; Sing to his name, his glories tell!
Sing, heav'nly hosts, your praise prolong, And all on earth, your anthem swell!
Worthy the Lamb for sinners slain! Forever let the song ascend!
Worthy the Lamb enthroned to reign; Glory and pow'r! Amen, Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

FIRST LESSON

Numbers 11:16, 24-29

The LORD said to Moses: "Bring me seventy of Israel's elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the tent of meeting, that they may stand there with you. I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take some of the power of the Spirit that is on you and put it on them. They will share the burden of the people with you so that you will not have to carry it alone.

So Moses went out and told the people what the Lord had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied—but did not do so again.

However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp.

A young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."

Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' aide since youth, spoke up and said, "Moses, my lord, stop them!"

But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!" Then Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 51b



O Lord, open my lips,*
and my mouth will declare your praise.

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;*
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;*
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Refrain

Create in me a pure heart, O God,*
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence*
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,*
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways,*
and sinners will turn back to you.

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

Refrain

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SECOND LESSON

Philippians 1:12-18a

Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.

STAND

M: The Gospel according to Mark chapter 9.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord. (spoken)

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 9:38-50

“Teacher,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.”

“Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, for whoever is not against us is for us. Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.

“If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, where ‘the worms that eat them do not die, and the fire is not quenched.’ Everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ. (spoken)

BE SEATED

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Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Latin hymn, c. 8th century, alt.
tr. John M. Neale, 1818-66, alt.

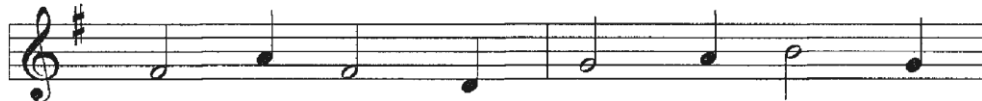
WESTMINSTER ABBEY
Henry Purcell, 1659-95
Arranged by Joyce Schubkegel



All 1. Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion,
Women 2. To this tem - ple, where we call you,
Choir 3. Grant, we pray, to all your faith - ful
All 4. Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther,



Christ, our head and cor - ner - stone,
Come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
All the gifts they ask to gain,
Praise and hon - or to the Son,



Men Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
Come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
What they gain from you for - ev - er
Praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



Bind - ing all the Church in one,
Hear your peo - ple as they pray,
With the bless - ed to re - tain,
Ev - er Three and ev - er One,



All Ho - ly Zi - on's help for - ev - er
And your full - est ben - e - dic - tion
And here - af - ter in your glo - ry
One in might and one in glo - ry



And our con - fi - dence a - lone.
Speak with - in these walls to - day.
Ev - er - more with you to reign.
While un - end - ing a - ges run!

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SERMON

Numbers 11:16-17, 24-29

I Wish All the LORD's People Were Prophets!

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING

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STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our congregations and in our synod.

C: **Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.**

M: Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

C: **Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.**

M: Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

C: **Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

Silent prayer.

M: Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care, and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart. Continue to bless the young men and women who have come to MLC to prepare for gospel ministry. Bless those who teach and those who learn, that your name may be glorified and your Kingdom come.

C: **Move us to support our synod's mission with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.**

M: Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

C: **Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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.**

BE SEATED

College Choir

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

Let us each, your love possessing
Triumph in redeeming grace.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Oh, refresh us, oh, refresh us,
Trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration
For the gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound!
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To your truth may we be found.

So when'er the signal's given
Us from earth to call away,
Borne on angels' wings to heaven
Glad the summons to obey,
May we ever, may we ever,
Reign with Christ in endless day.

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	Rev. Dr. John C. Boeder ('86) <i>Campus Pastor, Martin Luther College</i>
Preacher	Rev. Dr. Richard Gurgel ('81) <i>President, Martin Luther College</i>
Organist	Dr. John Nolte ('68) <i>Professor Emeritus, Martin Luther College</i>
College Choir & Women's Choir	Mr. Jonathan Laabs ('08) <i>Professor of Music, Martin Luther College</i>
Chorale	Mr. Jon Hermanson ('06) <i>Adjunct Director, Martin Luther College</i>
Guest College Choir Director	Dr. Kermit Moldenhauer ('71) <i>Professor Emeritus, Martin Luther College</i>
Accompanists	Trumpet: Josiah Winkel, Alicia Mengel, Ethan Mallow, Luke Rogotzke, Samuel Eickhoff Trombone: Ben Foster, Bethany Valleau, Leah Kuchenbecker Timpani: Robert Reinke, Jacob Schwark Tuba: Andrew Kramer
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Cross/candles	Calvin Arstein, senior Andrew Ronholt, senior Colin Rixe, senior

