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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

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First Sunday in Season of Creation

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost



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Gathering Song

For the Beauty of the Earth – No. 879

Vs. 1

**For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:**

Refrain

**Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.**

Vs. 2

**For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,
sun and moon and stars of light: *Refrain***

Refrain

**Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.**

Vs. 3

**For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight: *Refrain***

Refrain

**Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.**

Vs. 4

**For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above;
for all gentle thoughts and mild: *Refrain***

Refrain

**Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.**

Vs. 5

**For each perfect gift of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;
for thyself, best gift divine,
to our world so freely giv'n: *Refrain***

Refrain

**Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.**

Kyrie

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy

Song Of Praise

Gloria

Refrain

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest;
Glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

Vs. 1

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

Refrain

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest;
Glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

Vs. 2

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

Refrain

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest;
Glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

Vs. 3

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

Psalm 149

Refrain: Sing the Lord's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

¹ Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord | a new song,
God's praise in the assembly | of the faithful.

² **Let Israel rejoice | in their maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful | in their ruler.**

³ Let them praise their maker's | name with dancing;
let them sing praise with tambou- | rine and harp.

⁴ **For the Lord takes pleasure | in the people
and adorns the | poor with victory. R**

⁵ Let the faithful re- | jice in triumph;
let them sing for joy | on their beds.

⁶ **Let the praises of God be | in their throat
and a two-edged sword | in their hand,**

⁷ to wreak vengeance | on the nations
and punishment | on the peoples,

⁸ **to bind their | kings in chains
and their nobles with | links of iron,**

⁹ to inflict on them the judg- | ment decreed;
this is glory for all God's faithful ones. | Hallelujah! **R**

Refrain: Sing the Lord's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading

...Glory to you, O God

...Praise to you, O Christ

Hymn of the Day

Womb of Life and Source of Being – No. 948

Vs. 1

**Womb of life and source of being,
home of ev'ry restless heart,
in your arms the worlds awakened;
you have loved us from the start.
We, your children, gather round you,
at the table you prepare.
Sharing stories, tears, and laughter,
we are nurtured by your care.**

Vs. 2

**Word in flesh, our brother Jesus,
born to bring us second birth,
you have come to stand beside us,
knowing weakness, knowing earth.
Priest who shares our human struggles,
Life of life and Death of death,
risen Christ, come stand among us,
send the Spirit by your breath.**

Vs. 3

**Brooding Spirit, move among us;
be our partner, be our friend.
When our mem'ry fails, remind us
whose we are, what we intend.
Labor with us; aid the birthing
of the new world yet to be,
free of servant, lord, and master,
free for love and unity.**

Vs. 4

Mother, Brother, holy Partner;

Father, Spirit, Only Son:

we would praise your name forever,

One-in-Three and Three-in-One.

We would share your life, your passion,

share your word of world made new,

ever singing, ever praising,

one with all, and one with you.

Prayers of the People

Hear us, O God,
Your mercy is great.

Peace Sharing

The peace of Christ
be with you always.
And also with you.



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Offering Song

Psalm 84 – arr. H. Hopson - Choir

Great Thanksgiving

The Creator be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to our God.

Let us give thanks to the Creator, our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Thanksgiving Prayer

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The 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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Lamb of God

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

Communion Songs

Gigue from Violin Partita No. 3 – J. S. Bach

Before the Waters Nourished the Earth – No. 1049

Vs. 1

**Before the waters nourished earth
or night imagined morning,
a Love conceived the universe
and reveled in its forming.**

Vs. 2

**This Love remained as time revealed
the loss of Eden's glory
and, grieving, holds in memory
each tragic human story.**

Vs. 3

**Despair, so deep it bears no name,
or sorrows paralyzing
cannot revoke Love's faithful claim
to dwell within our dying.**

Vs. 4

**The Love that called creation good
all goodness still is bringing.
This Love turns death again to life
and silence into singing.**

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth – No. 735

Vs. 1

**Mothering God, you gave me birth
in the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of ev'ry breath,
you are my rain, my wind, my sun.**

Vs. 2

**Mothering Christ, you took my form,
offering me your food of light,
grain of life, and grape of love,
your very body for my peace.**

Vs. 3

**Mothering Spirit, nurt'ring one,
in arms of patience hold me close,
so that in faith I root and grow
until I flow'r, until I know.**

Sending Song

Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator – No. 1091

Vs. 1

**Hallelujah! Sing praise to your Creator,
sun, moon, and stars and angels above.**

**Praise the Lord, whose word established the heavens,
who upholds all the earth in power and love.**

God reigns on high, let the heavens rejoice! (Oh,)

God reigns on high, let the heavens rejoice!

Vs. 2

**Praise the Lord, all mountains and oceans,
rolling thunder and wind and storm clouds on high.
Praise the Lord, your Maker, all living creatures,
all the beasts in the fields and birds in the sky.
Both young and old, come and join in the song! (Oh,)
Both young and old, come and join in the song!**

Vs. 3

**Give to God all glory and honor.
From the depths to the heights let praises resound
to the Lord, the source of strength and salvation
for all people on whom God's favor is found.
Praise God, you saints who are
claimed as God's own! (Oh,)
Praise God, you saints who are
claimed as God's own!**

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