

# Welcome to Worship

## April 28th, 2024

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### Prelude

### Gathering Hymn

*God Is Here!* ~ ELW 526

### Prayer of the Day

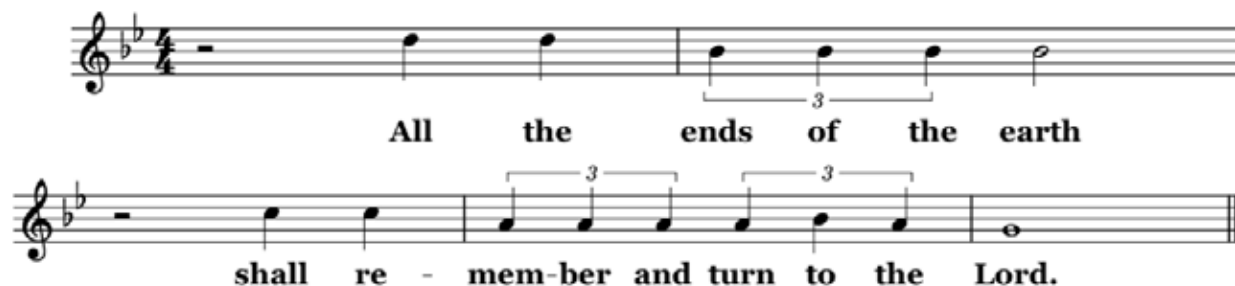
O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### First Reading Acts 8:26-40

*Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.*

Word of God. Word of life  
Thanks be to God

### Psalm 22:25-31



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the text: "All the ends of the earth". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "shall re-member and turn to the Lord." Both staves feature triplets over the words "ends of" and "re-member".

Refrain – Choir

Refrain – All

*From you comes my praise in the great assembly;*

*I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.*

*The poor shall eat and be satisfied,*

*Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!*

*All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;*

*all the families of nations shall bow before God.*

*For dominion belongs to the LORD,  
who rules over the nations.*

### Refrain

*Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.  
Their descendants shall serve the LORD,  
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.  
They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"*

### Refrain

### Gospel

**John 15:1-8**

*On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.*

[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

### Hymn of the Day

*He Comes to Us as One Unknown ~ ELW 737*

### Musical Offering

*As the Showers that Water the Earth ~ David Sims All Saints Choir  
with Noah Livingston on flute.*

### Offertory Hymn

*We Eat the Bread of Teaching ~ ELW 518 (refrain only)*

### Communion Hymn

*O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts ~ ELW 658*

### Sending Hymn

*We Know That Christ is Raised ~ ELW 449*

### Postlude

Flowers are in honor of Larry Cruz and Nancy Cruz