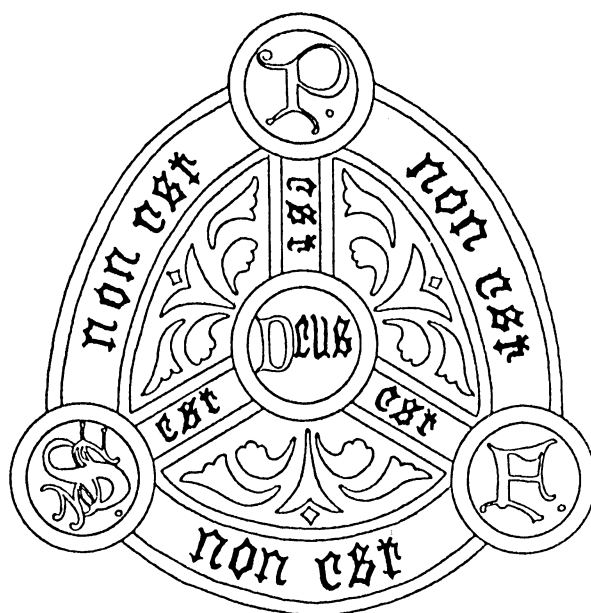


# THE LORD'S DAY

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6:00 pm Worship Service



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**On the Cover:** The Shield of the Holy Trinity: Found frequently in stained glass windows of medieval churches, this emblem expresses the Christian doctrine of the triunity of Almighty God. Positively, two affirmations are made about each person of the Godhead. Reading from the center circle outward: God (Deus) is (est) Father (P is for Pater), God is Son (F is for Filius), and God is Holy Spirit (SS is for Spiritus Sanctus). Reading from the outer circles inward: The Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God. Negatively, two affirmations are likewise made about each person of the Godhead. Reading clockwise and counter-clockwise from one outer circle to the other two: The Father is not (non est) the Son or the Holy Spirit, the Son is not the Father or the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is not the Father or the Son.

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*Upon entering the sanctuary, please maintain silence for the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make sure electronic devices are off or using silent mode.*

*\* The congregation is invited to stand.*

*+ The congregation is invited to kneel.*

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **\*Congregational Prayer**

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

\*Hymn

"Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem"

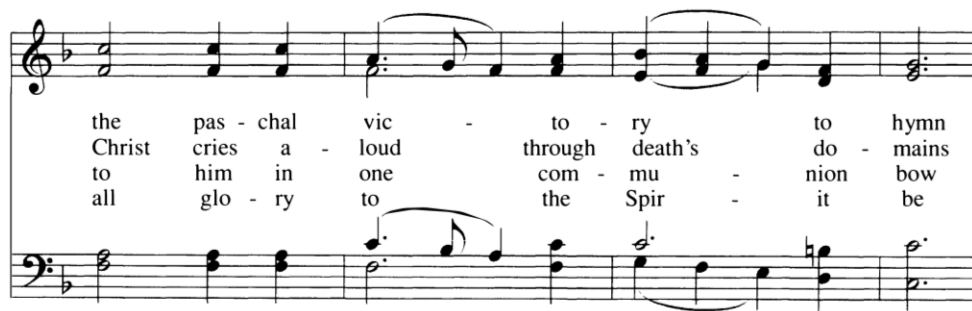
No. 271



1. Sing, choirs of new Je - ru - sa - lem, your  
 2. For Ju - dah's Li - on burst his chains and  
 3. Tri - um - phant in his glo - ry now— to  
 4. All glo - ry to the Fa - ther be, all



sweet - est notes em - ploy, your sweet - est notes em - ploy  
 crushed the ser - pent's head, and crushed the ser - pent's head;  
 him all pow'r is giv'n, to him all pow'r is giv'n;  
 glo - ry to the Son, all glo - ry to the Son,



the pas - chal vic - to - ry to hymn  
 Christ cries a - loud through death's do - mains  
 to him in one com - mu - nion bow  
 all glo - ry to the Spir - it be

in songs of ho - ly joy,  
to wake th'im - pris - oned dead,  
all saints in earth and heav'n,  
while end - less a - ges run,

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*Minister:* Clap your hands, all peoples!

***Congregation:* Shout to God with loud songs of joy!**

<sup>2</sup>For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,

**a great king over all the earth.**

<sup>3</sup>He subdued peoples under us,

**and nations under our feet.**

<sup>4</sup>He chose our heritage for us,

**the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

<sup>5</sup>God has gone up with a shout,

**the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

<sup>6</sup>Sing praises to God, sing praises!

**Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

<sup>7</sup>For God is the King of all the earth;

**sing praises with a psalm!**

<sup>8</sup>God reigns over the nations;

**God sits on his holy throne.**

<sup>9</sup>The princes of the peoples gather

**as the people of the God of Abraham.**

For the shields of the earth belong to God;

**he is highly exalted!**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

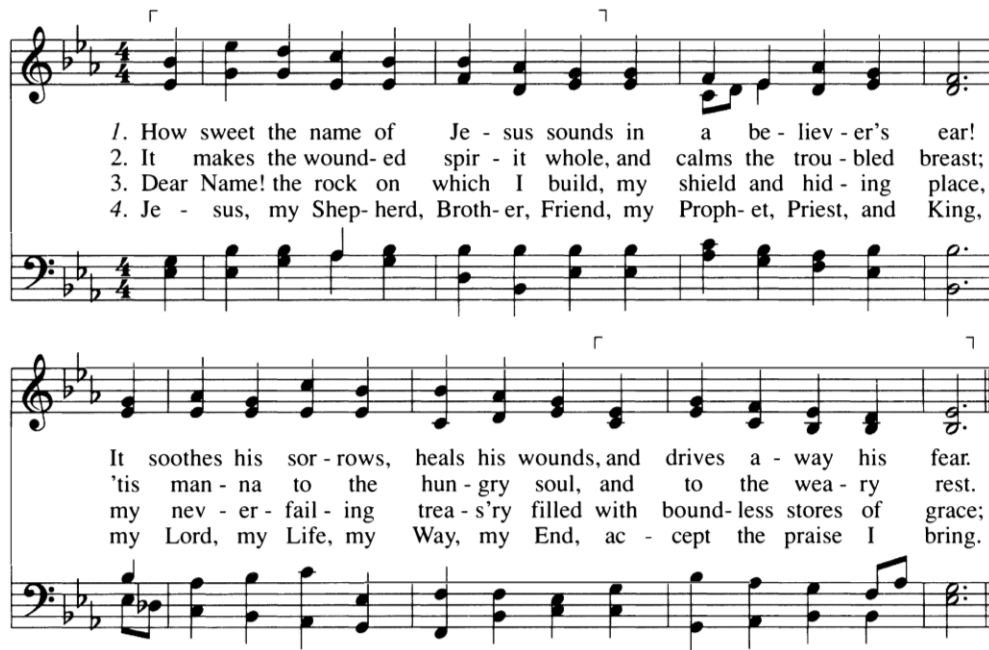
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**

\*Hymn

"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

No. 647

*Your name is like perfume poured out. Song of Sol. 1:3*



1. How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in a be - liev - er's ear!  
 2. It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole, and calms the trou - bled breast;  
 3. Dear Name! the rock on which I build, my shield and hid - ing place,  
 4. Je - sus, my Shep - herd, Broth - er, Friend, my Proph - et, Priest, and King,

It soothes his sor - rows, heals his wounds, and drives a - way his fear.  
 'tis man - na to the hun - gry soul, and to the wea - ry rest.  
 my nev - er - fail - ing trea - s'ry filled with bound - less stores of grace;  
 my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, ac - cept the praise I bring.

5. Weak is the effort of my heart,  
 and cold my warmest thought;  
 but when I see thee as thou art,  
 I'll praise thee as I ought.

6. Till then I would thy love proclaim  
 with every fleeting breath;  
 and may the music of thy name  
 refresh my soul in death.

## **Catechism**

*The New City Catechism, Questions #35-37*

*Minister:* Since We Are Redeemed by Grace Alone, Through Faith Alone, Where Does This Faith Come From?

***Congregation:* All the gifts we receive from Christ we receive through the Holy Spirit, including faith itself.**

*Minister:* What Do We Believe About the Holy Spirit?

***Congregation:* That he is God, coeternal with the Father and the Son, and that God grants him irrevocably to all who believe.**

*Minister:* How Does the Holy Spirit Help Us?

***Congregation:* The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin, comforts us, guides us, gives us spiritual gifts and the desire to obey God; and he enables us to pray and to understand God's Word.**



## Hymn

"Savior, Teach Me, Day by Day"

No. 652

1. Sav - ior, teach me, day by day, love's sweet les - son to o - bey;  
2. With a child's glad heart of love, at thy bid - ding may I move;  
3. Teach me thus thy steps to trace, strong to fol - low in thy grace;  
4. Love in lov - ing finds em - ploy, in o - be - dience all her joy;

sweet - er les - son can - not be, lov - ing him who first loved me.  
prompt to serve and fol - low thee, lov - ing him who first loved me.  
learn - ing how to love from thee, lov - ing him who first loved me.  
ev - er new that joy will be, lov - ing him who first loved me.

Jane E. Leeson, 1842

POSEN 7.7.7.7.  
Georg C. Strattner, 1691  
Arr. by J. A. Freylinghausen, 1705

## Prayer

### Scripture Lesson

1 Kings 12:25-13:34 (ESV)

<sup>25</sup> Then Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim and lived there. And he went out from there and built Penuel. <sup>26</sup> And Jeroboam said in his heart, "Now the kingdom will turn back to the house of David. <sup>27</sup> If this people go up to offer sacrifices in the temple of the LORD at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will turn again to their lord, to Rehoboam king of Judah, and they will kill me and return to Rehoboam king of Judah." <sup>28</sup> So the king took counsel and made two calves of gold. And he said to the people, "You have gone up to Jerusalem long enough. Behold your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt." <sup>29</sup> And he set one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan. <sup>30</sup> Then this thing became a sin, for the people went as far as Dan to be before one. <sup>31</sup> He also made temples on high places and appointed priests from among all the people, who were not of the Levites. <sup>32</sup> And Jeroboam appointed a feast on the fifteenth day of the eighth month like the feast that was in Judah, and he offered sacrifices on the altar. So he did in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he made. And he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places that he had made. <sup>33</sup> He went up to

the altar that he had made in Bethel on the fifteenth day in the eighth month, in the month that he had devised from his own heart. And he instituted a feast for the people of Israel and went up to the altar to make offerings.

<sup>13:1</sup> And behold, a man of God came out of Judah by the word of the LORD to Bethel. Jeroboam was standing by the altar to make offerings. <sup>2</sup> And the man cried against the altar by the word of the LORD and said, "O altar, altar, thus says the LORD: 'Behold, a son shall be born to the house of David, Josiah by name, and he shall sacrifice on you the priests of the high places who make offerings on you, and human bones shall be burned on you.'" <sup>3</sup> And he gave a sign the same day, saying, "This is the sign that the LORD has spoken: 'Behold, the altar shall be torn down, and the ashes that are on it shall be poured out.'" <sup>4</sup> And when the king heard the saying of the man of God, which he cried against the altar at Bethel, Jeroboam stretched out his hand from the altar, saying, "Seize him." And his hand, which he stretched out against him, dried up, so that he could not draw it back to himself. <sup>5</sup> The altar also was torn down, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign that the man of God had given by the word of the LORD. <sup>6</sup> And the king said to the man of God, "Entreat now the favor of the LORD your God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored to me." And the man of God entreated the LORD, and the king's hand was restored to him and became as it was before. <sup>7</sup> And the king said to the man of God, "Come home with me, and refresh yourself, and I will give you a reward." <sup>8</sup> And the man of God said to the king, "If you give me half your house, I will not go in with you. And I will not eat bread or drink water in this place, <sup>9</sup> for so was it commanded me by the word of the LORD, saying, 'You shall neither eat bread nor drink water nor return by the way that you came.'" <sup>10</sup> So he went another way and did not return by the way that he came to Bethel.

<sup>11</sup> Now an old prophet lived in Bethel. And his sons came and told him all that the man of God had done that day in Bethel. They also told to their father the words that he had spoken to the king. <sup>12</sup> And their father said to them, "Which way did he go?" And his sons showed him the way that the man of God who came from Judah had gone. <sup>13</sup> And he said to his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me." So they saddled the donkey for him and he mounted it. <sup>14</sup> And he went after the man of God and found him sitting under an oak. And he said to him, "Are you the man of God who came from Judah?" And he said, "I am." <sup>15</sup> Then he said to him, "Come home with me and eat bread." <sup>16</sup> And he said, "I may not return with you, or go in with you, neither will I eat bread nor drink water with you in this place, <sup>17</sup> for it was said to me by the word of the LORD, 'You shall neither eat bread nor drink water there, nor return by the way that you came.'" <sup>18</sup> And he said to him, "I also am a prophet as you are, and an angel spoke to me by the word of the LORD, saying, 'Bring him back with you into your house that he may eat bread and drink water.'" But he lied to him. <sup>19</sup> So he went back with him and ate bread in his house and drank water.

<sup>20</sup> And as they sat at the table, the word of the LORD came to the prophet who had brought him back. <sup>21</sup> And he cried to the man of God who came from Judah, "Thus says the LORD, 'Because you have disobeyed the word of the LORD and have not kept the command that the LORD your God commanded you, <sup>22</sup> but have come back and have eaten bread and drunk water in the place of which he said to you, "Eat no bread and drink no water," your body shall not come to the tomb of your fathers.'" <sup>23</sup> And after he had eaten bread and drunk, he saddled the donkey for the prophet whom he had brought back. <sup>24</sup> And as he went away a lion met him on the road and killed him. And his body was thrown in the road, and the donkey stood beside it; the lion also stood beside the body. <sup>25</sup> And behold, men passed by and saw the body thrown in the road and the lion standing by the body. And they came and told it in the city where the old prophet lived.

<sup>26</sup> And when the prophet who had brought him back from the way heard of it, he said, "It is the man of God who disobeyed the word of the LORD; therefore the LORD has given him to the lion, which has torn him and killed him, according to the word that the LORD spoke to him." <sup>27</sup> And he said to his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me." And they saddled it. <sup>28</sup> And he went and found his body thrown in the road, and the donkey and the lion standing beside the body. The lion had not eaten the body or torn the donkey. <sup>29</sup> And the prophet took up the body of the man of God and laid it on the donkey and brought it back to the city to mourn and to bury him. <sup>30</sup> And he laid the body in his own grave. And they mourned over him, saying, "Alas, my brother!" <sup>31</sup> And after he had buried him, he said to his sons, "When I die, bury me in the grave in which the man of God is buried; lay my bones beside his bones. <sup>32</sup> For the saying that he called out by the word of the LORD against the altar in Bethel and against all the houses of the high places that are in the cities of Samaria shall surely come to pass."

<sup>33</sup> After this thing Jeroboam did not turn from his evil way, but made priests for the high places again from among all the people. Any who would, he ordained to be priests of the high places. <sup>34</sup> And this thing became sin to the house of Jeroboam, so as to cut it off and to destroy it from the face of the earth.

**Sermon**

**"Lions and Lying"**

**\*Hymn**

"Now the Day Is Over"

No. 406

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first four verses of the hymn. The second system contains the fifth and sixth verses. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across two notes. The music features a simple, hymn-like melody with a clear harmonic structure.

1. Now the day is o - ver, night is draw - ing nigh,  
2. Je - sus, give the wea - ry calm and sweet re - pose;  
3. Grant to lit - tle chil - dren vi - sions bright of thee;  
4. Com - fort ev - 'ry suf - f'rer watch - ing late in pain;

shad - ows of the eve - ning steal a - cross the sky.  
with thy ten - d'rest bless - ing may our eye - lids close.  
guard the sail - ors, toss - ing on the deep blue sea.  
those who plan some e - vil from their sin re - strain.

5. Through the long night watches  
may thine angels spread  
their white wings above me,  
watching round my bed.

6. Glory to the Father,  
glory to the Son,  
and to thee, blest Spirit,  
whilst all ages run.

Sabine Baring-Gould, 1865

MERRIAL 6.5.6.5.  
Joseph Barnby, 1868

**\*The Benediction**

**+Silent Prayer**

**Postlude**