

“Why are
you putting me
to the test?”



MATTHEW 22:18, NRSV

Today's Worship
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A warm welcome to all worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today. In May of 2020, Resurrection Lutheran Church celebrated forty-two years of ministry. Celebrating our Savior's love continues today in the faithful gathering of God's people, whether we are together in God's house or as you watch online from the comfort of your home.

Lessons and Liturgy Today

When Jesus says to "render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's," He is referring to the requirements of support and loyalty to our secular government. But what does it really mean to render "to God the things that are God's"? Our Lord makes it clear, as the Apostle Paul wrote, "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God." At the same time it is to God alone that we owe our praise and worship for His Mercy and Grace by which He saves us from sin and gives us Eternal Life.

The Welcome and Sharing of the Peace

P The Peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Musical Offering, Opening Song: Forever

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good, He is above all things
His love endures forever
sing praise, sing praise

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise

Forever, God is faithful
Forever, God is strong
Forever, God is faithful
Forever, Forever

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God, we will carry on
His love endures forever
sing praise, sing praise
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Forever, God is faithful
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The Invocation

The Confession of Sins and Good News of Forgiveness

P In the Name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Through the LORD is King of the universe, we do not always affirm His royalty.

C **Forgive us, Lord.**

P When we do not give sufficient witness to Your Great Love,
C **Forgive us, Lord.**

P When we fail to give You fitting praise and service,
C **Forgive us, Lord.**

P “Know beloved by God, that He has chosen you.”
(1 Thessalonians 1:4)

P As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all
your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

P May He Who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the Day
of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C **Amen.**

Musical Offering, Song of Praise: Our God is Greater

Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like you
None like you

Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's No one like you
None like you

Our God is greater, our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is Healer, awesome in power
Our God, Our God

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The Old Testament Reading – *Isaiah 45:1-7*

"This is what the LORD says to His anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of to subdue nations Before him and to strip kings of their armor, to open doors before him so that gates will not be shut: I will go before you and will level the mountains; I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron. I will give you the treasures of darkness, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I Am the LORD, the God of Israel, Who summons you by name. For the sake of Jacob My servant, of Israel My chosen, I summon you by name and bestow on you a title of honor, though you do not acknowledge Me. I Am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from Me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged Me, so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting men may know there is none besides Me. I Am the LORD, and there is no other. I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the LORD, do all these things."

The New Testament Epistle – 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you. We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers loved by God, that He has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. You became imitators of us and of the Lord; in spite of severe suffering, you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. The Lord's Message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the Living and True God, and to wait for His Son from Heaven, Whom He raised from the dead—Jesus, Who rescues us from the coming wrath.

The Holy Gospel – Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap Him in His Words. They sent their disciples to Him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know You are a man of integrity and that You teach the Way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by men, because You pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is Your opinion? Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap Me? Show Me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought Him a denarius, and He asked them, "Whose portrait is this? And whose inscription?" "Caesar's," they replied. Then He said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left Him and went away.

The Children's Message

Musical Offering, Song of the Day: Revelation Song

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Holy, holy is He
Sing a new song to Him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

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Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything and I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lighting rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory and power be
To You the only wise King

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything and I will adore You

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power, breath and living water
Such a marv'lous mystery yeah

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
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The Message – *Vicar Alan Shaw*

The Apostle's Creed

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of Heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the Right Hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.**

The Prayers of the Church

After each additional petition:

P Lord, in Your Mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in Heaven,
hallowed be Thy Name,
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

**For Thine is the Kingdom
and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

The Benediction

Musical Offering, Closing Song: Everlasting God

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
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We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

Our God, You reign forever
Our hope, our Strong Deliverer

You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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P Go in peace and serve the Lord!
C **Thanks be to God!**

