

The English Community Outreach Project
Protestant Deanery of Wiesbaden in the Bergkirche
August 6, 2023



“Behold, I am making all things new.” Revelation 21:5

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning! We are glad you are here with us. Here are a few things to help orient you during the service.

- Hymnals are available at the entrance to the sanctuary.
- In the bulletin, items marked with a star* indicate that you may stand in body or spirit, as you are able. During the Prayers of the People, please remain seated until you are invited you to stand for the Lord’s Prayer.
- Wenn Sie eine deutsche Übersetzung der Predigt wünschen, finden Sie einige Exemplare auf dem Tisch am Eingang.
- **Today’s service is lead by Christina Schnepel**, Christina Schnepel was born in Marburg, a pastor with long parish experience and since 2015 in various special ministries. Since November 2022, she has served as officer for development and partnership for Europe and the USA for the churches of Hesse-Nassau and Kurhesse.

Musical Prelude

Greeting and Invocation: We gather today in the love of God, the compassion of Jesus, our Christ, and of the Holy Spirit – Amen.

***Opening Song** *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* **Worship and Rejoice #661**

From Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;

According to your great compassion, blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

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

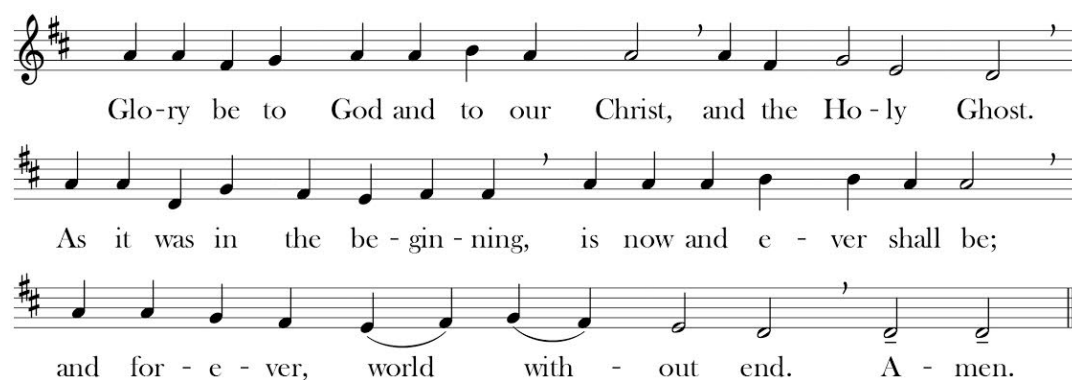
Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore me to the joy of your salvation

And grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

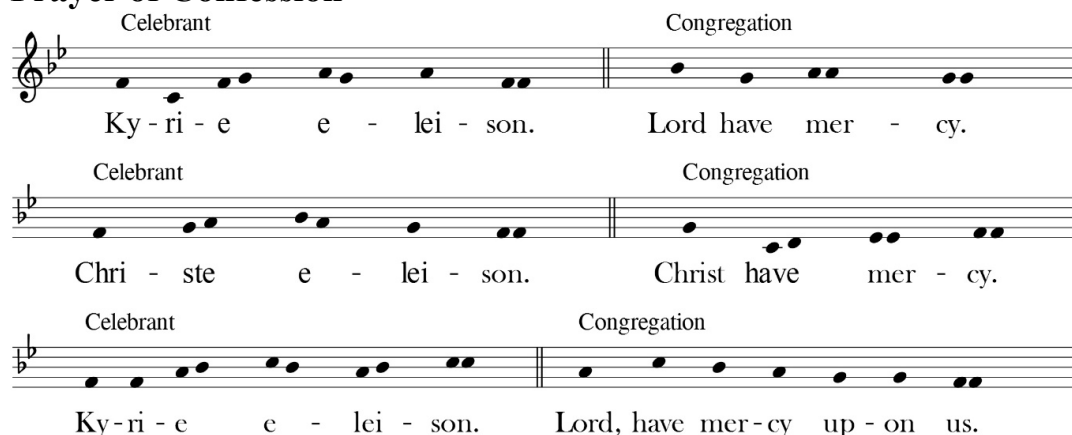
Open our lips, God, and our mouths will declare your praise.

Come let us worship



Glo-ry be to God and to our Christ, and the Ho-ly Ghost.
As it was in the be-gin-nig, is now and e-ver shall be;
and for-e-ver, world with-out end. A-men.

Prayer of Confession



Celebrant Ky-ri-e e-lei-son. **Congregation** Lord have mer-cy.
Celebrant Chri-ste e-lei-son. **Congregation** Christ have mer-cy.
Celebrant Ky-ri-e e-lei-son. **Congregation** Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

Absolution

Musical notation for Absolution. The first staff is for the Celebrant, with lyrics: "Glo - ry to God - in the high - est,". The second staff is for the Congregation, with lyrics: "and peace on the earth, good will to all the peo - ple." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with lyrics: "The Lord be with you!". The fourth staff is for the Congregation, with lyrics: "And al - so with you!".

Prayer: ... through Jesus Christ our brother and guide. *Amen*

Scripture: Isaiah 43:18-21 —

Forget the former things; do not dwell in the past. See I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.

Reader: Blessed are they who hear and keep God's Word; Hallelujah!

Musical Reflection

Sermon

Christina Schnepel

Reflection Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

#502

Prayers of the People and the *Lord's Prayer -You are invited to say the Lord's prayer in whatever language or translation is most familiar or comfortable for you. If you are unfamiliar with this prayer, you may read the following words:

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. 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.

Announcements

***Sending Song**

Now the Green Blade Rises

#311

***Benediction**

Musical notation for Benediction. The staff shows the lyrics: "A - men, A - men, A - men." with a long note for "men" in the final phrase.

Postlude

Organ: Dirk Putzek

Guest Preacher: Christina Schnepel

Donations placed in the plate near the exit will be used to support this ministry, the English Community Outreach Project.

We hope you will join us for other upcoming English Outreach events!

First Sunday: Worship at the Bergkirche and Livestream at 10AM

First and Third Sunday: Bible Study at 11:15AM (On break for the summer)

Fourth Sunday: Walking Church at 11:15AM (location announced via email)

Fourth or First Thursday: Choir rehearsal at 8PM

For more information or to be added to the email list, please contact Rev. Hannah Cranbury. For choir information, contact Rhodri at rhodribritton@t-online.de.



Fundraising Update

We are a ministry that can only exist because of the generosity of those who attend. If you feel moved to financially support this ministry, you may give an offering as you exit the church at the end of the service or make a transfer to the following account:

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If you have not yet filled out your pledge card for 2023, please do so by following the link in the email newsletter.

Thank you for your ongoing support and your faith in this project!

*The images in this bulletin are the logos for the 34th General Synod of the United Church of Christ, which met June 30-July 4, 2023.

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