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Announcements

Confession

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the creator of wind and rain, field and ocean, the power at work within us and this world.

Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

God and Father of all,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have thought better of ourselves than others.

We have told lies, said hurtful things, acted in ways we wish we could take back, and looked the other way when action was needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

Forgiveness

Gathering Hymn When In Our Music God Is Glorified (851)

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

Refrain



This is the feast, this is the feast, this is the feast of



vic - to - ry for our God, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -



ia.

ia.

ia.

Verse 1



Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God,



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

To Refrain

Verse 2

Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion,
Bless - ing hon - or, glo - ry and might be to
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *To Refrain*

Prayer of the Day

Beloved Lord,

you seek out all that they may belong together under your kingdom and mission. May we who are gathered here today know that we belong to you and each other. May our love witness to you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Special Music “Sanctuary” by Francesco Molina

Youth

(please join in third refrain)

Reading

Ruth 4

¹ No sooner had Boaz gone up to the gate and sat down there than the next-of-kin of whom Boaz had spoken came passing by. So Boaz said, “Come over; sit down here.” And he went over and sat down. ² Then Boaz took ten men of the elders of the town and said, “Sit down here,” so they sat down. ³ He then said to the next-of-kin, “Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that belonged to our kinsman Elimelech. ⁴ So I thought I would tell you of it and say: Buy it in

the presence of those sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if you will not, tell me, so that I may know; for there is no one prior to you to redeem it, and I come after you.” So he said, “I will redeem it.” ⁵ Then Boaz said, “The day you acquire the field from the hand of Naomi, you are also acquiring Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead man, to maintain the dead man’s name on his inheritance.” ⁶ At this, the next-of-kin said, “I cannot redeem it for myself without damaging my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it.”

⁷ Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging to confirm a transaction: the one took off a sandal and gave it to the other; this was the manner of attesting in Israel. ⁸ So when the next-of-kin said to Boaz, “Acquire it for yourself,” he took off his sandal. ⁹ Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, “You are witnesses today that I have acquired from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon. ¹⁰ I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, the wife of Mahlon, to be my wife, to maintain the dead man’s name on his inheritance, in order that the name of the dead may not be cut off from his kindred and from the gate of his native place; today you are witnesses.” ¹¹ Then all the people who were at the gate, along with the elders, said, “We are witnesses. May the LORD make the woman who is coming into your house like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you produce children in Ephrathah and bestow a name in Bethlehem; ¹² and, through the children that the LORD will give you by this young woman, may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah.”

¹³ So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. When they came together, the LORD made her conceive, and she bore a son. ¹⁴ Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin, and may his name be renowned in Israel! ¹⁵ He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.” ¹⁶ Then

Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom and became his nurse. ¹⁷ The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

¹⁸ Now these are the descendants of Perez: Perez became the father of Hezron, ¹⁹ Hezron of Ram, Ram of Amminadab, ²⁰ Amminadab of Nahshon, Nahshon of Salmon, ²¹ Salmon of Boaz, Boaz of Obed, ²² Obed of Jesse, and Jesse of David.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 119:129-136

Your decrees are wonderful;

therefore I obey them with all my heart.

When your word is opened it gives light;

it gives understanding to the simple.

I open my mouth and pant

because I long for your commandments.

Turn to me and be gracious to me,

as you always do to those who love your name.

Order my footsteps in your word;

let no iniquity have dominion over me.

Rescue me from those who oppress me,

and I will keep your commandments.

Let your face shine upon your servant

and teach me your statutes.

My eyes shed streams of tears,

because people do not keep your teaching.

+ Gospel Acclamation





Gospel Reading

Luke 3: 23-38

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²³ Jesus was about thirty years old when he began his work. He was the son (as was thought) of Joseph son of Heli, ²⁴ son of Matthat, son of Levi, son of Melchi, son of Jannai, son of Joseph, ²⁵ son of Mattathias, son of Amos, son of Nahum, son of Esli, son of Naggai, ²⁶ son of Maath, son of Mattathias, son of Semein, son of Josech, son of Joda, ²⁷ son of Joanan, son of Rhesa, son of Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, son of Neri, ²⁸ son of Melchi, son of Addi, son of Cosam, son of Elmadam, son of Er, ²⁹ son of Joshua, son of Eliezer, son of Jorim, son of Matthat, son of Levi, ³⁰ son of Simeon, son of Judah, son of Joseph, son of Jonam, son of Eliakim, ³¹ son of Melea, son of Menna, son of Mattatha, son of Nathan, son of David, ³² son of Jesse, son of Obed, son of Boaz, son of Sala, son of Nahshon, ³³ son of Amminadab, son of Admin, son of Arni, son of Hezron, son of Perez, son of Judah, ³⁴ son of Jacob, son of Isaac, son of Abraham, son of Terah, son of Nahor, ³⁵ son of Serug, son of Reu, son of Peleg, son of Eber, son of Shelah, ³⁶ son of Cainan, son of Arphaxad, son of Shem, son of Noah, son of Lamech, ³⁷ son of Methuselah, son of Enoch, son of Jared, son of Mahalaleel, son of Cainan, ³⁸ son of Enos, son of Seth, son of Adam, son of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Paula Stecker

Hymn of the Day

Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain



Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
 liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing
 and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
 friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
 day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953

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+Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers

Trusting the Spirit's power, we pray for the church, the world, and
all of God's creation.

(a brief silence)

After each petition:

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

*Melvin Allen, Scott Allen, Darcy Ayen, Norma Brennand, Bill
Broderick, Dorothy Carlson, Jane Clemons and family at the death
of Keith, Jordan Eldridge, Markel Ewing, Leslie Giordano,
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women serving overseas including Anthony Calderon, Zacary
Cotton, Leanne Trump, and all others we lift up to you at this time.*

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering



1. Come, let us bring the warm and fra - grant bread.
2. Come, let us bring the sweet a - bun - dant wine.

Come, let us bring the warm and fra - grant bread.
Come, let us bring the sweet a - bun - dant wine.

Bro - ken here so all God's peo - ple might be fed.
In this cup we taste the joy of grace di - vine.

Bro - ken here so all God's peo - ple might be fed.
In this cup we taste the joy of grace di - vine.

Offering Prayer

Loving God,

we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff has a repeat sign after the first measure. The second staff also has a repeat sign after the first measure. The third and fourth staves do not have repeat signs. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures.

The Preface to the Sanctus

It is indeed right ... and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na, ho -

san-na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he,

bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the

The musical notation consists of five staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff has a 4/4 time signature. The second staff has a 2/4 time signature. The third staff has a 4/4 time signature. The fourth and fifth staves do not have time signatures. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures.



The Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth. You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys, and taught them by the prophets. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Amen.

In the night in which he was betrayed ...

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal, and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world. Glory and praise to you, O God, Author of life, Word made flesh, Power of the Most High, now and forever.

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.

Invitation to Communion

For those worshiping in the sanctuary, come forward to the altar to receive the bread and wine. Gluten free bread and white grape juice are available.

God's love and this meal are for all, including children. If your child is not ready to receive, they may receive a simple blessing such as "May the Lord bless you and keep you."

For those worshiping at home, when invited by the pastor we encourage you to eat and drink trusting that this is God's free gift of grace for you.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Communion

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart (484)

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997

Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996

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Lift Up Your Eyes



Lift up your eyes, the moun-tains rise, a re - fuge
 O taste and see, mid bar - ren trees, on fro - zen
 Be still and know, though change be slow, the winds still
 In peace lie down, the stars sur - round and moon il -
 With mer - cy crowned, the thirst - y ground a - wakes to

forged by fire and ice for flow - er wild, for bird and
 prai - rie, win - try field all hope is hid in nest and
 blow and wa - ters flow o'er stone and sand and soil to
 lu - mines an - cient ground where stor - ies told by el - ders
 thun - der rain - ing down a ris - ing song on lake and

beast, from val - ley wide to rock - y peaks. Lift up your
 womb, in bur - ied seed and closed co - coon. O taste and
 shape the can - yon, land, and des - ert - scape. Be still and
 wise more fine than gold from dust a - rise. In peace lie
 stream as ri - vers strong - er race to seas. With mer - cy

eyes, see love _____ a - rise.
 see the life _____ un - seen.
 know faith forms _____ you so.
 down, the saints _____ sur - round.
 crowned, let joy _____ re - sound.

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness (733)

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960

Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

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**The Communion Blessing
 Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

God of abundance,
with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sending Hymn

Soli Deo Gloria (878)

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: SOLI DEO GLORIA, Marty Haugen

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Benediction

Amen.

Sending

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Verset” Giovanni Battista Martini

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