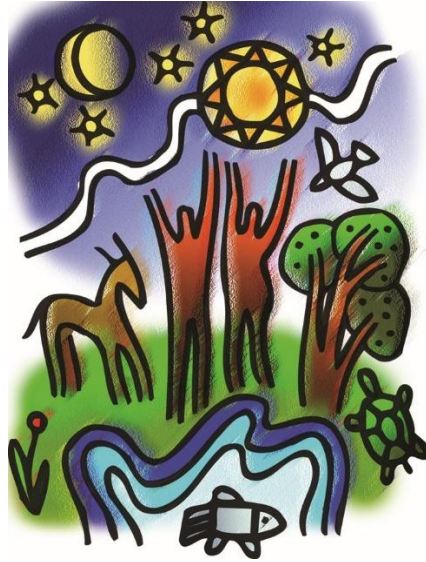


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Announcements

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.

Amen.

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

Morning Has Broken (556)

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

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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

O Creator,

you have made a universe precisely tuned for life. Thank you for your incredible creation. Thank you for making us able to create and relate. Empower us to be good stewards of your creation through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Organ solo

“Prelude in c minor”

Isaiah Grip

J. S. Bach

Reading

Genesis 1:1-2:3

¹ When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was

morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷ So God created humans in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹ God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

¹ Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. ² On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139:13-18

For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in
secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

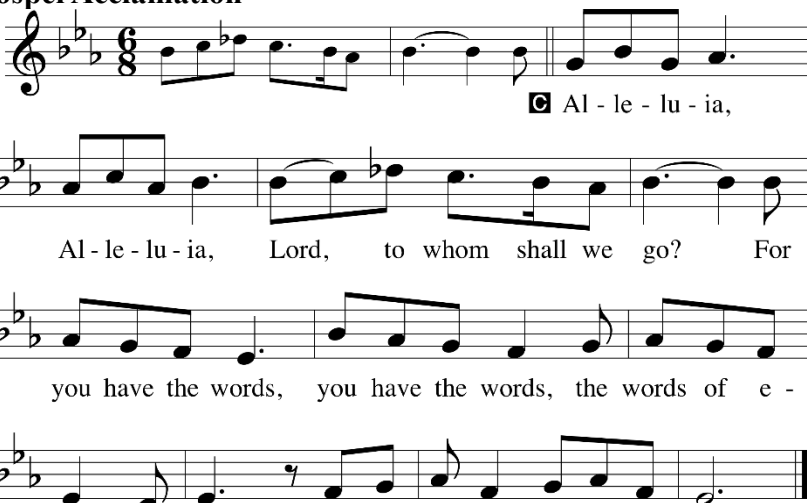
**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of
them were written in your book;
my days were fashioned before they came to be.**

How deep I find your thoughts, O God!

How great is the sum of them!

**If I were to count them, they would be more in number than
the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to
be like yours.**

+ Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we go? For

you have the words, you have the words, the words of e -

ter - nal life, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading

John 1:1-5

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Dan Holt

Hymn of the Day

This Is My Father's World (824)

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858–1901

Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930, adapt.

+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, Norma Brennand, Bill Broderick, Dorothy Carlson, Jordan Eldridge, Markel Ewing, Leslie Giordano, Marilyn Gulliksen, Amy Harrison, Ralph Hathaway, Helen Hedemark, Rudie Hedemark, Keith Hedstrom, Julie Lindeman, Nicole Marvin, Wayne McCray, Marilyn Thompson, Winona Sleater, Steve Tompkins, Juanita Vanlandingham, Alicia Weatherly, Karla Weaver, all our men and women serving overseas including Anthony Calderon, Zachary 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.



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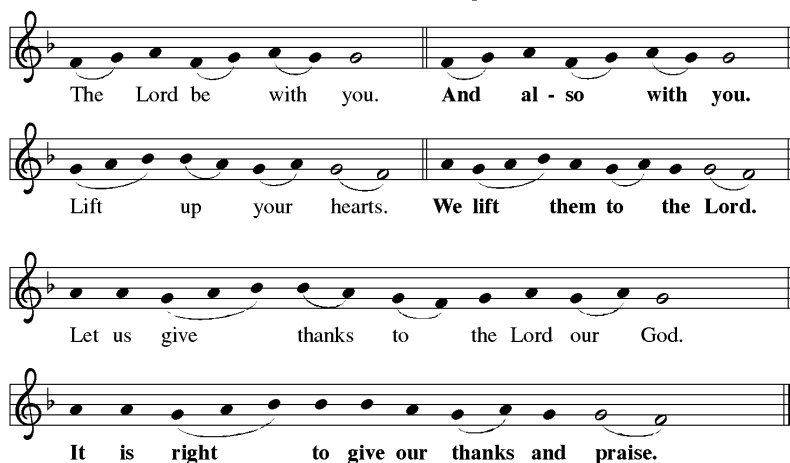


Offering Prayer

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 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
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

The musical score for 'The Sanctus' is written on six staves. It begins in 4/4 time and changes to 2/4 time in the second measure of the second staff. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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 By Your Hand You Feed Your People (469)

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: CAMROSE, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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When Long before Time (861)

Text: Peter W. A. Davison, b. 1936

Music: THE SINGER AND THE SONG, Peter W. A. Davison, b. 1936; arr. George Black, 1931–2003

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God of the Sparrow (740)

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919

Music: ROEDER, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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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 Let the Whole Creation Cry (876)

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832–1916, alt.

Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750, adapt.

Benediction Amen.

Sending

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude “Trumpet Voluntary” Henry Purcell

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