



The Central Role of Women



8:30

9:45

11:00

Prelude & Confession & Absolution

P: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit

C: Amen

A: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us gather with true hearts that confess our sins to God, that earnestly ask for forgiveness and that trust in our renewal through the work of our Savior Jesus the Christ.

A: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth. [Psalm 124:8]

A: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin. [Psalm 32:5]

A: Almighty God, merciful Father:

C: I confess to you all my sins with which I have offended you and my neighbors. I am sorry for them. I devote myself to repentance and pray for your mercy. In your boundless grace and compassion, send me your Holy Spirit that I may be strengthened in my faith and made ready for a life obedient to your will and your way.

P: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and full of steadfast love. [Exodus 34:6] Therefore, in obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Entrance Hymn *For all the Faithful Women* 419



1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in days of old,

Insert one or more of stanzas 3-11 or this general stanza 2:

2 O God, for saints and ser - vants, those named and those un - known,

Last All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



to you shall thanks be giv - en; to all, their stor - y told.

in whom through all the a - ges your light of glo - ry shone,

All praise to God the Spir - it, who binds the church as one!



They served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave.

we of - fer glad thanks-giv - ing and fer - vent prayer we raise

With saints who went be - fore us, with saints who wit - ness still,



To you their lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your pow'r to save.

that, faith - ful in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.

we sing glad al - le - lu - ias and strive to do your will.

Ruth

5. For Ruth, who left her homeland
and ventured forth in faith,
who pledged to serve and
worship Naomi's God till death,
we praise you, God of Israel,
and pray for hearts set free
to bind ourselves to others
in love and loyalty.

Mary, Mother of Our Lord

6. We honor faithful Mary,
fair maiden, full of grace.
She bore the Christ, our brother,
who saved our human race.
May we, with her, surrender
ourselves to your command
and lay upon your altar
our gifts of heart and hand.

The Woman at the Well

8. Recall the outcast woman
with whom our Lord conversed:
Christ gave her living water
to quench her deepest thirst.
Like hers, our hearts are yearning;
Christ offers us his word.
Then may our lips be burning
to witness to our Lord.

Mary Magdalene

9. We praise the other Mary,
who came at Easter dawn
and near the tomb did tarry,
but found her Lord was gone.

As joyfully she saw him
in resurrection light,
may we by faith behold him,
the day who ends all night.

Dorcas

10. Lord, hear our praise of Dorcas,
who served the sick and poor.
Her hands were cups of kindness,
her heart an open door.
Send us, O Christ, your Body,
where people cry in pain,
and touch them with compassion
to make them whole again.

Greeting

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

C: And also with you

A: This is the day that the Lord has made.

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

A: O Come let us worship and bow down;

C: Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

*A: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth
forevermore.*

**C: From the raising of the sun to its setting, the name of the
Lord is to be praised.**

*A: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to the Most
High.*

**C: To declare the Lord's love in the morning and the Lord's
faithfulness at the close of the day.**

P: Blessed is the One who redeems and saves us.

C: Blessed is our God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

ELW Setting 2

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Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray:

C: Gracious God, you call all people to serve you. We give you thanks for the many women of the past and the present who have responded to your calling with courage, wisdom, and love. Strengthen all the women today who offer their leadership in the Church, that together, sisters and brothers in Christ, we may all be your hands and voice in this world so in need of good works and good words. Amen.

First Lesson

Exodus 2

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and gave birth to a son and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him from Pharaoh's death squads for three months. When she could hide him no longer, she got a little ark made of papyrus for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch. Then she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. Now his sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

Now Pharaoh's daughter went down to bathe at the Nile, and her attendants walked along the Nile. She saw the little ark among

the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. She opened it and saw him, the child! It was a boy, crying!

She pitied him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children."

Then the boy's sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "May I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?"

Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go!"

So, the girl went and called the child's mother.

Pharaoh's daughter unknowingly said to the child's mother, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will pay you a salary."

So, the woman took the child and nursed it.

When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and Pharaoh's daughter took him as her own son. She named him, "Moses," [he-who-draws out-out] "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Reader: The Word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

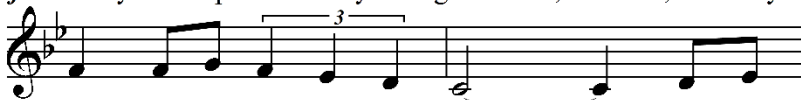
Psalms

Mary's Song, "The Magnificat"

Luke 2



Refrain: My soul pro-claims your great-ness, O God, and my



spir - it re - joic - es in you, You have



looked with love on your ser - vant here, and

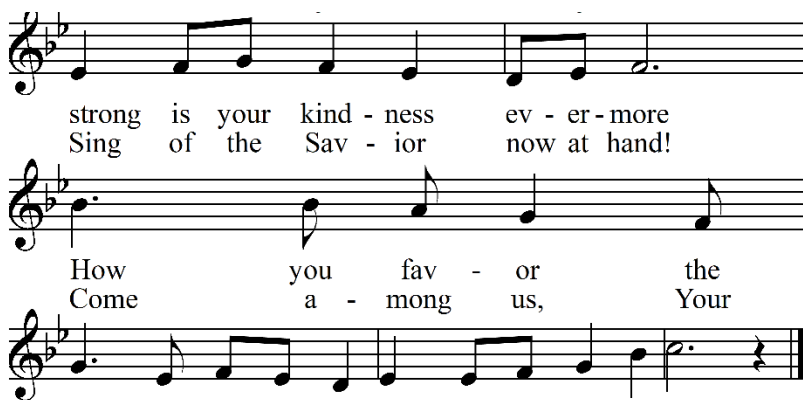


blessed me all my life through.



1. Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,

2. All Your bless - ings de - clared through - out the land,



weak and low - ly one, hum-bling the proud of heart. *Refrain*
Word, so meek and mild, He is the Ho - ly Child!

Second Lesson

Romans 16

St. Paul writes: I recommend to you Phoebe, our sister, who is also a minister of the church which is in Cenchrae, in order that you would receive her in the Lord as worthy of the saints and assist her in any practical things in which she might have need from you. For she became a patron of many, as well as myself.

Greet Prisca and Aquila, who work with me in Christ Jesus and who risked their necks for my life - to whom not only I give thanks, but so do all the churches of the Gentiles! Greet, also, the church that is in their house.

Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who was the first convert in Asia for Christ.

Greet Mary, who has worked very hard among you.

Greet Andronicus and Junia, my relatives who were in prison with me. They are prominent among the apostles and they were in Christ before I was.

Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord.

Greet Urbanus, our co- worker in Christ, and my beloved Stachys.

Greet Apelles, who is approved in Christ.

Greet those who belong to the family of Aristobulus.

Greet my relative, Herodion.

Greet those in the Lord who belong to the family of Narcissus.

Greet those workers in the Lord, Tryphaena and Tryphosa.

Greet the beloved Persis, who has worked hard in the Lord.
Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord; and greet his mother--a
mother to me also.

Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the
brothers and sisters who are with them.

Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas,
and all the saints who are with them.

Greet one another with a holy kiss.

All the churches of Christ greet you.

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Verse

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1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;

the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 7th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

Luke 7:36-8:3

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that Jesus was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment.

But seeing this, the Pharisee who had invited Jesus said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him-- that she is a sinner." Responding, Jesus said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you."

"Teacher," he replied, "Speak."

"A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not make their payments, the creditor canceled the debts for both of them. Who then, will love the creditor more?"

Simon answered, saying, "I assume the debtor who received the greater relief."

And Jesus said to him, "You have judged correctly."

Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven, because she loved with a wholistic love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little."

Then Jesus said to the woman, "Your sins are forgiven."

But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

And Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

And after this, Jesus went on through cities and villages proclaiming and evangelizing the kingdom of God. "The Twelve" were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and weakness: Mary, called Magdalene - from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna - the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who served them from whatever they had.

P: The Gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Love Divine

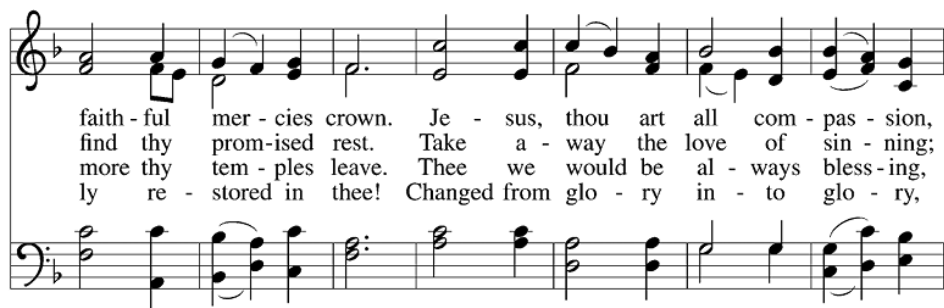
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1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

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 to the dead. 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 & Passing of the Peace

Offering / Offertory

We praise you, O God

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1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us.
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!



Use Your Phone to Give
Your Offering Now!

A: Let us Pray

C: Living God, we praise you for the abundant blessings of this life. In humble recognition of the love you always show to us, we bring these gifts and ourselves as our thanks. Use them and us to bear the fruit of goodness and grace so that your glory will be known to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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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.

P: It is indeed . . .

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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. 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 now and forever. Amen.

Distribution Hymns

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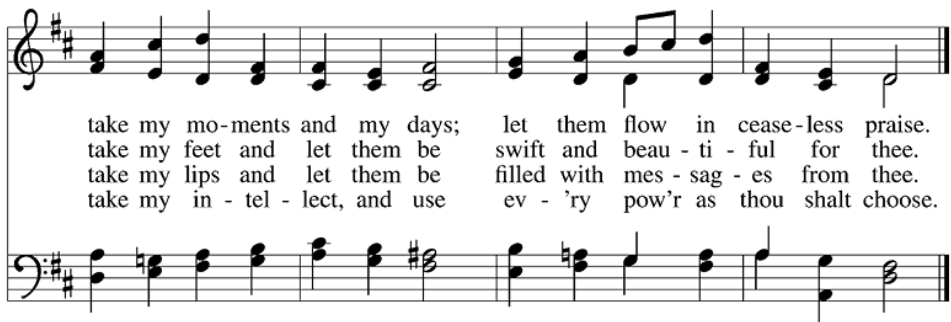
The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The first system contains the first four lines of the Lord's Prayer. The second system contains the next four lines. The third system contains the final line of the Lord's Prayer and the first line of the Distribution Hymns. The fourth system contains the next three lines of the Distribution Hymns. The piano accompaniment is written in the right hand of the grand staff, with chords and single notes. The vocal parts are written in the left hand of the grand staff, with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of 2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to 3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our 4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im - feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain - chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a - parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call. head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill. turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast. way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night - time
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant, too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo-ments and my days; let them flow in cease-less praise.
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau-ti-ful for thee.
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes-sag-es from thee.
 take my in-tel-lect, and use ev-'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself, and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee.

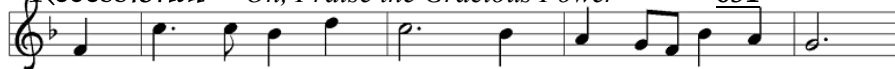
Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

Benediction

Recessional

Oh, Praise the Gracious Power

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- 1 Oh, praise the gra-cious pow'r that tum-bles walls of fear
- 2 Oh, praise per-sis-tent truth that o-pens fist-ed minds
- 3 Oh, praise in-clu-sive love, en-cir-cling ev-'ry race,
- 4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,
- 5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev-'ry shore



and gath-ers in one house of faith all strang-ers far and near:
 and eas-es from their anx-ious clutch the prej-u-dice that blinds:
 ob-liv-i-ous to gen-der, wealth, to so-cial rank or place:
 a liv-ing tem-ple built on Christ, our rock and cor-ner-stone:
 with vi-sions of a world at peace, no lon-ger bled by war:

Refrain



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth,
 the love, the word, the tide.
 Yet more than these, oh, praise their source,
 praise Christ the crucified: *Refrain*

Oh, praise the living Christ
 with faith's bright songful voice!
 Announced the gospel to the world
 and with these words rejoice: *Refrain*

Dismissal A: Go in peace, serve the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!