

Outdoor Worship

July 27, 2025

Opening

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

C: Amen.

P: Praise the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.

C: Those who keep the Sabbath and call it a delight shall rejoice in God's kingdom.

P: All who hallow the seventh day shall be gladdened by God's goodness.

C: This day is the festival of the spirit, sanctified and blessed by God, the most precious of days, a symbol of the joy of creation.

Gathering Hymn



Lord pre - pare me to be a sanc-tu - a - ry
I will live Lord, as you ask me,
With your Spir - it, Fath-er, fill me;
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,



pure and ho - ly tried and true - -
find - ing truth in your com - man - -
let me know your pres-ence he - - -
Al - le - lu - ia, A - men. _____



- With thanks - giv - ing I'll be a li - ving
ds 'Gainst all e - vils and temp - ta - tions,
re. I am long - ing for your sal - va - tion.
— Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,



sanc - tu - a - ry fo - r you.
as your faith - ful, I will stand.
Come, I want you to be near.
Al - le - lu - ia, A - men.

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.

Dialog & Prayer of the Day

P: For the beauty of the earth, Creator God,

C: We give you thanks.

P: For the rich abundance of the natural order, Lord,

C: We give you thanks.

P: For the many ways that you provide for all creation, Sustainer,

C: We give you thanks.

P: For the material things that enable our survival and provide for our comfort, gracious God,

C: We give you thanks.

P: As we strive first for the Kingdom of God and its righteousness,

C: Teach us to pursue the work of justice.

P: We live in a world that has the resources to satisfy everyone's hunger, if only we will share our food.

C: Teach us to love kindness.

P: We long to live lives characterized by reckless generosity and hospitality.

C: Teach us to walk humbly with you.

P: We commit to sharing all that you have entrusted to us with all people,

C: That in so doing, we might be transformed into more faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

P: Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, come nurture our hearts, our minds and our souls with the wisdom of your word, the grace of your table and the encouragement of our fellowship. Refresh and sustain us for this life and for our hope in the eternal life promised through your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Abraham Deepens His Understanding of God

Then the men who had visited Abraham and Sarah set out from his tent, and they looked toward Sodom and Abraham went with them to set them on their way.

Now Yahweh, God, had thought, "Will I hide from Abraham what I am about to do? For Abraham is to become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth will find blessing through him. Indeed, I have known him - that he may instruct his children and his household after him to keep the way of Yahweh - to do what is right and just so that Yahweh may bring upon Abraham what Yahweh spoke concerning him."

So, Yahweh said, "The outcry of Sodom and Gomorrah - how great it is! And their sin - how exceedingly heavy it weighs! Now let me go down and see what is happening there. If they have done the things that have been cried out to me, then, destruction! And if not, I wish to know."

So, those who had been visiting Abraham turned from there, and went toward Sodom while Abraham remained standing before Yahweh.

Abraham came near and said, "Will you really sweep away the innocent with the guilty? Suppose there are fifty innocent people within the city; will you really sweep it away? Will you not bear with the place because of the fifty innocent people who are in it? May you have a curse if you do such a thing - to deal death to the innocent along with the guilty, that it should come about: 'like the innocent, like the guilty.' May you have a curse! The judge of all the earth - will this judge not do what is just?"

And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous people in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake."

Abraham spoke up and said, "Now pray, I have ventured to speak to my Lord and I am but dust and ashes . . . Perhaps of the fifty innocent, five will be lacking - Will you bring ruin upon the whole city because of the five?"

Yahweh said, "I will not bring ruin if I find there are forty-five."

But Abraham continued to speak to Yahweh and said, "Perhaps there will be found there only forty!"

Yahweh said, "I will not do it for the sake of the forty."

But Abraham said, "Pray, do not let my Lord be angry that I speak further . . . Perhaps there will be found there only thirty."

Yahweh said, "I will not do it, if I find there thirty."

But Abraham said, "Now pray, I have ventured to speak to my Lord . . . Perhaps there will be found there only twenty."

Yahweh said, "I will not bring ruin for the sake of twenty."

But Abraham said: "Pray let my Lord not be angry that I speak further just this one time . . . Perhaps there will be found there only ten."

Yahweh said: "I will not bring ruin for the sake of ten."

Yahweh left as soon as this conversation with Abraham ended, and Abraham returned to his place.

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

Psal^m

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*I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;*

**I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name
for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;**

*For you have exalted your name
and your word above everything.*

**On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.**

*All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.*

**They will sing of the ways of the Lord,
for great is the glory of the Lord.**

*For though the Lord is high, the Lord regards the lowly;
but the haughty the Lord perceives from far away.*

**Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;**

*You stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.*

**The Lord will fulfill the Lord's purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 11th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

Luke II

Jesus came to a certain place and was praying. When he stopped, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John the Baptizer taught his disciples to pray!"

So, Jesus said to them, "Whenever you may pray, say:

Father, your name has been made holy!

You have brought in your kingdom!

Give us day to day our daily bread!

And forgive us our sins, for we forgive all who owe us.

And do not bring us into temptation"

And Jesus said to them,

"Which of you will have a friend, and you go to your friend at midnight and say to your friend, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread! For, a friend of mine has come from the way and I have nothing to set before him' and he answers from within, 'Do not provide me with troubles! The door has already been closed and my children are with me in bed. I am not empowered to be rising up to give you things.' I tell you, even if, rising up, the friend will not give the friend things because the friend is a friend, still, because of the friend's shameless persistence. the friend, having gotten up, will give the friend as much as the friend needs. So, I say to you, ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened for you. For all the asking, receive, and the seeking, find, and for the knocking, it will be opened. But who among you, if the son asks the father for a fish, not fish, but a snake he will give him? Hey! - and if he will ask for an egg, he will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are possessing evil, know

how to give good gifts to your children - how much more the Father from heaven will give the Holy Spirit to those asking him!"

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Lord Teach Us How to Pray*

1. Lord, teach us how to pray As
2. Lord, teach us how to pray When
3. Lord, teach us how to pray When
4. Lord, teach us how to pray; Re -
5. Lord, teach us how to pray; Re -

once the twelve you taught, For we can nev - er
hearts are dull and dead, Or when we feel no
cares dis - tract the mind. Help us to wait in
kin - dle faith's bright flame, Un - til our faith leaps
mind us day by day That you wait ea - ger -

find the words To praise you as we ought.
thirst for you And faith, once firm, has fled.
qui - et - ness, A calm - er spir - it find.
up a - gain, To speak and praise your name.
ly to hear Be - fore we think to pray.

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

Words of Institution

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and responsible that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. We recall and proclaim that in your great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who came as the Messiah, reaching out to heal the sick and suffering, preaching good news to the poor, and inviting all to your table through his sacrifice on the cross.

In that night in which he was handed over . . .

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

Post Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray.

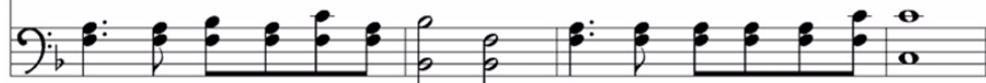
C: We rejoice that you use the harvests of the field, the fruit of the vineyard and the fellowship of the table to fulfill your promise of an abiding presence in our lives. As we leave this

sacred time lead us out to faithful lives that manifest that
 presense through all that we say and do. In Jesus' name we pray.
 Amen.

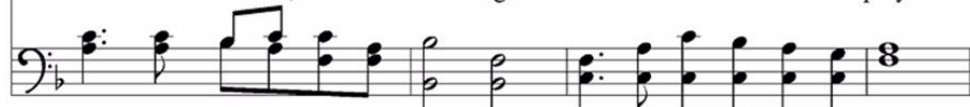
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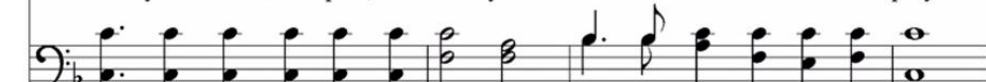
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum-bere'd with a load of care?



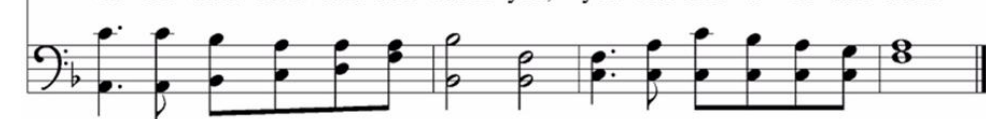
What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis-cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?
 Do your friends de-spise, for-sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so-lace there.



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