

Outdoor Worship

August 3, 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.

Everything is Vanity Apart from God

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven - it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me - and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet, they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun - this also is vanity. So, I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it - this also is vanity and a great evil.

What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For, all their days are full of pain and their work is a vexation. Even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity. There is nothing better for mortals than to eat and drink and find enjoyment in their toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God - for apart from God who can eat, or who can have enjoyment?

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

Psalm

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*Hear this, all you peoples;
give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
both low and high,
rich and poor together.*

**My mouth shall speak wisdom;
the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.**

*I will incline my ear to a proverb;
I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.*

Why should I fear in times of trouble,

**when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,
those who trust in their wealth
and boast of the abundance of their riches? R**

*Truly, no ransom avails for one's life,
there is no price one can give to God for it.*

**For the ransom of life is costly,
And can never suffice that one should live on forever
and never see the grave. R**

*When we look at the wise, they die;
fool and dolt perish together
and leave their wealth to others.*

**Their graves are their homes forever,
their dwelling places to all generations,
though they named lands their own.**

*Mortals cannot abide in their pomp;
they are like the animals that perish. R*

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 12th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

Luke 12

Meanwhile, the myriads of the crowds gathered so that they trampled on one another. Jesus began to speak first to his disciples . . . But someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me."

But Jesus said to him, "Mortal, who has brought me down as "Judge" and "Divider" over you?

But Jesus said to the crowd, "Look! Be on your guard against all covetousness – this thinking that your life would be better if you just had what others had - because your life is not derived from the abundance of what you are possessing!"

Then Jesus told the crowd a parable:

"A certain rich man's land bore well. And in the rich man's inner dialogue he said to himself, 'What can I do? For, I have nowhere

that I might gather these fruits of mine?'

And he said, 'This is what I will do! I will take down my storehouses and build huge ones, and there I will gather all the grain and the good things that are mine, and I will say to my inner-being, 'Inner-being, you have many good things being preserved for many years ahead! Relax! Eat! Drink! Be made to bear merriment!'

But God said to him, 'Foolish! This very night your inner-being is demanded back from you. So, now, what you have prepared, whose will they be?'

Thus it is with their stockpiling and not enriching themselves in God.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

1. For God risk ev - 'ry - thing! Since ev - 'ry-thing we
2. How shriv-eled, Lord, the soul That grips what it re -
3. From hearts that hide and hoard The treas - ures that you

own, Our laugh - ter, tears, the songs we sing, Our
ceives And dares not free its an - xious hold But
send Free us, till we by faith, O Lord, Shall

breath, our flesh and bone, Are no more ours to
fool - ish - ly be - lieves That you are too se -
act as you in - tend, Till we risk all for

keep Than wind that rush - es by Or dreams that flick - er
vere To par - don an - y loss, For - get - ting how your
you, Risk ev - 'ry-thing you give, And risk - ing, learn what

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 presence through all that we say and do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Benediction/Recessional

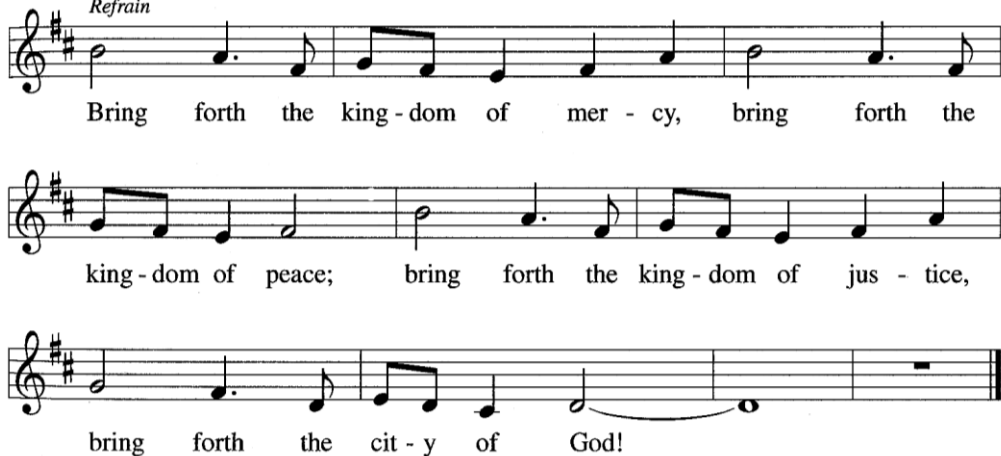


- 1 You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple: salt for the king - dom of God!
- 2 You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple: light for the cit - y of God!
- 3 You are a seed of the word, O peo - ple: bring forth the king - dom of God!
- 4 We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple: bound for the king - dom of God!



Share the fla - vor of life, O peo - ple: life in the king - dom of God!
Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple: shine for the king - dom of God!
Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of jus - tice, grow in the king - dom of God!
Love our jour - ney and love our home - land: love is the king - dom of God!

Refrain



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

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