



Prelude & Confession & Absolution

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

P: 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.

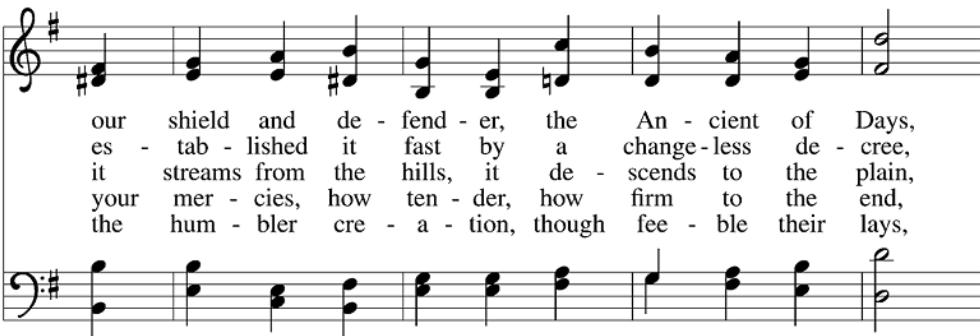
P: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and full of steadfast love. [Exodus 34:6] Therefore, in obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.



1 Oh, wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.
 2 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 3 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
 4 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,
 5 O mea - sure - less might, in - ef - fa - ble love,



Oh, grate - ful - ly sing God's pow - er and love;
 Al - might - y, your pow'r has found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
 while an - gels de - light to hymn you a - bove,



our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,
 the hum - bler cre - a - tion, though fee - ble their lays,



pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our mak - er, de - fend - er, re - deem - er, and friend.
 with true ad - o - ra - tion shall sing to your praise.

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

Kyrie

ELW Setting 2

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

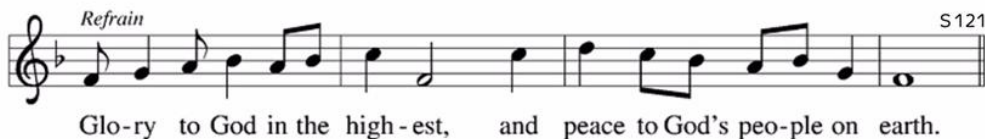


P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Hymn of Praise

ELW Setting 2





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,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Prayer of the Day

P: You are the treasured people of the Lord,

C: A people holy to the Lord our God.

A: We have seen what our God has done

C: We declare God's faithfulness from age to age for all time.

A: We hear and keep God's Word,

C: And all that God has spoken we will do.

P: Let us pray:

C: Father in Heaven, you speak words of grace and life. Do not let our words lead others to despair or error, but filled with the Spirit, let us speak faithfully of Your power and purpose in all we say and do. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Word of our Salvation, Amen.

LESSON

Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

The word of the Lord came to me, Ezekiel, saying:

What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel: "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge?" As I live, says the Lord God, you will not use this proverb again in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that truly dies.

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is it really *my* ways that are unfair?! No! It is actually *your* ways that are unfair! When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit sin, they will die for it. But, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they will save their lives - because they thought about what they were doing and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed - they will certainly live - they will not die.

Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair!" O house of Israel, are *my* ways unfair?! Is it not *your* ways that are unfair?? Therefore, I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to *your* ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

R: The word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm

Psalm 25

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust;

do not let me be put to shame;

do not let my enemies exult over me.

*Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.*

**Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.**

*Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.*

**Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**

*Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O Lord!*

**Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore the Lord instructs sinners in the way.**

LESSON

Philippians 2:1-13

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any fellowship in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, then make my joy complete by having the same evaluative point of view! Have the same love. Have the same evaluative point of view on doing nothing from selfish ambition or from conceit but, let your humility guide the elevating of each other above yourself so that you are not contemplating yourself, but contemplating each other. This kind of evaluative point of view that was in Christ should now also be in you. Christ, who, existing in the form of God, considered it no treasure to be God's equal, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, appearing in human likeness. And so figured, being found as human, humbled himself, becoming obedient as far as death - and death on a cross! Therefore, God also highly exalted him and freely gave him the name that is above all names, so that in the name of Jesus every knee may bend, heavenly, earthly and subterranean, and every tongue may confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only while I was with you but, much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Do all things without murmuring and internal scheming, so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a generation crooked and misinterpreting reality. In the midst of them you will shine like stars!

R: The word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

Verse

ELW Setting 3
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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

Matthew 21

Parable of the Vineyard Owner who asks His Sons to Work

In the last few days before his death, Jesus was in the Temple being challenged by the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus responded by telling three parables. This was the first parable. Jesus said . . .

"But what do you think about this story? A man has two sons and coming to the first son he says, 'Go off and work in the vineyard!' But replying, the first son says to his father, 'I don't want to.' However, later, being repentant, he goes off into the vineyard. Then, coming to the second son, the Father says likewise, and, answering, that son says, 'Yes, Lord,' but he does not go off into the vineyard.

Which of the two works the will of the father?"

The Jewish religious leaders said, "The first."

Jesus says to them, "Amen, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go before you into the kingdom of God. For John ("The Baptizer") comes to you in the Righteous Way and you do not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believe him. But you, seeing this - you do not repent later to believe him.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Oh God, My Faithful God* 806



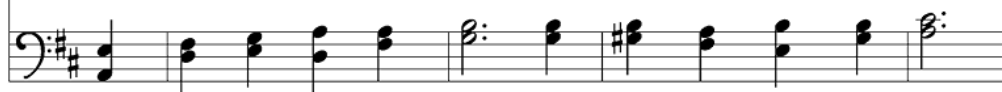
1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
 2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing
 3 Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing;
 4 When dan - gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;



with - out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:
 what - ev - er you com-mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing—
 guard me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;
 help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer - less;



give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in
 to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless
 but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,
 help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,



a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.
 what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.
 then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.
 and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.



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



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

A: Let us Pray

C: God of grace and abundance, we joyfully offer these gifts of thanks for your blessings in our lives. We pray that you find what we bring in this moment to be an acceptable and adequate reflection of our gratitude, that you will continue to look on us as your faithful people, worthy of your favor and beneficence. And with humbleness in the face of our hubris, we beg your forgiveness for our lack of attention, respect and care for all you provide. 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 . . .

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r 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 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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1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king-dom come, O Lord.



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still
 2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;
 3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath

to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.
 your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.
 we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—

You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my
 It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your
 de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple

bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"
 bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.
 dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

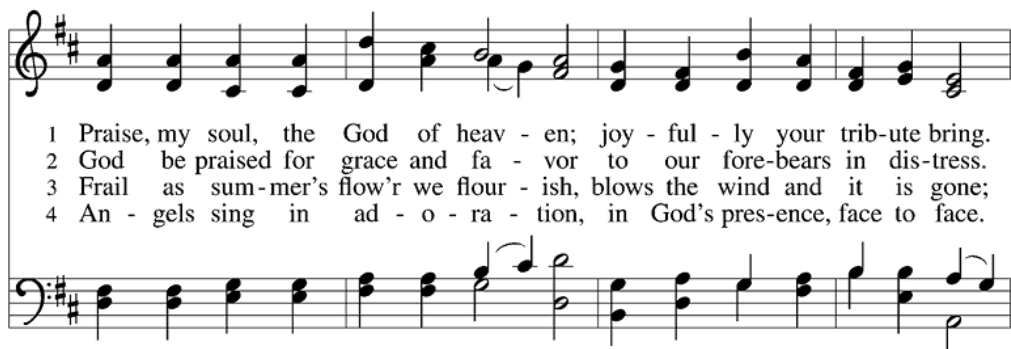
Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

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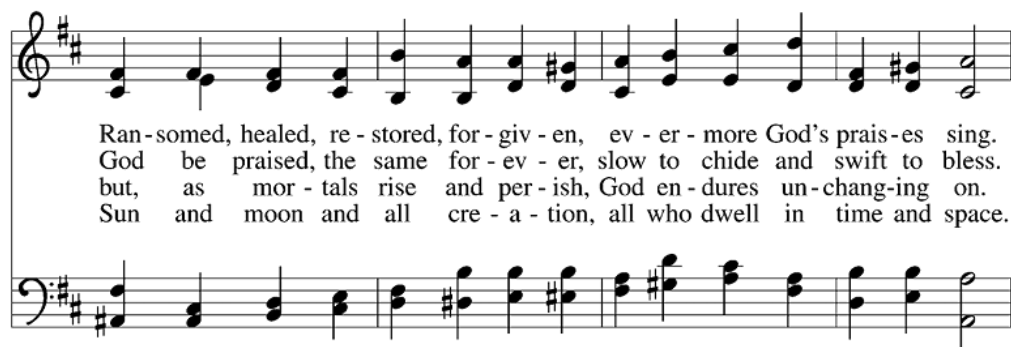
Recessional

Praise My Soul the God of Heaven

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1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.
2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.
God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

Dismissal

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



Sunday, August 23rd

Deadline to RSVP to August Dining Out

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Outdoor worship

11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, August 24th

4:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 25th

7:30 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting

3:00 p.m. Worship & Music Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 26th

9:00 a.m. Peacemakers Quilting Group

Thursday, August 27th

6:00 p.m. Grace Dining Out @ Oscars

Sunday, August 30th

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. LAST outdoor worship for the summer

11:00 a.m. Worship

Grace thanks Bryan Carson's father's company, "Perfect Pitch Gutters" for solving Grace's gutter overflow and clogging issues so quickly and reasonably! If you need any work on your own gutters, here is their information:

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