

Outdoor Worship

August 24, 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.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

Psalm

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*I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.*

**Every day I will bless you,
and praise your name forever and ever.**

*Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
The Lord's greatness is unsearchable.*

**One generation will laud your works to another,
and will declare your mighty acts.**

*On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.*

The might of your awesome deeds shall be

proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness.

*They will celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,
and will sing aloud of your righteousness.*

**The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

*The Lord is good to all,
and the Lord's compassion is over all that the Lord has
made.*

**All your works will give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful will bless you.**

*They will speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,
to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.*

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

*The Lord is faithful in all the Lord's words,
and gracious in all the Lord's deeds.*

**The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.**

*The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.*

**You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.**

*The Lord is just in all the Lord's ways,
and kind in all the Lord's doings.*

**The Lord is near to all who call on the Lord,
to all who call on the Lord in truth.**

*The Lord fulfills the desire of all who fear the Lord;
The Lord also hears their cry, and saves them.*

**The Lord watches over all who love the Lord,
but all the wicked, the Lord will destroy.**

*My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
and all flesh will bless the Lord's holy name forever and
ever.*

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

Luke 13

Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, a woman's spirit was experiencing weakness for eighteen years, bending her over and not giving her the strength to straighten up completely.

But seeing her, Jesus called to her and said, "Woman, you are released from this weakness."

And Jesus laid his hands on her and instantly she was straightened, and she glorified God.

But in response the leader of the synagogue, who was indignant because Jesus healed on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days in which it is divinely ordained to work. In those, then, come to be healed - not on the Sabbath day."

But answering him, the Lord said, "Hypocrites, does not each of you on the Sabbath let loose his ox or his donkey from the manger, and having led it away, it drinks? But this woman, who is a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound, behold, for ten and eight years, is it not divinely ordained to release her from this bond on the sabbath day?"

And when Jesus said this, all those who were opposing him were shamed, and the whole crowd rejoiced over all the glorious things being done by Jesus.

Therefore, Jesus said, "What is the kingdom of God like and to what will I liken it? It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and then threw into his garden, where it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the heaven tabernacled in its branches."

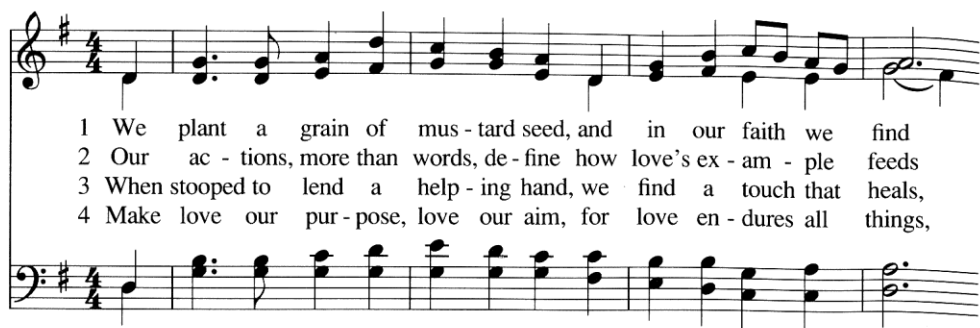
And again, Jesus said, "To what will I liken the kingdom of God? It is like yeast, which having taken, a woman encrypts into flour - three measures - until it ferments completely."

And Jesus passed on through towns and villages, making his journey into Jerusalem.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed*



1 We plant a grain of mus - tard seed, and in our faith we find
2 Our ac - tions, more than words, de - fine how love's ex - am - ple feeds
3 When stooped to lend a help - ing hand, we find a touch that heals,
4 Make love our pur - pose, love our aim, for love en - dures all things,



the proof of God is love, in - deed, which blos - soms from its kind.
a great - er love, for love di - vine bursts forth from small - est seeds.
for love in - vest - ed will ex - pand to bear the fruit love yields.
and choos - ing love our lives will claim the peace for - give - ness brings.

5 So may our new be-gin-nings prove,
like liv-ing bread and wine,
that through our com-mon hu-man love
we taste what is di-vine;
that through our com-mon hu-man love
we taste what is di-vine.

6 Our lives will be ful-filled and blessed
if through the seeds we've sown
and by the love that we pro-fess
the love of Christ is known;
and by the love that we pro-fess
the love of Christ is known.

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 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.

when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems. The first system contains five lines of lyrics, and the second system contains three lines. The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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

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