

Prelude: Faith of our Fathers – arr. Callahan

Bible Verse: Joel 2:13

Return to the Lord your God,
For he is gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger,
And abounding in steadfast love.

Welcome

Please fill out the friendship pad in your pew, (please be sure to date the top of the page.)

Please stand

Confession and Forgiveness

The confession will be prayed in dialog between the SOUTH SIDE (windows side) and the NORTH SIDE (pulpit side). The SOUTH and NORTH sides shall now turn and face one another (with center aisle between them).

North: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned by my own fault in thought, word and deed. I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

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Gathering Hymn: ELW#805, Lead On, O King Eternal!

Greeting

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

Kyrie: ELW Page 184 (setting 8)

Refrain

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Prayer of the Day:

Let us pray, together:

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation: ELW Page 189 (setting 8)

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

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Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

The holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

Children's Sermon, 10:30 am only

Sermon

Please stand

Hymn of the Day: O Christ The Same, *see attached photocopy*

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 power of 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

Please kneel as you are able

Prayers of Intercession:

Your Response today is: **Your mercy is great.**

Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation.

A brief silence.

Compassionate God, call your people to stand firm as citizens of heaven. As we are humbled by your wondrous love, nurture such mercy in our hearts and ministries. Bless us in our mission to know, live and share your word. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Display your faithfulness to creation in the changing of the seasons. Orchestrate the great song of praise that comes from rivers, birds, mountains, livestock, and wind. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Drown out the terror in the world with acts of lovingkindness and generosity. Release political leaders from pride and fear to act justly and to serve citizens. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rush to answer those who cry out to you in time of trial. Give shelter to your vulnerable children, and cover them in the comfort of your mothering wings. Today we especially pray for: Karen Wendland, Pastor Susan Lynch, Edie Reed, Ruth Anderson, Kennette Anderson, Mereda Senter, Ann White, Mandi Barnett, Dean Phillips, Louise Williams, Michelle Shea, Julia Adams, Gail Morris, Hedy Tranchitella, Susan Scheivert, Sam Horton, Sonny Reeder-Horton, Dick & Mary Barringer, Dick Whiteman, Justin Roland, Judy Rose, Jennifer Jimenez, Kasen Colbach. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Grant solace to people who long to be parents, but have faced difficulty in bearing or adopting children. Build life-giving parent and child relationships for the sake of all. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Build up your holy community of saints through the work of bishops and missionaries. Spread your word through your people for the sake of the world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of wonder, hear the prayers of your servants as we express our needs in the silence of the moment and the privacy of our hearts.....(long silence).....Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please be seated

Offering

Offertory: 8:00 am: A Celtic Set for Lent – arr. Keesecker
10:30 am: God So Loved The World – Goss, Adult Choir

Please stand

Offertory Response: ELW #725, When The Poor Ones, vs. 1 & 4

When the poor ones, who have nothing, still are giving;
when the thirsty pass the cup, water to share;
when the wounded offer others strength and healing;
We see God, here by our side, walking our way;
we see God, here by our side, walking our way.

When the goodness poured from heaven fills our dwellings;
when the nations work to change war into peace;
when the stranger is accepted as our neighbor;
We see God, here by our side, walking our way;
we see God, here by our side, walking our way.

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Presentation of Gifts - Offering Prayer

Let us pray, together:

Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land, and you provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And Also 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.**

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

Invitation To Communion

Christ has prepared the feast.

Let us go to the table where all are welcomed home!

Lamb of God: ELW, Page 191, (setting 8)



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Please be seated. Ushers will direct you to the communion railing.

Distribution

Communion Music: What Grace Is Mine, Getty

Verse 1

What grace is mine, That He who dwells in endless light called through the night To find my distant soul,
And from His scars poured mercy that would plead for me that I might live and in His name be known?

Chorus

So I will go wherever He is calling me.
I lose my life to find my life in Him.
I give my all to gain the hope that never dies.
I bow my heart take up my cross and follow Him.

Verse 2

What grace is mine to know His breath alive in me?
Beneath His wings, my wakened soul may soar.
All fear can flee, for death's dark night is overcome:
My Saviour lives and reigns forevermore.

Ending

I bow my heart take up my cross and follow Him

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ELW #759, My Faith Looks Up To Thee

Please stand

Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Benediction

God, who fills the creation with abundance, Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness, Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us, \mp bless you and bring you to life everlasting. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: ELW #812, Faith of Our Fathers

Announcements

Dismissal

Now go in peace, to Know, to Live, and to Share God's Word. **Thanks be to God.**