

PRELUDE

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" – arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above,
so we lift our hearts up to you, God, in praise and thanksgiving.
As we count our blessings, and acknowledge your goodness,
our hearts go out to those who do not have, and who are in need.
We thank you for plentiful harvests and full refrigerators
and ask that you supply the needs of those who are hungry.
We thank you for jobs that provide for our families and supply the needs of our society,
and pray that you would care for those who have no work, or the dignity and purpose it brings.
We thank you for opportunities and choices, for meaning and challenges,
and pray that you would give a sense of purpose to those who feel trapped.
We thank you for family and friends who love us and care for us
and pray that you would befriend those who are alone.
The abundance of the harvest is a symbol of the abundance of your love in our lives.
May we live in a spirit of gratitude to you and generosity to our neighbor.
Loving God, in this season and all year long, give to us the gift of a thankful heart,
so that we may acknowledge you as the giver of all that is good in our lives. Amen.
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CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the misuse of God's creation.
God, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully. Hear our prayer, and in your mercy: **forgive us and help us.**

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.
God, in your mercy: **forgive us and help us.**

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but ignore the cry of the hungry.
God, in your mercy: **forgive us and help us.**

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made.
God, in your mercy: **forgive us and help us.**

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven.
Father, in your mercy: **forgive us and help us.** — from Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England

Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, ☩ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free. **Amen.**

GREETING

Beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE *ELW page 203; setting 10*

**Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.
Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.
Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!**

HYMN OF PRAISE *ELW page 204; setting 10*

**Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.
Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(sit) READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Today's reading builds on the common, ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, God will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. ⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

READING: Psalm 46 *(Easy to Read Version)*

God is our protection and source of strength. God is always ready to help us in times of trouble. ² So we are not afraid when the earth quakes and the mountains fall into the sea. ³ We are not afraid when the seas become rough and dark and the mountains tremble. ⁴ There is a river whose streams bring happiness to God's city, to the holy city of God Most High. ⁵ God is in that city, so it will never be destroyed. God is there to help even before sunrise. ⁶ Nations will shake with fear and kingdoms will fall when God shouts and makes the earth move. ⁷ The Lord All-Powerful is with us. The God of Jacob is our place of safety. ⁸ Look at the powerful things the Lord has done. See the awesome things God has done on earth. ⁹ God stops wars all over the world. God breaks the soldiers' bows, shatters their spears, and burns their shields. ¹⁰ God says,

"Stop fighting and know that I am God! I am the one who defeats the nations; I am the one who controls the world." ¹¹ The Lord All-Powerful is with us. The God of Jacob is our place of safety.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Peg Smith

(stand) GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *ELW* page 205; *setting 10*

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43

The holy Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

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

(sit) SERMON

"Today"

Pastor Liz Woodward

(Stand) HYMN OF THE DAY

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

ELW #634

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.**

(sit) PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **Your mercy is great.**

RECONCILING IN CHRIST (RIC) STATEMENT

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

People may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and "peace be with you" or words of their choice.

OFFERING *Your gift continues our purpose of “Joyfully taking God’s love into the world!” Thank you!*



SPECIAL MUSIC

“In Praise of God” – Gordon Young

Adult Choir

GREAT THANKSGIVING *ELW page 206-207; setting 10*

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.**

It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav’n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORDS PRAYER

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.

INVITATION

There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

LAMB OF GOD *ELW Page 208; setting 10*



O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;

you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;

you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;

eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION SONG

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

ELW #694

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. **God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ’s name. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Risen Lord of the harvest, as the wild flower scatters its seeds far and wide, so may your people scatter the seed of hope in the soils of despair, bringing to growth those good things that are your gift and promise.

And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, rest on us and on all our work and worship done in God’s name. **Amen.**

~ Christopher Burkett, *Harvest for the World*, 2002.

(Stand) SENDING HYMN

“Praise & Thanksgiving”

ELW #689

BLESSING

Go in peace. Share the harvest. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” – arr. Melody Bober

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