

The Face of Grace
Sunday, June 23, 2024

Prelude

He is Lord

He is Lord, He is Lord, He is risen from the dead and He is Lord,
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's forgiveness, let us confess our sin.

To you, O God, all hearts are open and all desires known. We come to you confessing our failures by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us in your mercy and remember us in your love, that your face of grace might shine on us all.

Amen.

Beloved people of God: By the power of the Holy Spirit, God gives you a new birth. Through the dying and rising of Jesus Christ, God gives you new life. By the almighty power of God, you are forgiven all your sins. May the face of God bring you comfort, courage, and peace.

Amen.

Opening Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear; now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning.
And as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining!
Have you not seen all that is needful has been,
Sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the amen sound from his people again,
Gladly forever adore him.

Invocation

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

Kyrie

Kyrie Eleison means "Lord have mercy."

Refrain:

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, every day.

1. For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all
For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord... *(Refrain)*
2. That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor,
That we may live out truth and justice and grace,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord... *(Refrain)*
3. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family.
For life and for love, for our work and our play,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord... *(Refrain)*

Prayer of the Day

O God of creation, your eternal majesty presides over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

"Face of Grace" Litany

Esau ran to meet Jacob and embraced him, and they wept. Jacob said, "Please, if I find favor with you, then accept my present from my hand, for truly to see your face is like seeing the face of God. *(Genesis 33)*

May the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts. Such is the company of those who seek the face of God. *(Psalm 24)*

May the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me. *(Psalm 27)*

May the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.

For we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as servants for Jesus' sake. God has given us the light of the glory of God in the face of Christ. *(2 Corinthians 4)*

May the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.

Hymn

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh.
Awake and harken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be every life from sin, make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.

Stretch forth your hand, our health restore, and make us rise to fall no more.
O let your face upon us shine and fill the world with love divine.

Reading

Matthew 14: 22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Message

Hymn of the Day

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn,
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light,
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall,
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand, guide my feet hold my hand,
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Apostles' Creed

We believe in you, O God,

**Who spoke all life into being, author of heaven and earth, architect of time,
quilter of the cosmos. You shape our bodies from the dust of the ground,
and by your breath we are given life.**

We believe in you, O God,

**Who became incarnate in Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh, truly divine and truly human.
You lived among us to reveal your justice, died among us to break the bonds of sin and death,
and were raised among us to bring abundant life.**

We believe in you, O God,

**Who transforms us by the Holy Spirit, draws us into community, moves us to action,
and inspires us to hope against hope. You breathe new life into a fallen world and equip us
to proclaim the good news of resurrecting love.**

All thanks and praise to you, O God, our beginning and our end.

Amen.

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Offertory Response***Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am***

Take, oh, take me as I am, summon out what I shall be,
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Closing Prayer

Gracious Lord God, we have received from you more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us by your holy presence and your holy word, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. Help us to see the face of Christ in every person we meet. In your name we pray.

Amen.

The Lord's 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.**

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his face to you and grant you peace. In the name of the Creator, Christ, and Comforter. (Numbers 6)

Amen.

Closing Hymn***On Our Way Rejoicing***

On our way rejoicing, gladly let us go.
Christ our Lord has conquered, vanquished is the foe.
Christ without, our safety, Christ within, our joy,
Who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy?

Refrain:

On our way rejoicing, as we homeward move,
Hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!

Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing,
Unto God the Savior thankful hearts we bring,
Unto God the Spirit bow we and adore,
On our way rejoicing now and evermore. *(Refrain)*

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

In Our Prayers:

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