

Sunday, October 2, 2022

Prelude

Seek Ye First

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge that we do not love this world as Jesus does.

God of mercy and forgiveness,

We confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey so that we might walk in the light of your love. We pray this through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

Beloved of God, your sins are forgiven and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit so that we might be about God's purpose of Faithful Living and Changing Lives.

Amen.

Opening Hymn

God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

God who stretched the spangled heavens infinite in time and place,
Flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space.
We your children in your likeness share inventive powers with you,
Great Creator still creating show us what we yet may do.

We have ventured worlds undreamed of since the childhood of our race,
Known the ecstasy of winging through untraveled realms of space.
Probed the secrets of the atom, yielding unimagined power,
Facing us with life's destruction or our most triumphant hour.

As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew,
Children of creative purpose serving others honoring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor well begun,
Great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one.

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."

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 power, create in us new hearts!

Hymn of Praise

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 heaven 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

God of salvation, you rescued the Israelites at the edge of the Red Sea. Rescue us from the things of this world that threaten our lives and livelihoods, so that we might forever place our trust in you.

We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Reading

Exodus 14

Parting of the Red Sea

When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed toward the people, and they said, "What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?" So he had his chariot made ready, and took his army with him; he took six hundred picked chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them. As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still." Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the LORD

said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Message

Hymn of the Day

The River of God

1. Down the mountain the river flows and brings refreshing wherever it goes
Through the valleys and over the fields the river is rushing and the river is here

Chorus:

The river of God sets our feet a-dancing, The river of God fills our hearts with cheer
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter, And we rejoice for the river is here

2. The river of God is teeming with life and all who touch it can be revived
And those who linger on this river's shore will come back thirsting for more of the Lord (*Chorus*)
3. Up the mountain we love to go to find the presence of the Lord
Along the banks of the river we run, we dance with laughter giving praise to the Son (*Chorus*)

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.**

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Offertory Song

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 God of our abundant life, you have refreshed our hearts in this worship with the bread of life.
Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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

May Almighty God, Creator, Christ, and Comforter, keep you in God's light, God's truth, and God's love, now and forever.
Amen.

Closing Hymn

Lead On, O King Eternal

Lead on, O King Eternal, the day of march has come,
Henceforth in fields of conquest your tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong,
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King Eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace.
For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,
But deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King Eternal, we follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light,
The crown awaits the conquest, lead on, O God of might.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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In Our Prayers this Week:

Aiko Landgraf (niece of Sue Magnuson), Guenther Moesler
(father of Heidi Guetzkow), Allison Roosevelt (sister of Dana Vraspir),
Delmer Malo (father of Pam Olson), Rick & Laurie Mann,
Lyle Kuntz (father of Kim Kuntz), Deanna Nelson (sister of Elvina Nelson),
Sara Baluski (currently deployed in the U.S. military)