

Sunday, August 21, 2022

Prelude

Halle Halle Halle-lujah

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful God,

We confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When we meet those in need on the road, we have too often passed by on the other side. When gathered together by your Spirit, we choose to scatter ourselves to distant places, away from you and away from each other. Through your Spirit, gather us again and set us on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

Dear Friends, hear the good news! In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. You are free to live as God lives. The Holy Spirit has, indeed, gathered us once again, closer together, closer to God.

Amen.

Opening Hymn

Love Divine All Loves Excelling

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love Thou art,
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.
2. Breathe, oh breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast,
Let us all in thee inherit, let us find that promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning, Alpha and Omega be,
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
3. Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive,
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Invocation

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

A Litany of Gathering

Let the assembly of the people be gathered around you, O Lord,
as you take your seat on high. *(Psalm 7)*

Where two or three are gathered, O Lord, you are there.

May the name of the Lord be declared in Zion,
when the people gather together to serve the LORD. *(Psalm 102)*

Where two or three are gathered, O Lord, you are there.

Let the redeemed of the Lord be gathered from all the lands,
from the east and the west, from the north and the south. *(Psalm 107)*

Where two or three are gathered, O Lord, you are there.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem, and gathers the outcasts of the earth. *(Psalm 147)*

Where two or three are gathered, O Lord, you are there.

Just as the body is one and has many members, so it is with Christ.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. *(1 Corinthians 12)*

Where two or three are gathered, O Lord, you are there.

Jesus said, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." *(Matthew 18)*

Where two or three are gathered, O Lord, you are there.

Hymn of Praise

Gather Us In

Chorus:

Gather us in, gather us in,
God only knows where we have been,
Gather us in, gather us in.

We have come for mercy, we have come for peace,
We have come with heavy hearts,
Looking for release. *(Chorus)*

God is God of mercy, God is God of peace,
God has felt our heavy hearts,
God has set them free. *(Chorus)*

Opening Prayer

Gracious Lord God, you have promised that, where two or three are gathered in your name, you are there in the midst of them. Be in the midst of us now, and bless this gathering with your holy presence so that we might be filled with your light, your life, and your love. In your name we pray.

Amen.

Reading

Matthew 18

Where Two or Three Are Gathered

Jesus said, "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Message

Pastor Engholm,
Jim Sandquist, Eileen Nelson

Hymn of the Day

Jerusalem My Happy Home

Jerusalem, my happy home, when shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?

O happy harbor of the saints, O sweet and pleasant soil!
In thee no sorrow may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.

Thy gardens and thy gallant walks continually are green,
There grow such sweet and pleasant flowers as nowhere else are seen.

There trees forevermore bear fruit and evermore do spring,
There evermore the angels sit and evermore do sing.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, God grant that I may see,
Thine endless joy, and of the same partaker ever be!

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.

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

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Closing Prayer

Almighty God, be our light in the darkness, and help us to follow the path you have set before us.
Give us your courage, your patience, and your peace, so that we might shine your light in the world.
We pray this through 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

Shine Jesus Shine

Lord the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining
Jesus light of the world shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me...

Chorus:

Shine Jesus shine, fill this land with the father's glory
Blaze spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire
Flow river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word, Lord and let there be light!

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me... (*Chorus*)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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In Our Prayers this Week:

Sean Weber, Leona Thorsbakken (mother of Sue Burke), Allison Roosevelt
(sister of Dana Vraspir), John Millar (husband of Nancy Pickering),
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)