

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us

pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

John Purifay

Sue Gates - Flute

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1–9

To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to the Lord will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways.

Ho, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,

for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found,

call upon him while he is near;

⁷Let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 63:1–8

¹O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where
there is no water.

²**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.**

³For your steadfast love is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.

⁴**So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name.**

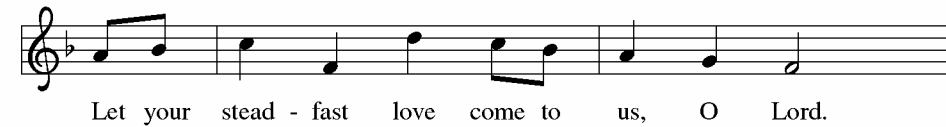
⁵My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

⁶**when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.**

⁷For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

⁸**My whole being clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.**

LENTEN VERSE



GOSPEL: Luke 13:1–9

Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the thirteenth chapter

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?" ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them — do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Tanya

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.**

OFFERING

The children are welcome to come forward and place their offerings
in the “For Children Everywhere” box.

OFFERING HYMN

“Jesus Loves Me”

ELW #595

OFFERING PRAYER

God our provider,
you do not feed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life.
Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered by the Spirit, let us return to the Lord our God and pray for the church, the world,
and all who yearn for new life.

A brief silence.

Merciful God, you call your church to be a witness to your steadfast love. Grant that the
work of ministers, teachers, missionaries, relief workers, and all the baptized may be faithful
and fruitful. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Creating God, all you have made is good. Teach us to care for the earth, the sea, the sky, and
all living things with love and reverence. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Just God, your ways are beyond human understanding. Give those in positions of authority
wisdom and compassion for all who suffer. Bring relief to victims of natural disasters,
violence, and oppression. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Faithful God, hear the cries of the sick and dying, the hungry and homeless, the lost and
forgotten. Bring healing and hope, food and shelter, love and compassion to all in need. Lord,
in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Loving God, teach us to seek your will in all things. Deepen our faith and give us strength to
follow wherever you lead us. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Eternal God, we give you thanks for all the faithful departed who now rest in you. Grant that
we might follow their example of faithful witness. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, you have commanded us to pray, and you promise to hear us. Hear the
prayers of your people and grant us all that we need, for the sake of the one in whose name
we pray, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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**

HOLY COMMUNION

(All are welcome at the Lord's table. Please come forward as directed by the ushers.)

Grape juice is available, please indicate to the server by raising your hand.

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

ELW #623 – “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

ELW #542 – “O Living Bread from Heaven”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven.

Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage:

may our fasting be hunger for justice;

our alms, a making of peace;

and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

The God who formed us in love,

who renews us through grace,

and who will transform us into glory,

+ bless you this day and always.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“There in God’s Garden”

ELW #342

POSTLUDE

“Father Most Holy”

David Cherwien

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