

*Introduction to the day: Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.*

## **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the diverse people of God.*

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### **OPENING SONG/PRELUDE**

*Lead Me to the Cross*

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*(sung by Wing & A Prayer only)*

## **WELCOME**

*The congregation invited to stand as they are able and face the baptismal font.*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of God,  
who makes a way in the wilderness,  
walks with us,  
and guides us in our pilgrimage.

**Amen.**

Holy One,  
**we confess that we have wandered far from you:  
we have not trusted your promises,  
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,  
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,  
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.  
Have mercy on us!**

**Forgive us and turn us again to you.**

**Teach us to follow in your ways,  
assure us again of your love,  
and help us to love our neighbor.**

**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,  
the Word draws near to you,  
and all who call out to God shall be saved.  
In Jesus, God comes to you again and again  
and gathers you under wings of love.  
In ✝ Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.  
God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

**Amen.**

*Please remain standing and turn to face the altar as you are able.*

**GATHERING SONG** *Shout to the Lord* ©Darlene Zschech

My Je - sus, my Sav - iour, Lord, there is none — like — You; .

4 D A/C# D A/E F#m G D/F#

— All of my days — I want to praise — the won - ders of Your might - y

8 E<sup>SUS</sup> E D/E A E F#m E

love. — My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength; .

12 D A/C# D A/E F#m G D/F#

— Let ev - 'ry breath, — all that I am, — nev - er cease to wor - ship

**CHORUS**

16 E<sup>SUS</sup> E A F#m D D/E E

You. — Shout to the Lord, — all the earth, — let us sing. —

19 A F#m D E<sup>SUS</sup> E F#m

Pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise — to the King. — Moun - tains bow down — and the seas .

22 D E F#m E/G#

— will roar — at the sound — of Your name. —

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25      A                  F#m                  D                  D/E    E                  A                  F#m

I sing for joy \_ at the work \_ of Your hands, \_ for - ev - er I'll love \_ You, for - ev -

28      D                  E<sup>sus</sup>                  E                  F#m

- er I'll stand, \_ noth - ing com - pares \_ to the prom -

30      D                  D/E                  E                  A

- ise I have \_ in You. \_\_\_\_\_

## GREETING

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

## KYRIE

*Kyrie*

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Leader

In peace, let us pray  
to the Lord

CONGREGATION



Lord\_ have mer cy,



Christ have mer - cy,



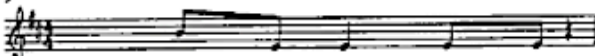
Lord have mer - cy.

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Leader

For the peace from above,  
and for our salvation, let us pray  
to the Lord

CONGREGATION



Lord\_ have mer- cy,



Christ have mer - cy,



Lord have mer - cy.

Leader

For peace in the world,  
for the health of God's church,  
and for all unity, let us pray  
to the Lord



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

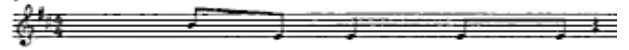
Let us pray.

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

CONGREGATION



Lord\_ have mer - cy,



Christ have mer - cy,



Lord have mer - cy.

Leader

For this holy house,  
and we who offer praise, let us pray  
to the Lord

CONGREGATION



Lord\_ have mer cy,



Christ have mer - cy,



Lord have mer - cy.

Leader

Help, save, comfort and defend us,  
gracious Lord

CONGREGATION



Lord\_ have mer- cy,



Christ have mer - cy,



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# WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

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## **FIRST READING:** Isaiah 43:16-21 (Lisa Kaufman-Chan)

*The prophet declares that long ago God performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, God is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus.*

*A reading from Isaiah.*

- <sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup>who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.  
<sup>20</sup>The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
<sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM:** Psalm 126 (Lisa Kaufman-Chan)

- <sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.  
<sup>2</sup>**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.**  
**Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”**  
<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.  
<sup>4</sup>**Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb.**  
<sup>5</sup>Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.  
<sup>6</sup>**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,**  
**will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

## **SECOND READING:** Philippians 3:4b-14 (Lisa Kaufman-Chan)

*Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.*

*A reading from Philippians.*

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one

that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **KIDS' MESSAGE**

(Lisa Herlocker)

*The congregation is invited to stand as they are able to welcome the Gospel*

**GOSPEL:** John 12:1-8 (Pastor Carolyn Brodt)

*Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.*

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**SERMON** (Amani Simbayobewe)

*The congregation is invited to stand as they are able*

## HYMN OF THE DAY *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* (ELW 335)



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

## CREED

Let us join with Christians throughout the world and confess our shared faith using the words of the 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.**

*Please be seated*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Lisa Kaufman-Chan)

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Do a new thing in the church. Free us from paradigms that no longer serve the gospel and bring forward leaders who imagine fresh ways of doing ministry. Give us courage in the face of change. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing for creation. Reverse the trajectory of climate change and environmental catastrophe. Revive habitats already impaired by human disregard. Amplify the voices of climate scientists and researchers working to chart a new course. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing in our world. Break barriers that prevent political enemies from working together for the well-being of all. Make a way for peace and collaboration among the nations. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for peace as war rages in Ukraine. Shelter all living in fear; protect those seeking refuge in neighboring countries; sustain families separated by the horrors of war; tend to those who are injured; comfort all who mourn their dead. Direct your people into the way of peace. In your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing for those who suffer. Reveal a path for any who are unemployed or underemployed, for those experiencing homelessness, and for all who struggle with money. Comfort those who grieve and restore those who are sick. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing within us. Direct us into encounters that broaden our understanding of the human experience. Amplify voices that are ignored or devalued. Deliver us especially from the scourge of racism. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing in our death. Fill us with the knowledge of Christ and the power of his resurrection as we give thanks for all the saints who have attained the prize of their heavenly call. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*(Prayer requests provided by congregation may be added here by Reader)*

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

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

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

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## **OFFERING**

*We acknowledge that all we have is a gift from God and in gratefulness we return to God a portion of the time, finances, and gifts that God has given us.  
Thank you so much for your continued support.*



## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray.

**Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy God,  
our living Water and our merciful Guide, together with rivers and seas, wells and springs  
we bless and magnify you.

You led your people Israel through the desert and provided them water from the rock.

We praise you for Christ,  
our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,  
he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection,  
we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your Spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast:  
wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**Amen**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us using the words of the language of our hearts.

**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 TO COMMUNION

Come to God's table.  
There is a place for you and enough for all.

*All are welcome to join in our communion celebration.  
Please follow the directions of Pastor Carolyn and the ushers.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.

**Amen.**

*The congregation is invited to stand as they are able.*

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## BLESSING

You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, ✝ bless you this day and always.

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

*You Are My King (Amazing Love)*

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I'm for-giv - en \_ be - cause You were \_ for-sak - en. I'm ac-cept-ed;



You were \_ con - demned. \_ I'm a - live \_ and well, \_ Your



Spir - it is \_ with-in \_ me be - cause You died \_ and rose \_ a - gain. \_

CHORUS

9 E A E

A-maz-ing love, \_ how \_ can it be \_ that You, my \_ King, \_ would die \_ for me? .

12 B<sup>sus</sup> B A/B E A

\_ A-maz - ing love, \_ I \_ know it's true; \_

15 E

Last time to Coda ⊕

1. B <sup>sus</sup> B A/B	2. B <sup>sus</sup> B
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it's my \_ joy \_ to hon - or You. \_ In all \_ I \_

BRIDGE

18 A B E E

\_ do \_ I hon - or You. \_ You are \_ my \_

22

\_ King, You are \_ my \_ King. Je - sus, You are \_ my \_

26 D.C. al Coda

\_ King. Je - sus, You are \_ my \_ King.

29 ⊕ Coda B<sup>sus</sup> B A B E

\_ In all \_ I \_ do \_ I hon - or You. \_

Please be seated.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*After brief announcements related to the ministry of Bethel, the congregation is invited to stand and face the font.*

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

**Thanks be to God and we will.**