

*Introduction to the day: Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.*

## **GATHERING**

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

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### **WELCOME**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Reconciling God,

**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,  
and we deny your presence in our lives.**

**We place our hope in ourselves  
and rely on our own efforts.**

**We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.**

**We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.**

**We fear difference and do not welcome others  
as you have welcomed us.**

**We sin in thought, word, and deed.**

**By your grace, forgive us;  
through your love, renew us;  
and in your Spirit, lead us;  
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life.**

**Amen.**

Beloved of God,

by the radical abundance of divine mercy

we have peace with God through ✝ Christ Jesus,

through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.

Our sins are forgiven.

Let us live now in hope.

For hope does not disappoint,

because God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### **GATHERING SONG** *I Will Call Upon the Lord*

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Feel free to try the motions too ☺*

I will call upon the Lord (echo)  
Who is worthy to be praised (echo)  
So shall I be safe from my enemies (echo)

The Lord liveth  
And blessed be the rock  
And may the God of our salvation  
Be exalted

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## **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.**

## **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**      *Deep and Wide*

*Please mute yourself and sign along with the Mt. Cross song leaders  
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Deep and wide, deep and wide  
There's a fountain flowing deep and wide  
Deep and wide, deep and wide  
There's a fountain flowing deep and wide *(repeat following leader directions)*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.  
O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **WORD**

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

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### **FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:9-18**      *(Linda Dunn)*

*A reading from 1 Kings.*

<sup>9</sup>At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>10</sup>He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left,

and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

<sup>11</sup>He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; <sup>12</sup>and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup>When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>14</sup>He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” <sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup>Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. <sup>18</sup>Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM:** Psalm 85:8-13

<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;  
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

<sup>9</sup>**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup>**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup>**Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

## **KIDS' MESSAGE**

*(Adam Erickson)*

## **SECOND READING:** Romans 10:5-15

*(Lisa Kaufman-Chan)*

*A reading from Romans.*

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say?

“The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture

says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 14:22-33 *(Adam Erickson)*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds.<sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” <sup>29</sup>He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** *(Adam Erickson)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY/CREED** *I Believe*

*Please mute yourself and sign along with the Mt. Cross song leaders  
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I believe, I do believe, truly I believe it  
Truly I believe it, truly I believe it  
I believe, I do believe, truly I believe it  
Truly I believe it, truly I believe it

I believe in God the Almighty Lord Creator  
Mighty Lord Creator, mighty Lord Creator  
I believe in God the Almighty Lord Creator  
Mighty Lord Creator, mighty Lord Creator

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I believe, I do believe, truly I believe it  
Truly I believe it, truly I believe it  
I believe, I do believe, truly I believe it  
Truly I believe it, truly I believe it

I believe in Jesus the Savior of the People  
Savior of the People, Savior of the People  
I believe in Jesus the Savior of the People  
Savior of the People, Savior of the People

I believe, I do believe, truly I believe it  
Truly I believe it, truly I believe it  
I believe, I do believe, truly I believe it  
Truly I believe it, truly I believe it

And I do believe in the power of the Spirit  
Power of the Spirit, power of the Spirit  
And I do believe in the power of the Spirit  
Power of the Spirit, power of the Spirit

I believe, I do believe, truly I believe it  
Truly I believe it, truly I believe it  
I believe, I do believe, truly I believe it  
Truly I believe it, truly I believe it

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** *(Kristen Blackburn)*

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

For your whole church throughout the world. Give courage in the midst of storms, so that we see and hear Jesus calling: "Take heart, it is I: do not be afraid." May we follow Christ wherever he leads. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For the well-being of your creation. Protect waterways, forests, lands, and wildlife from exploitation and abuse. Help the human family endeavor to sustain and be sustained by the resources of your hand. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For the nations and their leaders. In you, steadfast love and faithfulness meet, and righteousness and peace kiss. May nations in conflict know the peace that is the fruit of justice, and the justice that is the path to peace. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For those in need. Everyone who calls upon your name will be saved. Accompany all who are lonely, hear the voices of those who cry out in anguish, and support those who are frustrated in their search for an affordable place to live. We pray for those suffering this day. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For our congregation. You have gathered us here today as your people and we thank you for this gift. We pray for those who are new to this community, for students and teachers preparing for a

new school year, and for those struggling with unexpected hardship. Supply us generously with your grace for our life together. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks, O God, for the saints of the whole church from all times and places, and for the saints in our lives and in our community whom you have gathered to yourself. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Members may share additional prayer concerns at this time.*

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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 in these unusual times.*

*Please remember to continue to give to Bethel as you are able; either online or through the mail.*

*And this week, consider a special gift to support Mt. Cross*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

*Fill My Cup*

*Please mute yourself and sign along with the Mt. Cross song leaders*

*Feel free to try the motions too 😊*

*Chorus:* Fill my cup and let it overflow – oh – oh  
Fill my cup and let it overflow – oh yeah  
Fill my cup and let it overflow  
Let it overflow with lo – ove

Jesus loves me this I know – oh – oh  
For the Bible tells me so – oh yeah  
Little ones to him belong  
They are weak but he is str – ong *Chorus:*

Amazing grace how sweet the sound – oh – oh  
Saved a wretch like me – oh yeah  
Once was lost but now am found  
Was blind but now I see – ee *Chorus:*

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE** (ELW p. 108)

*(Pastor Allen Dunn)*

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.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.  
**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.**

## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

*During this time, you are invited to take communion in your home  
or to be in a time of prayer.*

*This may mean giving yourself the elements and that's OK.  
For others find what works best for you.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God of the welcome table,  
in this meal we have feasted on your goodness  
and have been united by your presence among us.  
Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts  
so that we may share your neighborly love with all,  
through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

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

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## **BLESSING**

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.  
God, the creator, Jesus, the Christ,  
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,  
bless you and keep you in eternal love.  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG**      *Psalm 25/To You O Lord*

*Please mute yourself and sign along with the Mt. Cross song leaders  
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To you O Lord I lift up my soul  
In you I trust O Lord  
To you O Lord I lift up my soul  
In you I trust O Lord

Higher than the mountains  
Deeper than the sea  
Wider than the oceans  
Is your love for me  
You're with me on the mountains  
And the valleys below  
You are right here beside me  
Ev'ry where that I go

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Set your hope on Christ.  
**Thanks be to God and we will.**

## **CELEBRATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please watch this special message from Mt. Cross and stick around for conversation and questions with Adam Erickson, Director of Mt. Cross*

*Don't forget to read the following pages for updates on Bethel ministries and ways you can get involved.*