

## Introduction to the day

It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

# GATHERING

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

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## PRELUDE

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

## WELCOME & OPENING DIALOGUE

Jesus Christ, we assemble with all your creatures in this circle of life.

**We ask you to join our circle and celebrate with us.**

Jesus Christ, as we join in celebration with you and all creation,

**We ask for your blessing, your *shalom*,  
on the creatures present here that we love,  
and all creatures celebrating in the wild.**

In the name of God, who creates all life,  
In the name of Jesus Christ, who redeems all life,  
and the name of the Spirit, who renews all life,  
we cry with all in the circle of life:

**Shalom! Shalom! Shalom! May your blessing come!**

## LITANY OF REPENTANCE AND LONGING

In the beginning, the Spirit over the deep;  
new life daily unfolding at God's call.

Darkness and light: Good.

Skies, lands, and seas: Good.

The earth and all that fills it—plants and rocks,  
the finned, the feathered, the furry: Good.

At the last, humankind in God's image: Very good.

Yet we have failed to draw from that goodness in care for God's creation.

**Forgive us, God, for the ways we have exploited earth and its creatures.**

We have misunderstood our calling to be protectors of God's creation.

**Forgive us, God, for the ways we have exploited earth and its creatures.**

We long for new relationships with God's creation that has been entrusted to us.

**Help us, God, to make a new community with all that lives alongside us.**

May the merciful God who calls us to tend earth and all its creatures, deepen our knowledge of creation's interweaving, so that our lives are shaped in wholeness and peace with all living things; in Jesus name.

**Amen.**

*Please remain standing*

## GATHERING SONG *All Things Bright and Beautiful* (WOV 767)



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



- 1 Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
- 2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tains, the riv - er run - ning by,
- 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
- 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



God made their glow - ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.  
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.  
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - 'ry one.  
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

## 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## WORD

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

**FIRST READING:** 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c (Patrick Gale)

*Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.*

*A reading from 2 Kings.*

<sup>1</sup>Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. <sup>2</sup>Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup>She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." <sup>7</sup>When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

<sup>8</sup>But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." <sup>9</sup>So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup>Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." <sup>11</sup>But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand <sup>12</sup>over the spot, and cure the leprosy! <sup>12</sup>Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup>But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" <sup>14</sup>So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

<sup>15a-c</sup>Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM:** Psalm 148 (Patrick Gale)

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

<sup>2</sup>**Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

<sup>3</sup>Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

<sup>4</sup>**Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,

<sup>6</sup>**who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law which shall not pass away.**

<sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

<sup>8</sup>**fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

<sup>9</sup>mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

<sup>10</sup>**wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**

<sup>11</sup>sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

<sup>12</sup>**young men and maidens, old and young together.**

<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD,

whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup>**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!**

## **SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 2:8-15** (Patrick Gale)

*Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, the word of God is never shackled or confined. Timothy is encouraged to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.*

*A reading from 2 Timothy.*

<sup>8</sup>Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, <sup>9</sup>for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup>The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

<sup>12</sup>if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

<sup>13</sup>if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

<sup>14</sup>Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. <sup>15</sup>Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **KIDS' MESSAGE** (Jeri Wartena)

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

## **GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19** (Pr. Carolyn Brodt)

*Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.*

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup>they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup>When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup>He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? <sup>18</sup>Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup>Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## **SERMON** (Pr. Carolyn Brodt)

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

## HYMN OF THE DAY *By Grace We Have Been Saved* (ACS 1006)

*Refrain*



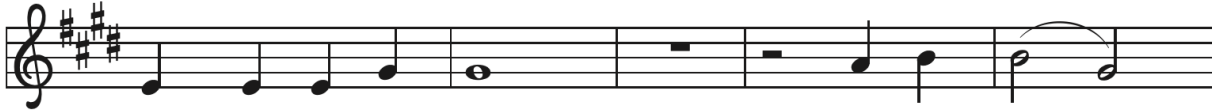
By grace we have been saved— saved by grace through faith,



not be-cause of what we do; it is the gift of God.



1 On the days when you are weak, on the  
2 Rest your bod - y, rest your mind, in the  
3 You don't need to be a - fraid. You will



days when you are strong, rich or poor,  
still - ness you will find you're a love - ly,  
nev - er be a - lone. There is mer - cy,



young or old, just lis - ten to the song.  
pre - cious child, part of the great de - sign.  
there is hope, and love will take you home.

## CREED

Let us join with Christians throughout the world this season of Pentecost 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** (Patrick Gale)

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

Gracious God, we give you thanks for bishops, pastors, and deacons who work for justice on behalf of your creation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Majestic God, we give you thanks for land and water, seedtime and harvest. Break down boundaries we construct between ourselves and the rest of your creation. Help us to care for the animals we don't see every day as much as those in our daily care. Bring renewal and restoration to places affected by pollution and deforestation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Mighty God, we thank you for the gift of animals in our lives. We thank you for animals that comfort us, delight us and give us companionship. We thank you for dogs, cats, birds, hamsters, guinea pigs and fish and all pets that make our lives better. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Merciful God, we thank you, for animals that give us wool and feathers to keep us warm. We thank you for animals that give us milk, cheese and eggs to help us grow and to keep us healthy. We thank you for horses, donkeys and oxen that work hard on farms around the world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Faithful God, we thank you, for animals that eat plants and fertilize the soil, making it richer and more fertile for new growth and new life. We thank you, God, for the gift of insects, and especially bees, to pollinate fruit and vegetable plants for us to eat and flowers to give us joy. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Eternal God, we thank you, Jesus, for being our Good Shepherd, for seeking us when we are lost, for showing us water to quench our thirst, and for leading us to green pastures. Help us to share our blessings with others and to help others have clean water and green pastures to feed and nourish their families, too. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

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

With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; 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.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.  
**Amen.**

## BLESSING OF ANIMALS

*Those who have brought pets (or a picture or toy, in the case of those animals who would not find it a blessing to be present) come forward for a prayer of blessing.*

Holy God, we thank you for the gift of animal's name. Through this animal you have brought many blessings. Bless this animal's life in our care; may *they* know love through all *their* days.  
**Amen.**

*When all have returned to their places, a wider blessing may be offered in these or similar words.*

Gracious and loving God, you place all living things into the care of humankind. We pray that companionship with household pets will deepen our care for animals everywhere. Help us to balance our needs with theirs, and lead us in ways of life together that will be sustainable for all. We pray in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,  
you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.  
You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,  
and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.  
You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food 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 given for us and his rising from the grave,  
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.  
By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:  
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,  
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.  
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 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**

Christ invites you to this table.  
Come, taste and see.

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

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God of the abundant table,  
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal  
with bread for the journey.  
Give us your grace on the road  
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

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## **SENDING**

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

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## **BLESSING**

God, who gives life to all things, bless us in our care for our pets and all of creation. May the Holy Trinity, + One God, guide you in protecting all creatures and the earth guarding them from evil, now and forever.  
**Amen**

## **SENDING SONG**

*All Creatures of Our God and King* (LBW 527)  
*Music & Lyrics on following page*



1 All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice with  
 2 O rush-ing wind and breez-es soft, O clouds that ride the  
 3 O flow-ing wa-ters, pure and clear, Make mu-sic for your  
 4 Dear moth-er earth, who day by day Un-folds rich bless-ings

us and sing: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 winds a - loft: Oh, . . . praise him! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Lord to hear. Oh, . . . praise him! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 on our way, Oh, . . . praise him! Al - le - lu - ia!

O burn-ing sun with gold-en beam And sil-ver moon  
 O ris-ing morn, in praise re-joice, O lights of eve-  
 O fire so mas-ter-ful and bright, Pro-vid-ing us  
 The fruits and flow'rs that ver-dant grow, Let them his praise

*Refrain*  
 with soft-er gleam:  
 ning, find a voice. Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!  
 with warmth and light,  
 a - bun-dant show.

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia!

*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, serving Christ and loving all of creation!  
**Thanks be to God and we will.**