

Our Saviour

Lutheran Church



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GATHERING

Gathering Song

Come, All You People

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Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
come now and worship the Lord.

Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
come now and worship the Lord.

Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come now and worship the Lord.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

The presiding minister may comment briefly upon the service of the day.

P Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Steadfast and faithful God,

C you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you.
We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering.
We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others.

**For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us.
For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation,
forgive us.**

**For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive
us.**

**Lead us back to you and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

Amen.

**P Beloved in Christ,
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.
God's compassion is beyond compare.
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.
In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven.**

C Amen.

Sharing the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

L Let us pray.

**L Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by
the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right,
and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

C Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

L A reading from Exodus.

¹God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

¹⁸When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, ¹⁹and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." ²⁰Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19

L We will read the Psalm responsively. The congregation will read the sections in bold print.

How clearly the sky reveals God's glory!

How plainly it shows what he has done!

**² Each day announces it to the following day;
each night repeats it to the next.**

³ No speech or words are used,
no sound is heard;

**⁴ yet their message goes out to all the world
and is heard to the ends of the earth.**

God made a home in the sky for the sun;

**⁵ it comes out in the morning like a happy bridegroom,
like an athlete eager to run a race.**

⁶ It starts at one end of the sky
and goes across to the other.
Nothing can hide from its heat.

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect;
it gives new strength.

**The commands of the LORD are trustworthy,
giving wisdom to those who lack it.**

⁸ The laws of the LORD are right,
and those who obey them are happy.

**The commands of the LORD are just
and give understanding to the mind.**

⁹ Reverence for the LORD is good;
it will continue forever.

**The judgments of the LORD are just;
they are always fair.**

¹⁰ They are more desirable than the finest gold;
they are sweeter than the purest honey.

¹¹ They give knowledge to me, your servant;
I am rewarded for obeying them.

¹² None of us can see our own errors;
deliver me, LORD, from hidden faults!

¹³ Keep me safe, also, from willful sins;
don't let them rule over me.

Then I shall be perfect
and free from the evil of sin.

¹⁴ **May my words and my thoughts be acceptable to you,
O LORD, my refuge and my redeemer!**

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

L A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Philippi.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised 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; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More 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 ⁹and 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. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not 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. ¹³Beloved, 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, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

The congregation remains seated during the multi-voice presentation of the lesson.

P The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus: ³³ Here is another story: A landowner planted a vineyard, put a wall around it, fitted it with a winepress, and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard and left town. ³⁴ When harvest time came, the landowner sent his servants to collect rent—in the form of grapes—*from his tenants*. ³⁵ The tenants attacked these rent-collecting servants. They killed one, stoned another, and beat a third. ³⁶ The *dismayed* landowner sent another band of servants *to try to collect his due*, a larger group of servants this time, but the tenants did the same thing—*capturing, beating, killing*. ³⁷ Finally the landowner sent his son to the tenants, thinking,

Landowner: They will at least respect my son.

Jesus: ³⁸ *But the tenants knew the son was the best way to get to the landowner*, so when they saw the son approaching they said,

Tenants: This is the landowner's heir apparent! Let's kill him and take his inheritance.

Jesus: ³⁹ And so they did; they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

⁴⁰ What do you think the landowner will do when he comes and sees those tenants?

Chief Priests and Elders: ⁴¹ He will eviscerate them, *to be sure!* Then he will rent the vineyard to other tenants who will pay him at harvest time.

Jesus: ⁴² I wonder if any of you has ever opened your own psalter:
The stone that the builders rejected

has become the very stone that holds together the entire foundation.

This is the work of the Eternal One,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

⁴³ Therefore, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to people who will tend its *sweet fruit and who will give the Creator His due*. [⁴⁴ He who falls on the stone will be broken to pieces, and he on whom the stone falls will be crushed.]

Narrator: ⁴⁵ And so the chief priests and the Pharisees, *the teachers and the elders*, knew that when Jesus told these stories He was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ *Not believing*, they looked for a way to arrest Him—*a stealthy way, though*. They were afraid *to make too bold a move against Him* because all the people believed He was a prophet.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

(Children come forward during "This Little Light of Mine".)

Sermon

Song of the Day

This is My Father's World

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This is my Father's world, and to my listn'ning ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world; I rest in me the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world: the birds their carols raise;
The morning light, the lily white,
declare their maker's praise.

This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
He speaks to me ev'rywhere.

This is my Father's world; oh, let me not forget
That, though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let heaven ring;
God reigns, let earth be glad!

Prayers of the People

When prompted, everyone is encouraged to call out names of people, places or organizations for which they are thankful or that are in need of God's care.

The minister begins the prayers:

P Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

Hear now the names we speak before you and each other.

The minister concludes the prayers:

P Into your hands, O God, we commend those for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

MEAL

Sharing Our Gifts

L Let us offer back to God what God has first given us: ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of his gracious love.

Our offerings support the work of the church here and around the world. Please pass the baskets from front to back. You may also make an offering online at www.oslc-warrenton.org by clicking the "DONATE" tab on the homepage. Thank you!

Offertory Song

We Are an Offering

W&P 146

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives,
they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,
we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering, we are an offering.

Offering Prayer

L Let us pray together. *[A brief pause]*
C God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you.
We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed.
Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

Dialogue

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Thanksgiving at the Table

P Holy God, mighty and merciful, your people praise you, saying:
Your mercy endures forever.
C Your mercy endures forever.

P By your promise
you bound yourself to earth and all its creatures,
granting them life and calling them to flourish,
setting the sign of your bow in the clouds,
the colors of your love and faithfulness.
Your mercy endures forever.

C Your mercy endures forever.

P By your promise
you bound yourself to your people of old,
blessing them with family outnumbering the stars
and calling them to be a blessing to others,
showing them steadfast love in every generation
and calling them to be a light to the nations.
Your mercy endures forever.

C Your mercy endures forever.

P By your promise
you joined us to Jesus, your Beloved,
grafting us into your living Vine,
and calling us to bear the fruit of your self-giving love.

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.

With this bread and cup
we remember his life laid down and lifted up

as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

**P Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless us to be a blessing.
Make us a sign of your faithfulness.
Send us to tend and cherish the earth
and to serve the world with mercy and love.**

With all the saints in light,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God, through Christ Jesus,
in your Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P Let us pray as our Savior taught us.

**C 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.**

Sharing Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to share Christ's Body. If you wish to receive Holy Communion, please come forward and stand or kneel around the altar.

Communion Song

You Say

I keep fighting voices in my mind that say I'm not enough,
Ev'ry single lie that tells me I will never measure up.

Am I more than just the sum of ev'ry high and ev'ry low?
Remind me once again just who I am, because I need to know. Oo, oh.

Refrain:

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing.
You say I am strong when I think I am weak.
You say I am held when I am falling short.
And, when I don't belong, oh, You say I am Yours,
And I believe, oh, I believe.
What You say of me, I believe.

The only thing that matters now is ev'rything You think of me.
In You I find my worth, in You I find my identity. Oo, oh. (Refrain)

Taking all I have, and now I'm laying it at Your feet.
You'll have ev'ry failure, God; You'll have ev'ry victory. Oo, oh.
(Refrain)

Oh, I believe. Yes, I believe.
What You say of me, I believe.

Prayer After Communion

L Let us pray. [*A brief pause*]

Blessed be your name, O God,
for we have feasted on your Word,
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.
Strengthened by this food,
send us to gather the world to your banquet,
where none are left out and all are satisfied.
In Jesus' name we pray.

C Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

P The God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

Sending Song

Thine the Amen

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Thine the amen thine the praise alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory thine the story thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.

Thine the live eternally thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision thine the tree all the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.

Theine the truly thine the yes thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from thee thine the glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing then the end of all the war
Thine the living thine the loving evermore evermore.

Thine the kingdom thine the prize thine the wonderful surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise then the justice of thy ways
Thine the glory thine the story then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing at thy feast at thy feast.

Thine the glory in the night no more dying only light
Thine the river thine the tree then the Lamb eternally
Then the holy holy holy celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor thine the brightness only thee only thee.

Dismissal

- L Go in peace. God is at work in you.
C Thanks be to God.

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