



MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the
Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of
your people, turning us from our sin to live for you
alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that,
attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive
your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one
another.

Gracious God,

***have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our
sins, known and unknown, things done and left
undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live***

and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen

OPENING HYMN: ELW 681 “WE PLOW THE FIELDS AND SCATTER”

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

A In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. **A** For the

C Lord, have mer - cy.

peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For the peace of the whole world, the well - be - ing of the

C Lord, have mer - cy.

Church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their

C Lord, have mer - cy.

The musical score is written for two voices or instruments, using a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first system contains the lyrics "wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord." and "Lord, have mer - cy." The second system contains the lyrics "Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord." and "A - men". The music consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests.

wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
 Lord, have mer - cy.
 Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.
 A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE



☩ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☩ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. ☩ Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



☩ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☩ Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of



all cre - a - tion: ☩ Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and



might to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55:10-13

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the

earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹² For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

PSALM 65:[1-8]9-13

[¹ You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.

² To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.

³ Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.

⁴ Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

⁵ Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

⁶ You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded about with might.

⁷ You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

⁸ Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble

⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.

¹⁰ **You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its
increase.**

**¹² May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!"

¹⁸ "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who

indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

The Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 612 “HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL”

APOSTLES CREED

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.***

***He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.***

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

***He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.***

He will come again 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***

Service of Healing

Introduction

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and especially for all who are suffering or are in any affliction.

Merciful God, you sent your Son to be our peace.
Help all those who suffer any pain or grief, hopelessness or anxiety.

In your great mercy,

hear us, O God.

Mighty God,

mercifully grant strength to the weak

and comfort to those who suffer,

that their sickness and pain may be turned into health.

In your great mercy,

hear us, O God.

God of peace and reconciliation,

bring an end to the sickness of the world,

especially violence, terrorism, war, and their causes.

In your great mercy,

hear us, O God.

Holy God, Holy One,
your Son prayed that your people may be one.
May the gift of baptism be a power
for healing the church's brokenness,
and bless all efforts for renewal and Christian unity.
In your great mercy,

hear us, O God.

Loving God,
mend broken relationships and bring peace
to our families, our congregation, this community, and
the world.

In your great mercy,

hear us, O God.

Eternal God, we thank you for all the faithful departed
Heal the pain of all who grieve.

In your great mercy,

hear us, O God.

O God, we bring these intercessions before you,
knowing that you will hear us as you have promised,
and will answer according to the mercy
shown in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Laying On of Hands

Sisters and brothers, I invite you to come and receive a
sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune
God.

In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, be strengthened
and filled with God's grace, that you may know the
healing power of the Spirit. ***Amen.***

Let us pray.

Living God, through the laying on of hands,
grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of
healing.

When they are afraid, give them courage;
when afflicted, give them patience;
when dejected, give them hope;
and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy
people.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, fill to the brim our
cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed, we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u-nite them with the
prayers we of-fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence,
and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, *O Lord our God, maker of all things.*

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

DIALOGUE



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so 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.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



GREAT THANKSGIVING

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.
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 death, resurrection, and
ascension,
we await his coming in glory.
Pour out your Holy Spirit,
that by this Holy Communion we may know
the unity we share with all your people
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and
forever.

Amen

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

COMMUNION HYMN

You Are Holy

Du är helig

1*



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Thank-ful hearts and voices raise; tell ev-'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who
seek the Lord re-joice, re-joice and
bear Christ's ho-ly name. Send us, O God, with your
prom-is-es, and lead us forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

BLESSING

Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your sure defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN: ELW 547 “SENT FORTH BY GOD’S BLESSING”

SENDING

Together we at the Milton Lutheran Church

Foster community through faith, love, and service.

Go forth in faith, to live out our mission.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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