



MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fostering Community through Faith, Love & Service



MORNING PRAYER

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TODAY AS YOU ENTER THE
SANCTUARY, PLEASE TAKE A
MOMENT TO BE INSPIRED BY THE
BEAUTY OF THE FLOWERS. THIS
WEEK'S FLOWERS WERE
GENEROUSLY DONATED BY:

Lynnette Weisner

IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

We would like to give special thanks to our worship leaders.

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

BAPTISMAL SONG: "All Are Welcome"

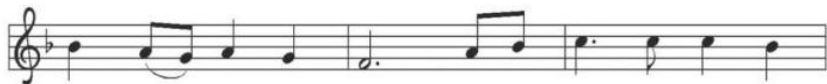
All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Let us pray...

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water all around us. Especially, the West Branch of the Susquehanna River Watershed, you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

Blessed be God now and forever.

As we gather for worship today, we remember how you connect each of us to another in time and place. In this place, where people have gathered for thousands of years beginning with the Susquehannock tribe, then the first immigrants in what would become Milton, to today where people of all different backgrounds, traditions, and beliefs gather for worship. You bring us together in remembrance of our baptism.

Blessed be God now and forever.

In baptism, we are joined to Christ's death and resurrection. We are washed in God's mercy, sealed by the Spirit, and called beloved Children of God. Yet we confess that we do not always live as people of grace. Let us return to the waters of life, confessing our sins and trusting God's promise.

Brief silence for reflection

God of Life, we confess that we forget we belong to you. We turn from your ways, we fail to love our neighbors, and we doubt your power to make all things new. Forgive us, O God. Wash us again in your grace. Renew in us the joy of baptism, so that we may rise to serve you in freedom. Amen.

Hear the good news. By Water and the Spirit, you are buried with Christ and raised to new life. In Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. You are made clean, renewed and sent to shine with the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

HYMN: ELW 883 "All People That On Earth Do Dwell"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: "It Is Well With My Soul"

SCRIPTURE READING: Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

² Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the Lord has a case against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³ “O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab
devised,

what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

⁶ “With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

SERMON: "Sacred and Secular"

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 824 "This Is My Father's World"

Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Shepherding God, draw all people to yourself and lead them in paths of righteousness. Embolden your church to enter the valleys of the world and guide us beside the still waters of your grace. We pray for military and prison chaplains serving near and far. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Creator God, by the resurrection of your Son, show us your steadfast love and instruct our hearts in your ways. Help us to revere and protect the wonders of your creation. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Righteous Judge, strengthen and uphold those who work for justice and advocate for human rights. Bring an end to oppression and save us from the temptation of violence or vengeance. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Great Physician, walk with those who are grieving, and anoint those who are ill or injured. Restore them to health of body, mind, and spirit. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Good Shepherd, continually seek us out as lambs of your flock, and form us into a community where all are honored and cared for. Spread a feast before us and fill our cups to overflowing.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Living God, we praise you for the saints who have died in faith and now dwell in your love. At our end, bring us, with them, to our heavenly home. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior

Amen.

ELW 692 “We Are an Offering”

We Are An Offering

ELW 692

Words and Music by
Dwight Liles

G⁷ C Dm⁷ C^(add2) C/E

We lift our voic - es, we lift our hands, we lift our

4 Fmaj⁷ C/E Dm⁷ G C Dm⁷

lives up to You: we are an of-fer-ing Lord, use our voic - es, Lord, use our

7 Em⁷ C/E F C^(add2) B^b G⁷

hands, Lord, use our lives, they are Yours: we are an of-fer-ing

10 Em⁷ A Dm⁷ E⁷ Am

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we

13 Dm⁷ C^(add2) B^b Dm G⁷

give to you, we give to you. We lift our

16 C Dm⁷ C^(add2) C/E Fmaj⁷ C/E

voic - es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You: we are an

19 Dm⁷ G C Dm⁷ Em⁷ C/E

of-fer-ing Lord, use our voic - es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our

22 F C^(add2) B^b G⁷ C

lives, they are Yours: we are an of-fer-ing. We are an of-fer-ing

rit.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, *as we gather around this table to receive the gift of your grace, we offer ourselves to you. All we have, everything we are, and everything we will be, comes from you. We give you thanks, offer our time, gifts, and resources as people of God. Moved by your Spirit we ask that these gifts may be instruments of your love as we seek to love others. Amen.*

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

Lift up your heart.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O God most mighty,

O God most merciful,

O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child.

When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom.

Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city.

With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

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 to 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 his death, we cry out Amen. ***Amen.***

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. ***Amen.***

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. ***Amen.***

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.

O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.

O God, you are wine: warm our hearts and make us one.

O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.

Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

By ALBERT H. MALOTTE

SLOWLY

B \flat F/B \flat B \flat /D E \flat 6 Fsus F

OUR FA - THER WHICH ART IN HEAV-EN,

7 B \flat /D G M C M 7 F7sus F7 B \flat (ADD2) B \flat

HAL-LOW - ED BE _____ THY NAME.

12 G M G M 9 Gdim7 D M G M C M /G C7/G D

THY KING-DOM COME; THY WILL BE DONE _____

17 N.C. G M E \flat B \flat /F F7sus B \flat 7sus B \flat

ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAV - EN.

23 E \flat /B \flat B \flat E \flat /B \flat B \flat E \flat /G C M /G F7 B \flat E \flat /G B \flat /F E \flat B \flat /D G M 7 E \flat /G F7

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAI - LY

30 B \flat G M 6 G M 6/D G M 6/B \flat ASUS A E M 7(\flat 5)/A A

BREAD, AND FOR-GIVE US OUR DEBTS AS WE _____ FOR-GIVE OUR DEBT-ORS.

35 *Em7(b5)/A A N.C. Bb Eb/sus2/G Eb/G*

AND LEAD US NOT IN-TO TEMP-TA - TION, BUT DE-

39 *C7/G F(add2)/A Dm/A F7/Eb Bb/D Eb6*

LIV - ER US FROM E - VIL. FOR THINE IS THE KING-DOM AND THE

43 *C7/E Eb/M/Gb Gb+ EbM6/Gb Bb/F Cm/F F7*

POW-ER AND THE GLO - RY FOR - EV -

47 *N.C. Eb6 BbMAJ7 Cm7/F F7 Bb Eb6*

ER. FOR THINE IS THE KING-DOM AND THE

51 *C7/E Eb/M/Gb Gb+ EbM6/Gb Bb/F Cm7 N.C. Cm Cm7/F F7*

RIT.

POW-ER AND THE GLO - RY FOR - EV - ER, A -

56 *F7sus Eb/G Bb/F Eb Bb/sus2/D Bb/D N.C. Eb/G Bb/F Eb6 Bb*

A TEMPO

- MEN! _____

Come to the Table in Love

Leader

Come, ___ come, ___ come to the ta - ble in love. ___
 come to the ta - ble in need. ___
 come to the ta - ble in truth. ___

Assembly

We come to - geth - er in Je - sus' name. ___
 We come to - geth - er in Je - sus' name. ___
 We come to - geth - er in Je - sus' name. ___
 We go to live ___ in Je - sus' name. ___

We come to the ta - ble in love.
 We come to the ta - ble in need.
 We come to the ta - ble in truth.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

COMMUNION SONG: "I Am the Bread of Life"

I Am the Bread of Life

Leader or All

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the
4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, that . . .
5 Yes, Lord, . . . I be - lieve

come to me shall not the hun - ger, and who be -
flesh for the life of the world, . . . and if you
flesh of the Son of Man . . . and if you
I . . . am the life . . . If you be -
you . . . are the Christ, . . . the . . .

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
eat . . . of this bread, and you shall . . . live for -
drink . . . of his blood, and drink . . . of his
lieve . . . in . . . me, and e - ven . . . though you
Son . . . of . . . God, who . . . have . . .

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
ev - er, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
die, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
come in - to . . . the . . . world. . . .

Refrain
All

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

and I will raise you up on the last day."

Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6
 Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM
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COMMUNION BLESSING

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION SONG: ACS "Guide My Feet"

Guide My Feet



1 Guide my feet
2 Hold my hand
3 Stand by me while I run this race.
4 I'm your child
5 Search my heart



Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race.
I'm your child
Search my heart



Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race,
I'm your child
Search my heart



for I don't want to run this race in vain.

BLESSING

May the God of creation bless our community, may Jesus the Savior open our hearts to all, may the Holy Spirit empower us with faith, creativity, and stewardship to live and serve as people of God now and forever.

Amen

HYMN: ELW 858 "Praise To The Lord, The Almighty"

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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