



MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MORNING PRAYER

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TODAY AS YOU ENTER THE
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MOMENT TO BE INSPIRED BY THE
BEAUTY OF THE FLOWERS. THIS
WEEK'S FLOWERS WERE
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**FOR REMEMBRANCE
OF LOVED ONES**

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

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Today we would like to give a special welcome to Emily Gorski,
from D.I.G.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

BAPTISMAL SONG: "All Are Welcome"

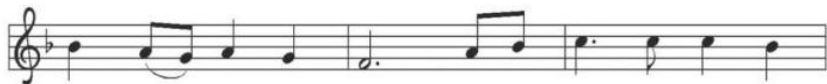
All Are Welcome



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 526 "GOD IS HERE"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Gospel Reading: John 17:1-11

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

SERMON: “Oneness”

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 854 “Blessing and Honor”

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.

O God, your people sing praises throughout the church. By your Holy Spirit, inspire musicians, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim the gospel of Jesus. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your creative power fills the universe. Bring favorable weather, nurture plants and animals, protect us from natural disasters, and guide us to care for all you have made. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your justice is exercised in society by those in authority. Instill in political leaders, business leaders, school administrators, and all who care for others a desire for peace and equity. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your compassion and care come through the gifts of medicine and relationships. Soothe the anxious, protect widows and orphans, comfort those living with memory loss and their families, and heal the sick. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your love radiates from communities gathered in your name. Bless those experiencing significant transitions in life such as graduation, retirement, new employment, and accompany us in our prayers during these times. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Amen.

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,

Detailed description: This block contains the first six measures of the musical score. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 6/8. The melody begins with a whole rest in measure 1, followed by quarter notes in measures 2-6. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: B-flat, F/B-flat, B-flat/D, E-flat6, Fsus, and F.

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

HAL-LOW - ED BE _____ THY NAME.

Detailed description: This block contains measures 7 through 11. Measure 7 has a whole rest. Measures 8-11 contain the melody. Chord symbols are: B-flat/D, G major, C major7, F7sus, F7, and B-flat(ADD2) B-flat.

12 G M G M 9 G M 7 D M G M C M /G C7/G D

THY KING-DOM COME; THY WILL BE DONE ____

Detailed description: This block contains measures 12 through 16. Measure 12 has a whole rest. Measures 13-16 contain the melody. Chord symbols are: G major, G major9, G major7, D major, G major, C major/G, and D major.

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

ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAV - EN.

Detailed description: This block contains measures 17 through 22. Measure 17 has a whole rest. Measures 18-22 contain the melody. Chord symbols are: N.C., G major, E-flat, B-flat/F, F7sus, B-flat7sus, and B-flat.

23 E \flat /B \flat B \flat 7/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

Detailed description: This block contains measures 23 through 29. Measure 23 has a whole rest. Measures 24-29 contain the melody. Chord symbols are: E-flat/B-flat, B-flat7/B-flat, B-flat, E-flat/G, C major/G, F7, B-flat, E-flat/G, B-flat/F, E-flat, B-flat/D, G major7, and E-flat/G F7.

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

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

Detailed description: This block contains measures 30 through 36. Measure 30 has a whole rest. Measures 31-36 contain the melody. Chord symbols are: B-flat, G major6, G major6/D, G major6/B-flat, A sus, A, E major7(b5)/A, and A.

35 $Em7(\flat 5)/A$ A $N.C.$ $B\flat$ $E\flat sus2/G$ $E\flat/G$

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

39 $C7/G$ $F(ADD2)/A$ Dm/A $F7/E\flat$ $B\flat/D$ $E\flat 6$

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

43 $C7/E$ $E\flat M/G\flat$ $G\flat+$ $E\flat M\flat/G\flat$ $B\flat/F$ Cm/F $F7$

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

47 $N.C.$ $E\flat 6$ $B\flat MAJ7$ $Cm7/F$ $F7$ $B\flat$ $E\flat 6$

ER. FOR THINE IS THE KING-DOM AND THE

51 $C7/E$ $E\flat M/G\flat$ $G\flat+$ $E\flat M\flat/G\flat$ $B\flat/F$ $Cm7$ $N.C.$ Cm $Cm7/F$ $F7$

RIT.

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

56 $F7sus$ $E\flat/G$ $B\flat/F$ $E\flat$ $B\flat sus2/D$ $B\flat/D$ $N.C.$ $E\flat/G$ $B\flat/F$ $E\flat 6$ $B\flat$

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
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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 629 “Abide With Me”

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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