



Building Blocks of Faith

Summer series – 12
"Our Father ... "

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Sunday 9:30 am

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GATHERING

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

Prelude: *Old One Hundredth*
God of Grace, God of Glory

Henry Purcell
Welsh Hymn



Purpose Statement

Our Savior calls us into mission. Let us say together the purpose we share:

A Christ-Centered Church
Sharing Faith, Hope, and Love
with each other, our neighbors, and the world.



Welcome and Announcements



Confession and Forgiveness

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love. **Amen.**



Gathering Hymn: Lord, I Lift Your Name on High (sing 3 times) ELW 857

Lord, I lift Your name on high
Lord, I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord, I lift Your name on high

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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

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place.
When he finished, one of his disciples said to him:

Lord, teach us to pray.

We have come with the same question.
With so much to say, how do we find the words?

Lord, teach us to pray.

In this sweet hour, open our hearts to yours
and give us a prayer to change the world.

Lord, teach us to pray.

Amen.

Prayer Response: *Our Father, God in Heaven Above* (vs. 1)

ELW 746

1 Our Fa - ther, God in heav'n a - bove, we pray, u - nit - ed
in your love: Your name be hal - lowed. Help us, Lord,
in faith - ful - ness to keep your word. Your king - dom come; your
will be done on earth as there be - fore your throne.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abridged; tr. hymnal version
Music: VATER UNSER, V. Schumann, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1539
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The assembly is seated.



Mostly Children's Time

WORD

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

Verse of the Month: Acts 2:17-18

Let us remember the witness of Scripture as we say our verse of the month together:

¹⁷ In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy.

Your young will see visions.

Your elders will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my servants, men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.



First Reading: Isaiah 64:5-8

⁵ You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;

because you hid yourself we transgressed.[a]

⁶ We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,

and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

⁷ There is no one who calls on your name

or attempts to take hold of you,

for you have hidden your face from us

and have delivered[b] us into the hand of our iniquity.

⁸ Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;

we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia (Taizé)

ELW 175

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

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

Music: "Alleluia 7," Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994, and the Taizé Community
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Gospel: Matthew 6:5-13

The holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Showy prayer

⁵ "When you pray, don't be like hypocrites. They love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners so that people will see them. I assure you, that's the only reward they'll get. ⁶ But when you pray, go to your room, shut the door, and pray to your Father who is present in that secret place. Your Father who sees what you do in secret will reward you.

Proper prayer

⁷ "When you pray, don't pour out a flood of empty words, as the Gentiles do. They think that by saying many words they'll be heard. ⁸ Don't be like them, because your Father knows what you need before you ask. ⁹ Pray like this:

Our Father who is in heaven,
uphold the holiness of your name.

¹⁰ Bring in your kingdom

so that your will is done on earth as it's done in heaven.

¹¹ Give us the bread we need for today.

¹² Forgive us for the ways we have wronged you,
just as we also forgive those who have wronged us.

¹³ And don't lead us into temptation,
but rescue us from the evil one.

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

The assembly is seated.



Sermon



Hymn of the Day: *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

ELW 756



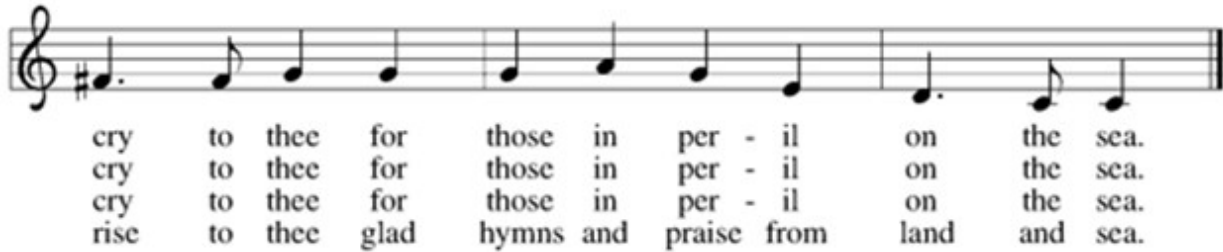
1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



Text: William Whiting, 1825–1878, alt.
 Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876



Apostle's Creed

With Christians around the world, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostle's 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 power of 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.



Prayers of the People

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

As we do each weekend, we light a candle for peace and pray together the Peace Prayer.

A brief silence as the peace candle is lit.

Let us pray together ... **God of love, your word teaches that peace is not the absence of conflict but the presence of justice. Peace is what happens when those who have much do not have too much and those who have little do not have too little. The very old and the very young feel safe and supported. Parents can feed themselves and their children and all have the opportunity for meaningful work in their community. Let us pray and work for this kind of peace. God of grace, hear our prayer.**

For believers around the world who stream to your holy mountain, that all be united in faith and harmony in the body of Christ. Let your church on earth be a witness to the beloved community of your heavenly kingdom. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For your wondrous creation, that it thrives and flourishes as you intend. Raise up wise stewards to defend the natural world against carelessness and destruction. Safeguard endangered species and their habitats. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the nations of the world and all in authority, that they heed the cry of the outcast and ensure care for the most vulnerable. Give wisdom to leaders of countries, congregations, and communities, that they lead and serve justly. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all who are lonely, grieving, or struggling with chronic pain, that they find comfort, community, and hope. Send relief to all who struggle with illness of any kind *especially . . . and all those on our prayer chain*. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For this congregation, for visitors and those new to this faith community, that all may recognize the presence of Christ in each new face. Draw this community together in love and strengthen it in unwavering faith. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

For the saints before us whose work is done, that their faithful example continues to direct your church. May their witness remind us that your gifts and calling are irrevocable, whether in life or death. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

I invite you to share a sign of peace with your neighbor.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.



As we prepare to receive the gift of Holy Communion, we pray a table grace patterned after the great Old Testament and early church prayers that recount God's goodness and ask that such goodness would extend to us and through us now and until our Lord's promised return.



Offertory: *Now Thank We All Our God* (Verse 1)

ELW 840

Please stand in body or spirit as the gifts are brought forward.

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
 who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
 who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
 with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878
 Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662



Offering Prayer

Loving God,

we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

**Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
Amen.**



Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

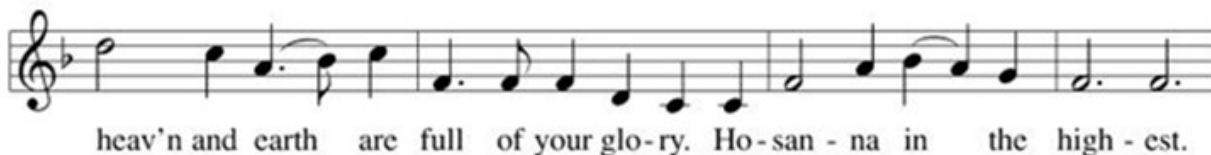
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

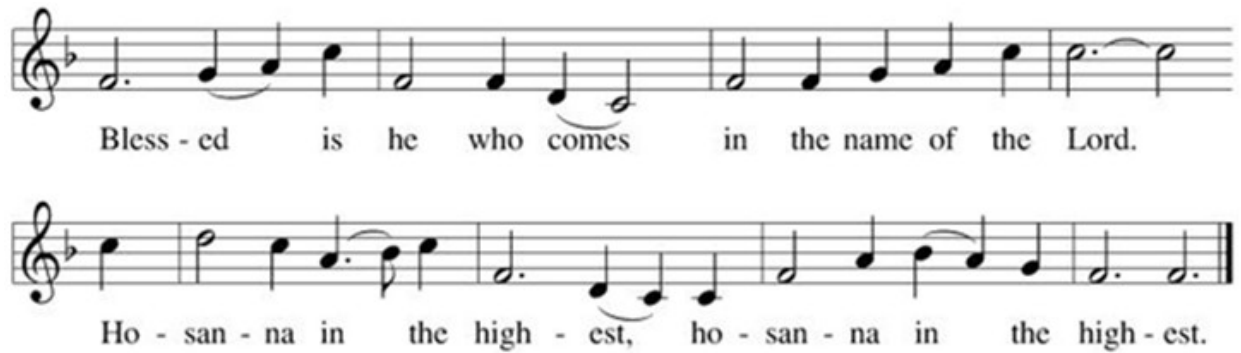
It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Pastor continues with the preface to the eucharistic prayer, which leads us to Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus), an ancient hymn comprised of the angelic chorus of Isaiah 6, the praise of Psalm 118:26, and the crowd's Palm Sunday shouts of Matthew 21:9.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
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 all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





Music: LAND OF REST, American folk tune
Text: "Sanctus," tr. English Language Liturgical Consultation



Thanksgiving at the Table

Pastor continues with the eucharistic prayer, which concludes with the Lord's Prayer.

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 upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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

Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!
Thanks be to God.

The assembly may be seated.

All are welcome to the communion feast, for our Lord is host and gives himself to all who desire to receive.

Please come up to the communion rails, either kneel or stand as you are able.

Those not receiving Holy Communion are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing or remain in their seats in prayer. While we share this festive meal, we sing of our Savior's invitation, grace, and promise. Come, let us eat and drink at the table of the Lord.



Music During Communion: *As the Grains of Wheat*

ELW 465

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the melody for the first line of the hymn. The second and third staves continue the melody for the subsequent lines. The lyrics are written below each staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
 2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
 all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Refrain

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950
 Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen
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Sharing the meal

Special Music: *O God, Thou Faithful God*

German Hymn



Prayer after Communion

We thank you, God of heaven and earth,
 that you fill our deepest need
 with the very gift of Jesus Christ,
 broken and poured out for us.
 Pour us out into a broken world.
 Channel our common life
 toward the common good,
 following the way our Savior leads us
 now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING

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



Blessing

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
 ✚ one God,
 bless, heal, and hold you
 today and always.
Amen.



Sending Hymn: We Are Marching in the Light of God

ELW 866



Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos', Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
 light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

Text: South African traditional; tr. Freedom Is Coming, 1984

Music: SIYAHAMBA, South African traditional

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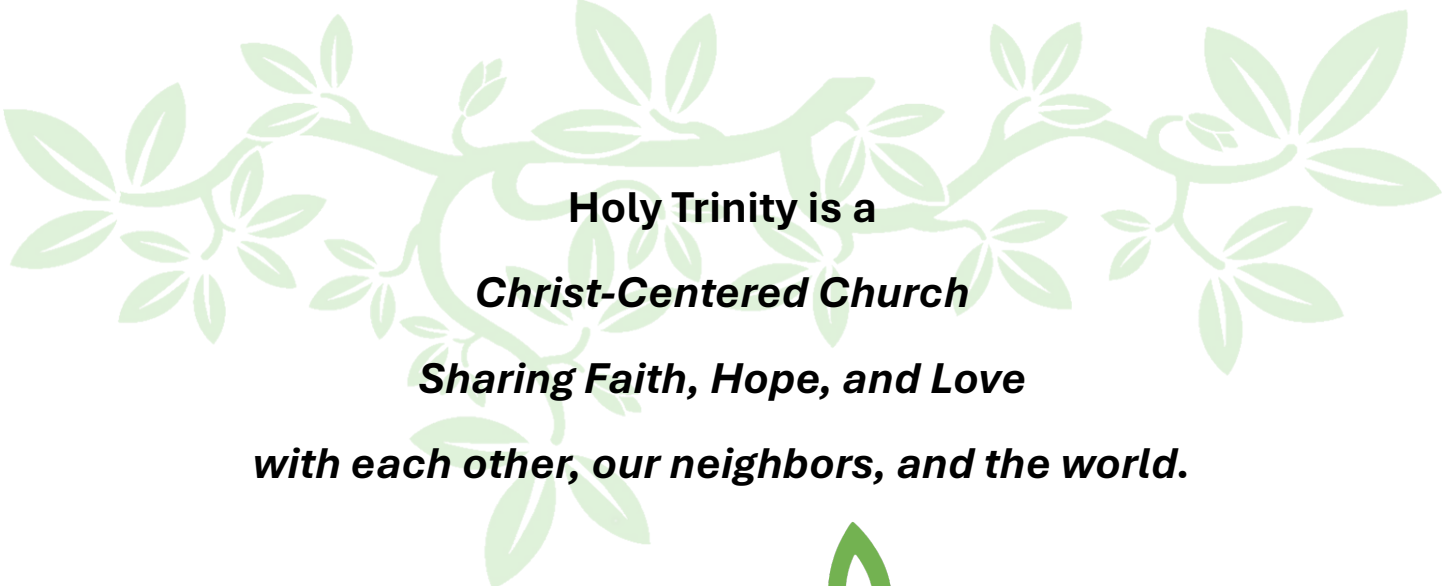
Dismissal

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

arr. Douglas Wagner



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