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“Love God, Serve Neighbor”

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Pastoral Welcome

Gathering Song

ELW #751 "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

The image shows a musical score for the song "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system includes the lyrics: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me. OR The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God." The second system includes the lyrics: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me. The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Confession and Forgiveness

L: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

L: Confident of God's mercy and grace, let us confess our sins to God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

L: God of grace and mercy,

C: **we confess that our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what we fear to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what separates us from you and one another. Set us free from a past we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more in your likeness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

L: God, who is rich in mercy, has forgiven you all your sins and filled you with the abundant life of Jesus Christ through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, be strong and courageous as you follow the way of the Lord.

C: **Amen**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of Illumination *(by Terry Hinks)*

L: Let us pray. Lord, teach us to pray with the whole of our being,
bodies stilled and centered,
minds focused on your way,
hearts warmed by your grace.

Lord, teach us to pray with the whole of your people,
connecting to your followers
of every time and place,
connecting to your Church in all its varied faces,
connecting to the world with all its joy and agony.

Lord, teach us to pray in the power of your Spirit,
as children of one dear God,
as brothers and sisters in Christ
as sinners forgiven and forgiving.

Lord, teach us to pray
to you,
in you,
this moment,
this life,
this eternity.

C: **Amen.**

The First Reading

Genesis 32:22-31

The Gospel Acclamation

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

The Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

Children's Church

The Message

Song of the Day

“Down to the River to Pray”

As I went down to the river to pray
Studyin' about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord show me the way

O sisters let's go down
Let's go down come on down
O sisters let's go down
Down to the river to pray

As I went down to the river to pray
Studyin' about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord show me the way

O brothers let's go down
Let's go down come on down
O brothers let's go down
Down to the river to pray

Shall we gather at the river
Where bright angel feet have trod
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God

O sinners let's go down
Let's go down come on down
O sinners let's go down
Down to the river to pray

As I went down to the river to pray
Studyin' about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord show me the way

Prayers of the Faithful

L: People of God, as we come to prayer let us remember that we do not have to twist the arm of a reluctant God to seek good things for this world, nor find ways to persuade a distant God to come near and listen to us.

Let us remember that as we pray, we kneel alongside Jesus Christ in the presence of God and surrounded by the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

(Time of silence)

Faithful God, as we remember the widow who unrelentingly sought justice, we celebrate all those – women and men – who persist in the cause of right; who will not keep quiet; who insist on raising the issues, again and again; who campaign for unpopular (but just) causes, write letters, send emails, sign petitions: people around the world who pick up their pens or take to the streets, as well as young girls determined to go to school and seek equality in their countries. We celebrate them: steadfast, down-to-earth, blessed with both stubbornness and courage, to change the world.

Today, we pray for our Ukrainian brothers and sisters who have openly resisted the invasion of their country and who have sacrificed so much for the cause of justice. We also pray for all who live in places of unrest and conflict and in nations where leaders govern and rule without concern and care for others, especially the most vulnerable.

L: As the body of Christ, we pray:

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Faithful God, we now lift our voices for all those who need our prayers:
those who are ill, or anxious;
those who are lonely or sad;
those who are despairing or defeated;
those who are hungry or homeless;
those whose relationships are breaking apart;
those who are bullied or abused;
those who cannot find work;
and those who are over-worked.

We especially pray for:

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| ▪ Tom Bruce | ▪ Tom Hawk |
| ▪ Melissa Butler | ▪ Carol Hollingsworth |
| ▪ Helen Cheyney | ▪ Gary Homesley |
| ▪ Terence Connelly | ▪ Donnell Horton |
| ▪ Charliese Eichler | ▪ Amy Hull |
| ▪ Cailee Franklin | ▪ Joe Johnson |

- Waylon Kuklentz
- Gene Lajuennesse
- Bobby Larson
- Holden Little
- Chuck Mauney
- Kevin Middleton
- Jane Ogilvie
- Terry Park
- Reagan Poli
- Joyce Quigley
- Jack Schulte
- Wylee Stephens
- David Townsend
- Laura Tucker
- Josie Upton
- Herbert Watson
- Joan Welsh
- Lisa Williams
- Renate Wilson
- Terry Wisner
- Chuck Wolfe

L: In silence, let us make our own specific prayers for those on our hearts and minds today.

(Silence)

L: We pray for our brothers and sisters in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico facing massive rebuilding after Hurricane Fiona. For all communities and people impacted by Hurricane Ian.

L: We pray for all those who participating in the CROP Walk today and for all those who have graciously supported those who are walking. May the steps that we take today be a witness to our call to follow in the path of Jesus Christ who came to give water to the thirsty and to nourish the bodies of the hungry.

L: As the body of Christ, we pray:

C: Hear our prayer.

L: We remember and celebrate the lives of those who have died, especially:

- Connie Van Brunt, frequent visitor and mother of Ayisha McMillan Cravotta, died on September 22
- Leo Peeler, charter member of Advent, died on September 25.
- Paul Short, brother of Caroline Bunn, died on September 27
- Jonathan Dunbar Jr., nephew of Cynthia Mulbah, died October 6
- Peg Buckstad, member, died on October 10
- Merrell Hendry, grandmother of Emily Pilger, died on Oct 11
- Vicki Tunnell, stepmother of Wade Tunnell, died on Oct 13

L: By your Holy Spirit, comfort their families, and all who grieve, give peace to those who mourn, strengthen all through the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ.

L: As the body of Christ, we pray:

C: Hear our prayer.

L: In the presence of God, alongside Jesus Christ, and surrounded by the comfort of the Holy Spirit, may we go into this week to live out our prayers through our lives.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE MEAL

Offering *(Please sign and pass the pew pads)*

Offertory Song *"He Will Carry You Through"* Sanctuary Singers

Table Prayer

L: God of mercy and grace,

C: you open your hand in blessing and your abundance flows unending. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

The Words of Institution *"Come and See"*



1 Come and see the glo - ry of the Lord. Come, be - hold the
2 Come and give thanks un - to the Lord. Come, be - hold the



Lamb. Come and see the mer - cy of the King,
Lamb. Come and sing the prais - es of the King,



bow - ing down be - fore him. him. For he is
bow - ing down be - fore

L: On the night that Jesus was betrayed, in an upper room. He took the bread and blessed it as he said, "Here's my body broken for you." He took the cup and raised it up on high, bowed his head and prayed. And then he said, "My blood for you is shed, a cleansing stream to wash your sin away."

Congregational Response

Lord a - bove the heav - ens, Lord in all the earth,

Lord of all the an - gels, wor - thy to be served.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, Lord.

The Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the pow'r and the glory are yours, now and forever.

"Lamb of God"

A² F#m¹¹

1 Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 2 Lamb of God, I'm ask - ing you to
 (3) pre - cious blood of Je - sus Christ

D² E² A

sin of the world. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way my sin. I con - fess that
 cleans - es me from sin. The pre - cious blood of

F#m¹¹ D² E

take a - way the sin of the world.
 I've done wrong, I need your help a - gain.
 Je - sus Christ cleans - es me from sin.

Refrain
 A² E/F# F#m¹¹ D D/E E A

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have

E/F# F#m¹¹ D² E A E/F# F#m¹¹ D

mer - cy on me. Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have

Last time to coda ♪ D/E E D/F# Esus E A F#m¹¹ D² E D.C.

mer - cy, have mer - cy on me. 3 The

♪ *Coda* D/F# Esus E A F#m¹¹ D² E A²

Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Communion Song ELW #538 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

The Blessing

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE

Benediction (by Rev. William Sloane Coffin)

L: May God give you the grace never to sell yourself short;
Grace to risk something big for something good; and
Grace to remember the world is now
too dangerous for anything but the truth and
too small for anything but love.

C: Amen.

Sending Song

"I Will Call Upon the Lord"

Optional descant

I will call up-on the Lord
I will call up-on the Lord who is wor-ty to be
who is wor-ty to be praised. So shall I be
praised. So shall I be saved from my en-e-mies.
saved from my en-e-mies.
I will call up-on the Lord. The
Lord liv-eth, and bless-ed be the Rock, and let the God of my sal-
va-tion be ex-alt-ed. The Lord liv-eth, and bless-ed be the Rock,
and let the God of my sal-va-tion be ex-alt-ed.

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**