

CONFESSION

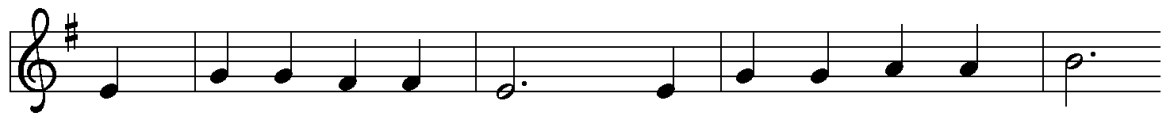
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin.

The assembly stands. Silence is kept for self-examination.

O Lord our God,
**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect your love for the world.
We do not show others the compassion you show us.
We do not welcome others with the hospitality you grant to all people.
We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again.
We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.
Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness,
and your grace waters our desert.

Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing,
that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 43:16-21

¹⁶ Thus says the Lord,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down; they cannot rise;
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸ Do not remember the former things
or consider the things of old.
¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
²⁰ The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches,
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹ the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 126

The assembly sings the refrain. The cantor sings it first.



Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

3 The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

4 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negeb.

Refrain

5 Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

*6 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.*

Refrain

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands.



*Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,
I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.*

Repeat acclamation

GOSPEL: JOHN 12:1-8

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

SERMON

The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY **ELW 685** *Take My Life, That I May Be*

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

APOSTLES' 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 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 INTERCESSION

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer
for the church, the world, and all those in need.

The church declares your praise, O God.
Guide us in the example of Isaiah's imagination,
Paul's transformed identity, and Mary's faith and devotion;
that our lives, too, may be poured out in love as we trust your promises.
God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

The earth declares your praise, O God.
Make a way for the planet's future in the sea and the wilderness,
the mountains and plains, the tundra and wetlands.
Repair habitats and sustainable ecosystems
on, above, and beneath the ground.
God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

The nations declare your praise, O God.
Where religious differences divide,
bring together those who worship you in the name of Jesus Christ
and those who call to you with different names.
Guide interreligious dialogue, that faith may unite rather than divide.
God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

The people declare your praise, O God.
Restore those whose hope has been dampened
through a health diagnosis, job or home loss, divorce, or death.
Bring healing to those in need. May all who weep sing songs of joy again.
God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

The gifts of the Spirit declare your praise, O God.
We thank you for artists who proclaim the gospel.
Inspire music, poetry, and images that proclaim what you are doing.
God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

The communion of saints declares your praise, O God.
Giving thanks for those who have died,
we trust in the one who has made them his own:
Christ Jesus, our crucified and risen Savior.
God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in love,
in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.
Amen.

A prayer for faithful living.

Sovereign God, your Son Jesus lived within the structures of society
even as he spoke truth to those in power and challenged oppression.
Empower us to be courageous disciples and responsible citizens.
Grant that our life in the public realm be grounded
in love for our neighbors, care for the most vulnerable in our midst,
and respect for the common life we share,
following the example of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The assembly exchanges signs of peace, then is seated.

INSTALLATION OF NEW STAFF

GATHERING OF GIFTS

*Gifts of bread, wine, music, and money are offered in thanks to God!
Money for Calvary's mission may be given using the QR code.*

Holy Woman, Graceful Giver, Susan Palo Cherwein, Anne Krentz Organ

Then, the assembly stands to pray.

God our provider, **you have not fed us with bread alone,
but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts,
which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The Lord be with 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 our thanks and praise.

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.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
 † Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

**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

The assembly is seated. All are welcome to this holy meal.

ELW 466 *In the Singing*

ELW 325 *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

PRAYER

The assembly stands.

Compassionate God,
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Sustain us in our pilgrimage:
may our fasting be hunger for justice;
our alms, a making of peace;
and our prayer, a grateful song,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING

A Franciscan blessing.

May God the Father bless you with discomfort
at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships,
so that you may live deep within your being.

May God the Son bless you with anger
at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,
so that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

May God the Holy Spirit bless you with tears to shed
for those who suffer rejection, hunger, and war,
so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them.

And may the holy † Trinity, one God, bless you with enough foolishness
to believe that you can make a difference in the world,
so that you can do what others claim cannot be done,
to bring justice and kindness to all children and the poor.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN **ELW 754** *Jesus, the Very Thought of You*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God.

Please take this paper with you or place it in the basket at the exit.

POSTLUDE