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Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, † Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

**A: Amen.**

P: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Steadfast and faithful God,

**A: you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us.**

**A: For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**Amen.**

P: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

**A: Amen.**

Greeting

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

**A: And also with you.**

Gathering Song

"God Loved the World" (ELW 323)

God Loved the World



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made  
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all  
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in  
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues  
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by  
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.  
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.  
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

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Prayer of the Day

P: Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**A: Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry! The word of the Lord, **A: Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: Psalm 80:7-15

L: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

**A: You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.**

L: You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

**A: The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

L: You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

**A: Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

L: The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

**A: Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;**

L: behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: 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; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. 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 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. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: 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. The word of the Lord, **A: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" (Setting 1, ELW pg. 102)

Alleluia, Alleluia,

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, Alleluia,

Alleluia, Alleluia.

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Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **A: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the people:] "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet. The gospel of the Lord,  
**A: Praise to you, O Christ!**

Hymn of the Day

**"My Song Is Love Unknown"** (ELW 343) *(No sheet music available in Sundays & Seasons)*

- 1      My song is love unknown,  
         my Savior's love to me,  
         love to the loveless shown  
         that they might lovely be.  
         Oh, who am I that for my sake  
         my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
  
- 2      He came from his blest throne  
         salvation to bestow;  
         the world that was his own  
         would not its Savior know.  
         But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed,  
         who at my need his life did spend!
  
- 3      Sometimes we strew his way  
         and his sweet praises sing;  
         resounding all the day  
         hosannas to our king.  
         Then "Crucify!" is all our breath,  
         and for his death we thirst and cry.
  
- 4      We cry out; we will have  
         our dear Lord made away,  
         a murderer to save,  
         the prince of life to slay.  
         Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes  
         that he his foes from thence might free.

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5 In life no house, no home  
my Lord on earth might have;  
in death no friendly tomb  
but what a stranger gave.  
What may I say? Heav'n was his home  
but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

6 Here might I stay and sing—  
no story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine.  
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend!

Apostles' Creed

**A: 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.**

**A: 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

L: Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

L: God of all grace, you are the source of life and joy. Strengthen the resolve of your church throughout the world, that together we press on toward the goal of your heavenly call in Jesus Christ. God of grace,

**A: hear our prayer.**

L: God of all creation, you plant and nourish the earth as your own precious vineyard. Bless fields and orchards and the hands of those who labor in them, that your people are fed with an abundant harvest of good fruit. God of grace,

**A: hear our prayer.**

L: God of all the earth, you desire peace and justice between nations and peoples. Guide leaders of nations, states, provinces, and cities, that they faithfully govern your people with wisdom, integrity, and compassion. God of grace,

**A: hear our prayer.**

L: God of all compassion, in Christ, you lovingly poured yourself out like wine for your people. Have mercy on all who mourn, who struggle with their mental health, who cry out for justice, who hunger, and all in any need. God of grace,

**A: hear our prayer.**

L: God of all steadfastness, you set Christ as the cornerstone and foundation of the church. Build up this congregation as living stones, that it stands in the community as a witness to your enduring faithfulness and love. God of grace,

**A: hear our prayer.**

L: God of all hope, the saints who came before us lived and died with their hearts fixed on you. We give you thanks for their faithful witness, and we wait with hope for the great day when we join their voices in praise. God of grace,

**A: hear our prayer.**

L: Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**A: Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ  
be with you always.

**A: And also with you.**

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Offertory Song

**"Come, Ye Disconsolate"** (ELW 607, ver. 1 & 3)

Come, Ye Disconsolate



1 Come, ye dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish;  
2 Joy of the des - o - late, light of the stray - ing,  
3 Here see the Bread of life; see wa - ters flow - ing



come to the mer - cy - seat, fer - vent - ly kneel.  
hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure;  
forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove.



Here bring your wound - ed hearts, here tell your an - guish;  
here speaks the Com - fort - er, ten - der - ly say - ing,  
Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing



earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not heal.  
"Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not cure."  
earth has no sor - row but heav'n can re - move.

Offertory Prayer

P: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**A: Amen.**

The Dialogue

P: The Lord be with you.

**A: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**A: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**A: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: 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:

(Setting 1, ELW pg. 108)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

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Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Thanksgiving at the Table

P: 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.  
P: 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.  
**A: Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.  
**A: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**A: 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

P: Jesus invites you to this table.  
Come, eat and live.  
**A: Amen.**

***"O Lamb of God"***

(Setting 10, ELW pg. 208)

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.  
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.  
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

***"Jesus Messiah" by Chris Tomlin***

Prayer After Communion

P: Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. **A: Amen.**

Blessing

P: The God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.  
**A: Amen.**

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Sending

"The Church of Christ, in Every Age" (ELW 729)

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1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. God is at work in you.

A: Thanks be to God.