Sunday, August 20, 2023

**PRELUDE** 

WELCOME



#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY**

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# GATHERING HYMN O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing Blue 306

#### **GREETING**

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

And also with you.

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are opened, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of Jesus to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Amen

#### FIRST READING: Genesis 45:1-15

[After Judah offered himself in place of his brother Benjamin,] ¹Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ²And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

<sup>4</sup>Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. 5And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. 9Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. 10 You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. 11 Will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' <sup>12</sup>And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup>You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." <sup>14</sup>Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

#### **PSALM: Psalm 133**



How good and plea-sant to live, to live to-geth-er in u-ni-ty.

- ¹How good and how pleas- ¹ ant it is, when kindred live togeth- ¹ er in unity!
- <sup>2</sup>It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down up- | on the beard,
- upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar | of his robe.
- <sup>3</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the | hills of Zion.

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life for- | evermore. R

#### SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

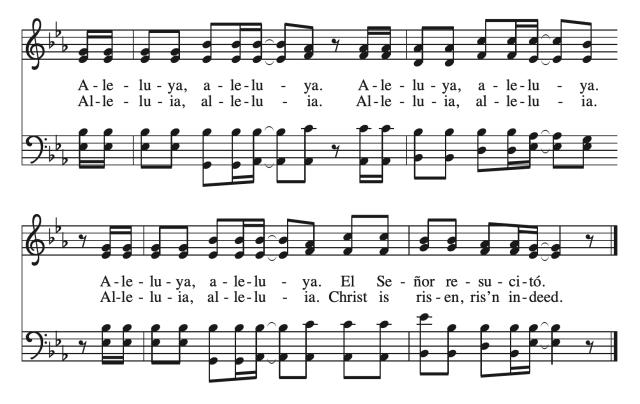
[Paul writes:] <sup>1</sup>I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2a</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

<sup>29</sup>For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



#### GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28

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

<sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." <sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup>He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup>She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**HOMILY** 

**HYMN OF THE DAY** 

# Build a Longer Table



#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

O God, your Spirit gathers the church. Shepherd those who are newly baptized and newly ordained in the proclamation of the gospel, breathe life into ecumenical and inter-religious endeavors, and support missionaries throughout the globe. We pray today for the clergy and people of the Diocese of Saskatchewan, and the dean, council, and congregations of the Southwest Ministry Area of the Alberta Synod. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

You created the earth and all its inhabitants and declared it good. Clean polluted skies, seas, and soil, provide nourishment to plants and animals, and make us aware of our impact on the environment. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

You call leaders to bridge differences and practice generosity. Inspire all in authority to protect people in harm's way, deliver those in bondage, support fair elections, provide care for military personnel and veterans, and show mercy to those for whom they have responsibility. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

You provide for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Embrace people who have been rejected because of difference, heal trauma caused by racism or prejudice, shield any who are persecuted, console the dying, and heal the sick. We pray for those who desire our prayers: Barbara, Anna-Liisa, Bud, Ruth, Susan, Bill, Isa, Benito, Dale, and those remember before you in our hearts. (brief silence...) Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

O God, you journey with us in all of life's transitions. Guide those preparing for baptism, marriage, and retirement. As September approaches, guide our church council and committees in their visioning and ministry. Safeguard those who travel. We pray today for Aidan Gudmundson and Margitta Kessler as they mark their baptismal anniversaries, that they may be upheld in the gifts and promises of their baptism. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for your people of faith who now rest from their labours. Motivate us by their lives of dedication to the gospel, until

that day when we join with them in our eternal home. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.** 

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting us to the table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

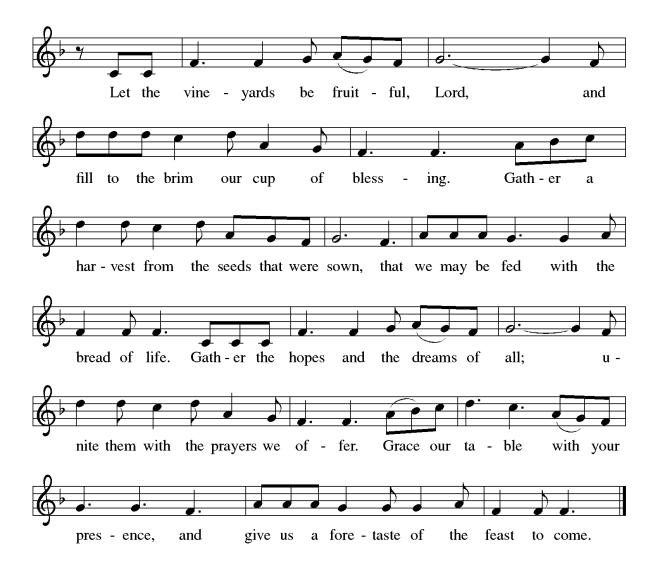
With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy and abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

## Thanks be to God!

#### **PEACE**

May the peace of Christ be with you all! **And also with you.** 

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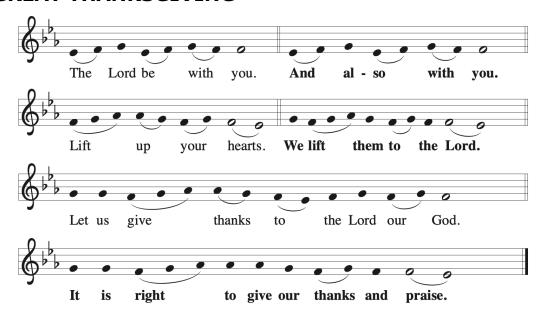


#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

# Let us pray:

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread, reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine, pour us out in service to the world, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen** 

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**



#### **PREFACE**

... and join in their unending hymn:

#### **SANCTUS**



#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world, you sent Jesus to heal our ills and form us again into one.

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.

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again and again to each of us, we offer you this bread and this cup.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:

as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, Jesus Christ, through whom all glory and honour is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and forever. Amen.

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

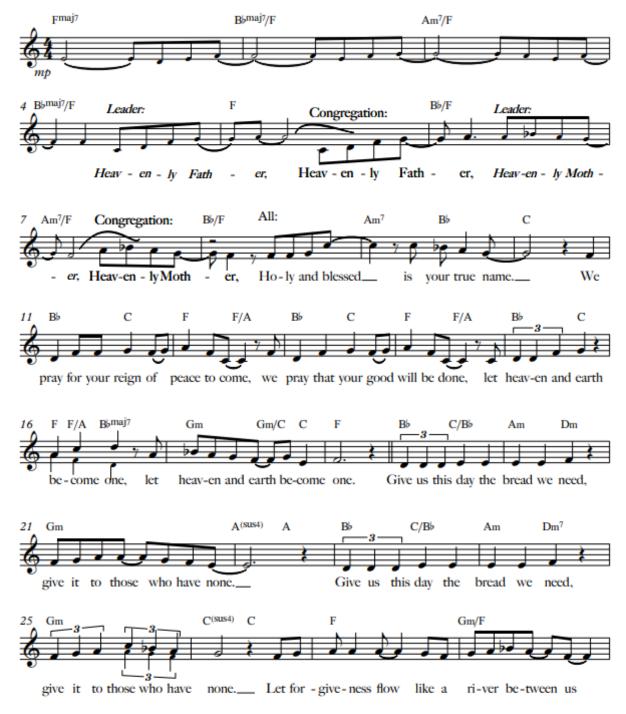
#### LEAD SHEET

# The Lord's Prayer

## Heavenly Father, Heavenly Mother

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#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your reign.

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for your. **Thanks be to God!** 

#### **COMMUNION HYMNS**



Take, Oh Take Me AS I Am

One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All

Blue 73

Creating God Your, Fingers Trace

Red 684

#### **TABLE BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep, and unite us now and forever. **Amen** 

#### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the One who is our dearest reassure, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen** 

#### **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**



#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BENEDICTION**

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed + bless, keep, and sustain you now and forever. **Amen.** 

The blessing of the God of life be ours.
The blessing of the loving Christ be ours.
The blessing of the Holy Spirit be ours,
To cherish us, to help us, to make us holy.

SENDING HYMN Rise, Shine, You People! Red 665

#### **DISMISSAL**

Go into the world in peace, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God!

#### **POSTLUDE**