

# Order of Worship

## March 16, 2025

9:45-10:00    *Silent prayer and reflection with musical background and sung Psalm*

### GATHERING

#### GATHERING SONG    (STAND)

##### *As We Gather with The Steadfast Love of the Lord*

*As we gather may your Spirit work within us,  
as we gather may we glorify your name.  
Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship,  
we'll be blest because we came,  
we'll be blest because we came.*

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
His mercies never come to an end.  
They are new every morning, new every morning,  
great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord, great is Thy faithfulness.*

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#### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS    (STAND)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.    **Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.  
*(Silence is kept for reflection)*

Compassionate One,  
**You are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,  
but our lives do not always reflect you  
and your love for the world.  
Help us to show others the tender compassion  
you have shown us.  
Help us to welcome others with the radical hospitality  
you grant to all people.**

**Help us to show your mercy and understanding to all.  
Help us to treasure and not squander the abundant gifts of the earth.  
Help us to release the chains that bind us,  
as you have set us free again and again.  
Transform our lives  
and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen**

Beloved in Christ,  
God's arms are always stretched open wide  
to welcome the wandering ones home.  
In + Christ your sins are forgiven.  
You have a place in God's house forever.  
**Amen**

## LENTEN KYRIE

### *Rise and Mend*

*Forty days praying and mending  
Binding broken hearts, yours and mine.  
Forty days confessing and fasting:  
Building courage, building strength.*

*Together with Jesus we'll rise again, welcoming the new and dawning days!  
Rise again with Jesus, stronger than before.  
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.  
Rise again and mend, Mended rise again!*

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Rise again with Jesus, stronger than before.  
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.  
Rise again and mend, Mended rise again!*

J. Dexter

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world.  
Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in  
the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with  
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen**

## **WORD**

## KIDS TIME

## SCRIPTURE SONG

### *We Will Always Bless the Lord*

*We will always bless the Lord, praise his name and love his word.*

*Humble folk will fill with joy, as in God we glory.*

Arr. John Bell

SCRIPTURE

*Luke 13:31-35*

<sup>31</sup> Just then, some Pharisees came to Jesus and said, “You need to get out of town, and fast. Herod is trying to kill you.”

<sup>32</sup> Jesus replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘today and tomorrow, I’ll be casting out devils and healing people, and on the third day I’ll reach my goal.’” <sup>33</sup> Even with all that, I’ll need to continue on my journey today, tomorrow and the day after that, since no prophet can be allowed to die anywhere except in Jerusalem.

<sup>34</sup> “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem! You kill the prophets and stone those who are sent to you! how often have I wanted to gather your children together as a mother bird collects her babies under her wings—yet you refuse me!” <sup>35</sup> So take note: your house will be left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God!’ ”

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON SONG

**ELW 735** *Mothering God*

- 1 *Mothering God, you gave me birth  
in the bright morning of this world.  
Creator, source of ev’ry breath,  
you are my rain, my wind, my sun.*
- 2 *Mothering Christ, you took my form,  
offering me your food of light,  
grain of life, and grape of love,  
your very body for my peace.*
- 3 *Mothering Spirit, nurt’ring one,  
in arms of patience hold me close,  
so that in faith I root and grow  
until I flow’r, until I know.*

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SERMON

PROFESSION OF FAITH (STAND)

**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 THE CHURCH

*(STAND)*

*For the Healing of the Nations*

After each petition: *Peace be yours.*

Chorus:

*For the healing of the nations, we pray to you, O God. (2x)*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

**MEAL**

OFFERING We return to God what was first given to us.

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious Provider,  
You set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world.  
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,  
deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others,  
through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*(STAND)*

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:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of pow'r and God of might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory,  
hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name,  
comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
hosanna in the highest.*

Arr. Marilyn Haskell

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom as we pray:

**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 THE TABLE

This is Christ's table. As such, all are welcome.  
... The ushers will guide you forward.

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

LAMB OF GOD     *O Lamb of God/Grace Flows Down*

*O Lamb of God,  
you take away  
the sin of the world.  
Have mercy on us, have mercy on us.  
O Lamb of God,  
you take away  
the sin of the world.  
Grant us peace, grant us peace.  
Grant us peace, grant us peace.  
Grant us peace, grant us peace.  
Grant us peace.*

Text and Music: J Dexter & L Cole

SONG DURING COMMUNION

*Amazing Grace/My Chains are gone* v. 1, 2, 4

- 1 *Amazing grace! how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.*
- 2 *'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!*

*My chains are gone. I've been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy rains, unending love, amazing grace.*

- 4 *The Lord has promised good to me;  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.*

*My chains are gone. I've been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy rains, unending love, amazing grace. (2x)*

*During Communion—Prayer to Ponder Slide:  
Jesus, wake me up so that I don't waste a moment.  
Your kingdom is now, and I need your help to live it fully in your Spirit.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (STAND)

Generous Host,  
You have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

POST COMMUNION SONG

(Slowly)

*My chains are gone. I've been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me. And like a flood His mercy rains, unending love, amazing grace.*

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**SENDING**

OUR LIFE TOGETHER (Announcements)

BLESSING (STAND)

God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit,  
+ bless you now and forever. **Amen**

SENDING SONG (STAND)

*Will We Ever Rise (Broken People)* CCLI 7069916

Verse: *Will we ever rise,  
will we ever rise above the fear?  
Can we learn to see the need,  
can we share humanity?  
I can see another day come.*

Chorus: *Broken people we can be made whole,  
we can be made whole,  
we can be made whole.  
As we lay down our weapons,  
open up our hearts.  
love is breaking us, love remaking us.*

Verse:

*Will we ever rise,  
will we ever rise above the pain?  
Can we learn another way,  
forgive as You forgave?  
I can see another day come.*

Chorus

**Leader - Bridge:** Come heal now, take away the blindness,  
so we can see as we were meant to see.  
I feel light devastating darkness,  
for I can see another day come.  
I can see another day come.

**ALL:** *Broken people we can be made whole.  
Broken people we can be made whole.*

Chorus: *Broken people we can be made whole,  
we can be made whole,  
we can be made whole.  
As we lay down our weapons,  
open up our hearts.  
love is breaking us, love remaking us.*

Tag: *Will we ever rise? Will we ever rise?*

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DISMISSAL (STAND)

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;  
be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;  
help the afflicted; honor all people;  
love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Thanks be to God!**