

# A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Including elements from "Behold, I Make All Things New," a liturgy by Ben Larson*

## GATHERING

*We enter in a spirit of contemplation, as the beloved people of God, and the prelude helps to prepare us for worship. Words said by the pastor/leader are in plain type; words said by the congregation are in bold.*

## PRELUDE

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful God,

**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace  
and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another  
before examining ourselves.**

**We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.**

**We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.**

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,  
and turn us again to life in you  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,  
and through his death and resurrection,

Christ has made us his own.

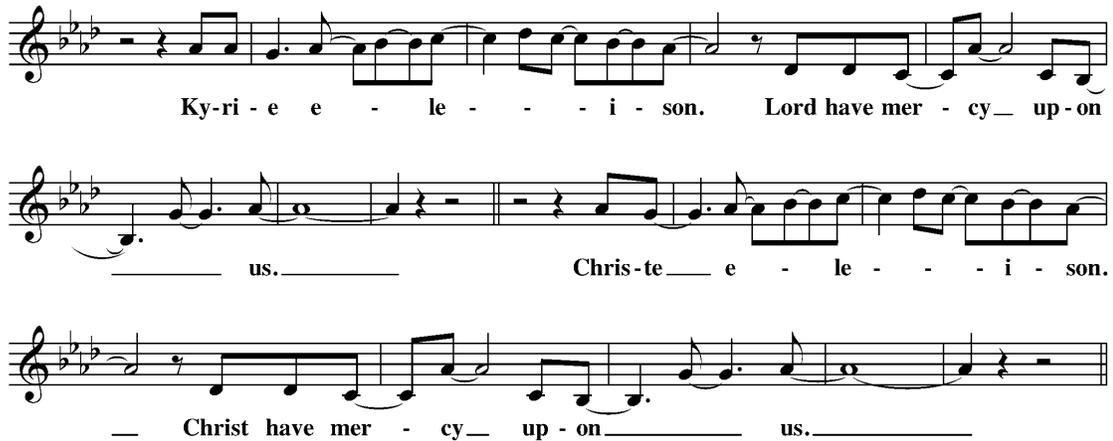
Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ.  
Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness  
to do God's work in the world.  
**Amen.**

## KYRIE

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*In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord.*



Ky-ri - e e - le - - i - son. Lord have mer - cy - up - on  
us. Chris-te e - le - - i - son.  
Christ have mer - cy - up - on us.

*For the Peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*

**Kyrie eleison...**

*For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God, and for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord.*

**Kyrie eleison...**

*For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*

**Kyrie eleison...**

*Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*



A - men A - - - - men A - men.

## GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING *Exodus 14:19-31*

<sup>19</sup>The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. <sup>20</sup>It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

<sup>21</sup>Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup>The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. <sup>23</sup>The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. <sup>24</sup>At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. <sup>25</sup>He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

<sup>26</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." <sup>27</sup>So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. <sup>28</sup>The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea;

not one of them remained. <sup>29</sup>But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

<sup>30</sup>Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup>Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

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

### *Psalm 103:1-13*

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, | O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God's | holy name.

<sup>2</sup>**Bless the LORD, | O my soul,  
and forget not | all God's benefits—**

<sup>3</sup>who forgives | all your sins  
and heals all | your diseases;

<sup>4</sup>**who redeems your life | from the grave  
and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy;**

<sup>5</sup>who satisfies your desires | with good things  
so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.

<sup>6</sup>**O LORD, you provide | vindication  
and justice for all who | are oppressed.**

<sup>7</sup>You made known your | ways to Moses  
and your works to the chil- | dren of Israel.

] <sup>8</sup>**LORD, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy,  
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love;**

<sup>9</sup>you will not al- | ways accuse us,  
nor will you keep your an- | ger forever.

<sup>10</sup>**You have not dealt with us according | to our sins,  
nor repaid us according to | our iniquities.**

<sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high a- | bove the earth,  
so great is your steadfast love for | those who fear you.

<sup>12</sup>**As far as the east is | from the west,  
so far have you removed our transgres- | sions from us.**

<sup>13</sup>As a father has compassion | for his children,  
so you have compassion for those who fear | you, O LORD.

## SECOND READING *Romans 14:1-12*

<sup>1</sup>Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. <sup>2</sup>Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

<sup>5</sup>Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup>Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

<sup>7</sup>We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

<sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. <sup>11</sup>For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

<sup>12</sup>So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al-le - lu - ia Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

4  
— Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! - - - Al-le-

9  
lu - ia! - - - Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 18:15-20*

*The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup>“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what

had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

**SERMON**

HYMN OF THE DAY

HEAVEN IS SINGING FOR JOY

After hearing the sermon, we proclaim the word of God in song.



*El cie - lo can - ta a - le - grí - a, ¡a - le - lu - ya!,  
 1 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,  
 2 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,  
 3 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,*



*por - que en tu vi - da y la mí - a bri - lla la glo - ria de Dios.  
 for in your life and mine is shin - ing the glo - ry of God.  
 for your life and mine u - nite in the love of our God.  
 for your life and mine will al - ways bear wit - ness to God.*

*Refrain / Estribillo*



*¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le -  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -*



*lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!*

*2 El cielo canta alegría, ¡aleluya!,  
 porque a tu vida y la mía  
 las une el amor de Dios. Estribillo*

*3 El cielo canta alegría, ¡aleluya!,  
 porque tu vida y la mía  
 proclamarán al Señor. Estribillo*

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

### *A brief silence.*

You welcome us when we are weak in faith. Uphold your church throughout the world; make it a place of welcome. Strengthen faith through Bible studies, outdoor Communion, and conversations around the fire; inspire us to find new ways to create community and strengthen our faith during these times. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The heights of the heavens show us the vastness of your steadfast love. Have compassion on your creation. Where human selfishness has brought ruin and destruction, we look to you to heal, renew, and redeem your world. We pray especially for all those affected by wildfires in California, and for those rebuilding lives, homes, and businesses after storms in Louisiana and Iowa. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Make your ways known to the nations. Speak kindness to our bitter grudges. Settle our hearts when we want to settle accounts with violence. Bless our leaders with patience, wisdom, and compassion. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring justice and reconciliation wherever harm is dealt. Provide vindication for all who are oppressed. Free victims of human trafficking and forced labor; deliver all who are bound by debt. Feed all who hunger, and guard refugees fleeing famine, poverty, and war. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Teach us to forgive. Remind us that you do not always accuse us. Still our tongues when we are tempted to pass judgment and argue over opinions. Make this congregation a community of mercy for one another and for all our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your healing presence in hospital wards and homes and streets, and ask that your loving embrace surround all who are vulnerable in body, mind, or spirit, especially Tom, Alyson, Nathaniel, Clare, Karen, Hasse, Mason, Joyce, Emmy, and all those we name now, aloud or in our hearts. ...

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. We thank you for those who have showed us faithfulness, for the knees that taught us how to bow to you and the tongues that taught us to praise you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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 power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

*After praying for the whole world, we receive and extend to one another the gifts of Christ's peace.*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*If you are joining our community live, please follow the link below to join us on Zoom as we continue the service with Communion. If you are joining us at another time, know that our prayers join with yours across time and space.*

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## **OFFERING**

*A collection of material goods for the church's mission, including the care of those in need, is a sign of the giving of our whole selves in grateful response for all of God's gifts. The table is set with bread and wine.*

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray together:

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.

Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,

nourish us with this rich food and drink,

and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world,  
through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

## THE PROPER PREFACE

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.

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER *(written by Rev. Katie Hines-Shah)*

Blessed are you,  
O God of the Universe  
You protect and preserve us  
And make the ordinary holy  
Through the power of your love.

Praise to you for all of creation!  
For making humankind from the very dust of the earth  
and giving us all we need for sustenance.  
Praise to you for preserving Noah and his family

through their 40 days of sheltering in place  
and giving them the sign of the rainbow  
when it was safe to venture out again.

Praise to you for bringing the Hebrew people  
safely through the sea and beyond the reach of oppression.  
In the wilderness you provided them with manna and water from the rock  
as they journeyed into a new reality.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one:  
Who turned water into wine.  
Who fed thousands with a few loaves and fish.  
Who healed, taught, and blessed,  
all those who came close to him  
and those separated by distance.  
Who loved the world so much that he became one of us,  
sharing our common life,  
suffering and dying,  
And gloriously rising,  
breaking the bonds of sin, death and the devil  
so that nothing could ever separate us from you.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, 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 this cup  
We remember Jesus's presence among us  
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,  
Make this bread and wine before us  
The body and blood of your Son.  
Enter into our locked rooms  
Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Strengthen and preserve us for the trials we endure now.  
Send us your Holy Spirit  
to comfort, empower, challenge, and encourage us  
to be a sign of resurrection to the world.

**Come Holy Spirit!**

With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with those gathered on screens and by telephone,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

All who thirst, all who hunger, come and be filled with the goodness of  
God.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We give you thanks, gracious God,  
that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,  
the body and blood of Christ.

Lead us forward, nourished and forgiven,  
into your beloved vineyard  
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,  
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ  
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## **BENEDICTION**

The God of all life,  
Creator, ✝ Redeemer, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you and lead you in the way of peace.

**Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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