

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.

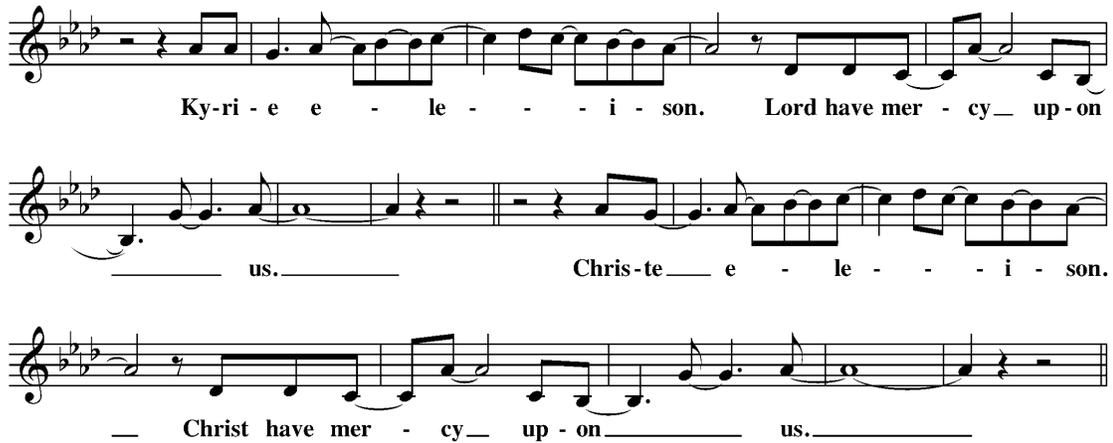
Hear the truth that God proclaims:

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.



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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

Let us pray:

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in your word, protect and comfort us in times of trial, defend us against all evil, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

Psalm 46

¹God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;**

³though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,
the holy habitation of | the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
God shall help it at the | break of day.

⁶**The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth | melts away.**

⁷The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

⁸**Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.

¹⁰**“Be still, then, and know that | I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth.”**

¹¹The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

SECOND READING *Romans 3:19-28*

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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!

The musical score is written on three staves in 4/4 time. The first staff contains the main melody with lyrics. The second staff begins at measure 4 and features a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes with lyrics. The third staff begins at measure 9 and continues the rhythmic pattern with lyrics. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

GOSPEL *John 8:31-36*

The Holy Gospel, according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

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

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Renew and inspire the church in the freedom of the gospel, O God. Where the church is in error, reform it. Where the church speaks your truth, strengthen it. Where the church is divided, unify it. Ignite in us the working of the Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As the earth changes, as mountains shake and the waters roar, may we care for this planet as a holy habitation for all living things. Sustain all peoples and lands recovering from natural disasters of any kind, especially the people of Iowa, Louisiana, Indonesia, and all those who are in the paths of hurricanes this season. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide areas of the world divided or traumatized by conflict, especially in our own land. Free all from slavery and human trafficking, and protect all in harm's way. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Release those living in bondage to debts, chronic pain, or addiction. Comfort and strengthen all those who are in quarantine, especially our students here at U of M. Grant healing touch to those who are ill, especially Tom, Alyson, Nathaniel, Clare, Karen, Hasse, Mason, Joyce, Emmy, Kathy, and all those we name now, aloud or in our hearts. ...

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

In this family of faith we give thanks for courageous voices who have remained firm in their commitment to the one who frees us from sin and death. Centered in your grace, unify us in the hope of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Even in death, you free us and give us a place in your house. We give thanks for our ancestors who have shown us truth and freedom, especially Martin Luther and those who work for the renewal of the church. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus 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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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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