

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.

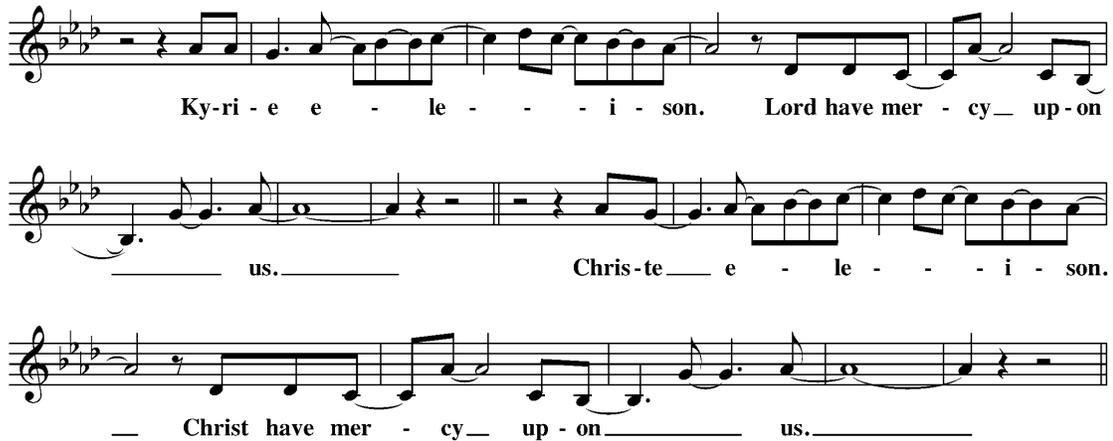
Hear the truth that God proclaims:

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:

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.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 5:1-7*

¹Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

²He 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.

³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

⁴What 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?

⁵And 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.
⁶I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷For 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. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:7-15

- ⁷Restore us, O | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.
- ⁸**You have brought a vine | out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and | planted it.**
- ⁹You cleared the | ground for it;
it took root and | filled the land.
- ¹⁰**The mountains were covered | by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees | by its boughs.**
- ¹¹You stretched out its tendrils | to the sea
and its branches | to the river.
- ¹²**Why have you broken | down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck | off its grapes?**
- ¹³The wild boar of the forest has | ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have | grazed upon it.
- ¹⁴**Turn now, O | God of hosts,
look | down from heaven;**
- ¹⁵behold and | tend this vine;
preserve what your right | hand has planted.

SECOND READING *Philippians 3:4b-14*

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised 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; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More 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 ⁹and 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. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not 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. ¹³Beloved, 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, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of

the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ben Larson

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

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— 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 21:33-46*

The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the people:] ³³“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. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he

sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹They 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."

⁴²Jesus 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'?

⁴³Therefore 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. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

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

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900
 Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

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.

Holy God, you call us to work for peace and justice in your vineyard. Refresh the church with your life, that we may bear fruit through work and service. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Thank you for the abundant harvest of the earth. Bless and care for those whose hands bring the fruits of the earth to the tables of all who hunger. May we be inspired by your servants who care deeply for your creation, especially all those who are helping to put out fires across the Western United States, and all those who are helping to restore the land after fire and flood. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Curb the impulses of greed and pride that lead us to take advantage of others. Grant that world leaders seek the fruits of the kingdom for the good and welfare of all people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sustain all who suffer with the promise of new life. Assured of your presence, heal our pain and suffering, and equip us to embrace all bodies aching for wholeness of mind, body, and soul. We call to mind those who are struggling today, 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.**

We pray for all who toil and for all who are without employment Give hope and a future to those who lack meaningful work, those who have been marginalized, abused, or endangered in the workplace, and those who desire new and safer opportunities. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Thank you for the saints who teach us to live faithfully in your vineyard. May our chorus join theirs until our labor is complete. 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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