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8am In Person & Livestream Worship

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN

"Arise, Your Light Has Come!"

ELW 314

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

God of promise,

You have given us all we are and all we have, and still we have not trusted you fully. We have tried to be god in our own lives, hurting ourselves and those around us in our attempts to control. Wash us clean in the waters of your salvation, and bring us back into right relationship with you.

God welcomes you home with open arms, and forgives you all your sin, for the sake of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, live in the promise of God's love, freely given.

Amen.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.... Faithful God,

You prospered the work of Joseph's hands, in good times and bad. Give us Joseph's unfailing love for you, that by the power of your Holy Spirit, we might overcome whatever life throws at us. Amen.

Please be seated.

A READING FROM GENESIS 37, 39, 41, 42 & 50(CEV, selected verses)

In Genesis chapter 12, which we read last week, God promised Abraham many descendants. Abraham's son Isaac had a son named Jacob, who was later renamed "Israel". Jacob had 12 sons. This is the story of those brothers, especially Joseph.

Jacob loved Joseph more than he did any of his other sons, and so Joseph's brothers hated him and would not be friendly to him. [One day] the brothers saw Joseph coming and made plans to kill him. [One of the brothers] tried to protect Joseph from them. [So, instead] they threw Joseph into a dry well. A little while later, they sold Joseph to slave traders who took him to Egypt. [Meanwhile] the traders took Joseph to Egypt and sold him to Potiphar, the king's official in charge of the palace guard. Soon Potiphar realized that the LORD was helping Joseph to be successful in whatever he did. Potiphar liked Joseph and made him his personal assistant, putting him in charge of his house and all of his property. Because of Joseph, the LORD began to bless Potiphar's family and fields. Potiphar's wife soon noticed Joseph, and said, "Lie with me.", but he refused and said, "I won't sin against God by doing such a terrible thing as this." [So the Master's wife tricked Joseph, and lied to her husband, and Potiphar was convinced that his servant had betrayed him.] Potiphar became very angry and threw Joseph in prison. While Joseph was in prison, the LORD helped him and was good to him. He even made the jailer like Joseph so much that he put him in charge of the other prisoners and of everything that was done in the jail. The LORD was with Joseph and made him successful in all that he did. [After many years, Joseph was removed from prison and became an advisor to the king] The king told Joseph, "God is the one who has shown you these things. You are now governor of all Egypt!" [Eventually, a famine came over the entire region, but Egypt had enough grain stored because of Joseph's leadership.] People from all over the world came to Egypt to buy grain, because the famine was so severe in their countries, including Joseph's brothers. They did not recognize Joseph, but at once he knew who they were. [After many more interactions, Joseph's brothers, Jacob's other sons, came to Jacob and said] Now we ask you to please forgive the terrible things we did. After all, we serve the same God that your father worshiped. When Joseph heard this, he started crying, [and said] "you intended to harm me, but God intended it for good, in order to bring it

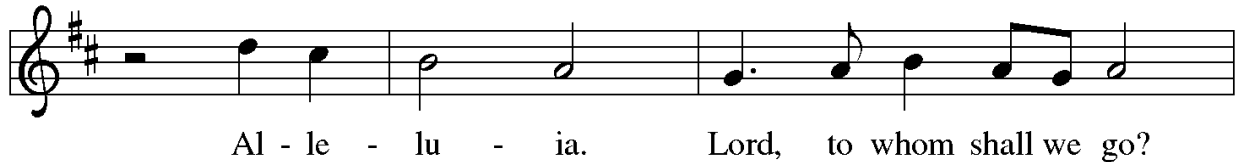
about as it is this day, to save many lives". After Joseph said this, his brothers felt much better. [Jacob and his family came to Egypt, and lived under Joseph's protection for the rest of their lives.]

THE WORD OF THE LORD. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW 5:11-12

¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

Please be seated.

REFLECTION

Pastor Kelly Nieman Anderson

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Canticle of the Turning"

ELW 723

OFFERING PRAYER

God, you have caused the work of our hands to be successful. We now honor you with the fruits of our labor. Use these gifts in the service of your justice. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 PEOPLE

Confident in the promises of our covenant God, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

God of promise, **You hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your grace and mercy, we lift these prayers to you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

At this time, we will prepare hearts to receive the gift of Holy Communion.

If you will be staying in your seat for communion today, please bring out your pre-sealed communion cups

at this time, or for those of you who are online you can bring out any bread and juice/wine,

so we can bless the elements together.

DIALOGUE

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.

WORD'S OF INSTITUTION

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

*Please be seated as we share the gift of communion, remember that ALL are welcome to the table.
The Pastor will share with you the options for receiving communion today.*

EUCCHARISTIC INVITATION

The unfailing love of Jesus sustains us in all things. Whatever you may be struggling with in your life or in your heart, know that you are not alone, and come with gladness to the feast that does not fail.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

“As the Grains of Wheat”

ELW 465

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“He Comes to Us as One Unknown” vs. 1, 2 & 5

ELW 737

SENDING

Go in peace, as we share the Resurrection by:

Loving Jesus, Changing Lives, and Reaching Out to Serve. Thanks be to God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

We look forward to you and/or your family joining us next Sunday:

8am & 10am - In Person & Livestream Worship

9:15am – Education Hour

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Arise, Your Light Has Come!



- 1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
- 2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
- 3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
- 4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



Refrain
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

Refrain



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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He Comes to Us as One Unknown



1 He comes to us as one un-known, a breath un - seen, un -
2 He comes when souls in si - lence lie and thoughts of day de -
3 He comes to us in sound of seas, the o - cean's fume and
4 He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and
5 He comes in truth when faith is grown; be - lieved, o - beyed, a -



heard; as though with - in a heart of stone, or shriv - eled seed in
part; half - seen up - on the in - ward eye, a fall - ing star a -
foam; yet small and still up - on the breeze, a wind that stirs the
birth; to bear with - in our mor - tal frame a life, a death, a
dored; the Christ in all the scrip - tures shown, as yet un - seen, but



dark - ness sown, a pulse of be - ing stirred, a pulse of be - ing stirred.
cross the sky of night with - in the heart, of night with - in the heart.
tops of trees, a voice to call us home, a voice to call us home.
sav - ing name, for ev - 'ry child of earth, for ev - 'ry child of earth.
not un - known, our Sav - ior and our Lord, our Sav - ior and our Lord.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926

Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848-1918

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Confident in the promises of our covenant God, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Faithful God, through Joseph you blessed so many whose lives were in his path. Make us blessings for others so that they may know of your abundant mercy. God of promise, **You hear our prayer.**

Show us how to be faithful stewards of your creation, being not wasteful, but thoughtful in the ways that we use and reuse the resources you have entrusted to us. God of promise, **You hear our prayer.**

Bless all people through the leadership of all whom you have called to govern. Give those with power hearts to serve with justice and mercy. God of promise, **You hear our prayer.**

Pour your healing upon all who suffer, *especially Mardell, Myrna, Shirley, Pastor Kara, Marcia, Sandy, Doris, Mark, Sandy, and Jim.* Sustain them through their challenges, and bring all into your healing light. God of promise, **You hear our prayer.**

Through us send resources to all people in need, so that all who are hungry, homeless, or suffering the effects of hurricanes, drought, flooding, violence and war, might suffer no more. God of promise, **You hear our prayer.**

We remember with joy and thanksgiving all the saints whose humble efforts kept churches running smoothly for congregations near and far. Inspire us to follow in their footsteps, that you might prosper the work of our hands. God of promise, **You hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your grace and mercy, we lift these prayers to you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**