



Guitar Worship

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Full Service Guitar Bulletin

Welcome to Faith and thank you for worshipping with us!

GATHERING

Prelude

Call to Worship

“Sanctuary”

Lord prepare me
To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy
Tried and true
With thanksgiving
I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

Gathering Hymn

“Love the Lord”

1. Love the Lord your God with all your heart
With all your soul, with all your mind
And with all your strength *(repeat)*

With all your heart
With all your soul
With all your mind
With all your strength

Love the lord your God with all your heart
With all your soul, with all your mind
And with all your Strength

2. I will serve the Lord with all my heart
With all my soul, with all my mind
And with all my strength *(repeat)*

With all my heart
With all my soul
With all my mind
With all my strength

I will serve the Lord with all my heart
With all my soul, with all my mind
And with all my strength

Greeting

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

C: And also with you!

A: You are the treasured people of the LORD,

C: a people holy to the LORD our God.

A: Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

A: One does not live by bread alone,

C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

Prayer Requests

A: Any prayer requests?

The Hymn of Praise “We Bring The Sacrifice Of Praise” W&P #150
(2 times)

**We bring the sacrifice of praise
Into the house of the Lord
We bring the sacrifice of praise
Into the house of the Lord**

**And we offer up to You
The sacrifices of thanksgiving
And we offer up to You
The sacrifices of joy**

Prayer of the Day

A: The Lord be with you. **C:** And also with you.

A: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-13

God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.

¹⁰**For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.**

¹²**For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**

¹³**Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.**

- [¹You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be fulfilled.
- ²**To you, the one who answers prayer,
to you all flesh shall come.**
- ³Our sins are stronger than we are,
but you blot out our transgressions.
- ⁴**Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your
temple.**
- ⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our
salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.
- ⁶**You make firm the mountains by your power;
you are girded about with might.**
- ⁷You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.
- ⁸**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous
signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**
-] ⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the
river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the
earth.
- ¹⁰**You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**
- ¹¹You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- ¹²**May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.**
- ¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak
themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

Second Reading

Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its death-dealing ways. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

L: Holy wisdom, holy word.

C: Thanks be to God.

Kid's Time

Gospel Acclamation

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

ELW #172

(2 times)

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 13th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples “sow the seed” of God's word by proclaiming the good news that “the kingdom of heaven is near.” Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow.

⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!”

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Sermon Song

“Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”

ELW #512

Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

A: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit. (*Ephesians 1:13-14*)

A: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by The power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

Confession & Forgiveness

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

Jude 20

C: pray in the Holy Spirit.

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

Jude 21

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

2 Cor. 5:17

C: Everything old has passed away; behold everything has become new!

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self examination.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P: The almighty and merciful God grants you pardon, forgiveness, and release from all your sins.

C: Amen

The Prayers of the Church

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Guide your church, O God, to sow seeds of forgiveness and righteousness on good soil. Direct your people to proclaim your love in this congregation and throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Sustain your creation, O God, by sending favorable weather, causing trees and fields to grow, protecting waterways from pollution, and instilling in all people the need to be good stewards. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Maintain peace among all people, O God, and raise up lawyers to work for justice in the courts, advocates to speak for the downtrodden, and politicians to work on behalf of the common good. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Heal those who are sick, O God (*especially*). Guide health care workers to care for those who suffer, scientists to conduct lifesaving research, and counselors to care for victims of sexual abuse and exploitation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Answer the prayers of those gathered in worship, O God. Protect those who travel near and far, accompany visitors to this congregation, and nurture our faith. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Inspire us by the faithful departed, O God, examples of your embodied love, whose confidence in the resurrection guides us in living lives worthy of the gospel. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen

Passing of the Peace

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **C:** And also with you.

**1 What have we to offer?
What have we to share?
Coins from the coffer,
hearts filled with care.
God will not falter;
so let us dare
lay it at the altar there.**

**promises of when.
Lay it at the altar then.**

**2 What have we to offer?
What have we to bring?
Love, ripe with laughter;
hope that we can sing;
dreams of what we're after;**

**3 What have we to offer?
What have we to give?
Eyes that are wide open;
lies that we won't live;
truth that must be spoken;
justice somehow.
Lay it at the altar now.**

**4 What have we to offer?
What have we to give?
Lives we will live.**

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray. Merciful God,

C: **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

MEAL

Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, ...
... almighty Father, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 & Luke 11:2-4

P: Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: **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**

Distribution

SENDING

Post-Communion Blessing

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ nourish your soul and fill you with his grace now and forever!

C: Amen

Post-Communion Canticle “The Trees Of The Field” W&P #138

(2 times)

Verse

**You shall go out with joy
And be led forth with peace
The mountains and the hills
Will break forth before you
There'll be shouts of joy
And all the trees of the field
Will clap will clap their hands**

Chorus

**And all the trees of the field
Will clap their hands
The trees of the field
Will clap their hands
The trees of the field
Will clap their hands
While you go out with joy**

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen

Benediction “The Montana Blessing” FLCB-unknown

**May your visions be as boundless as the breadth of our sky.
May your souls have the strength of our mountains.
May your lives be as peaceful as our gently falling snow.
And your days be as many as our trees.**

**May your service flow as freely as the rivers of our lands.
May your kindness be as golden as our wheat fields.
May your faith be as strong as our Ponderosa pines.
And your love be as broad as our prairies.**

**May your visions be as boundless as the breadth of our sky.
May your souls have the strength of our mountains.
May your lives be as peaceful as our gently falling snow.
And your days be as many as our trees.**

Announcements

Sending Song “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” ELW #674

1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

2 Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. *Refrain*

3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! *Refrain*

Dismissal

A: Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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