



# *Guitar Worship*

## *July 30, 2023*

*Full Service Guitar Bulletin*

**Welcome to Faith and thank you for worshipping with us!**

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### **GATHERING**

#### **Prelude**

#### **Call to Worship**

“As We Gather”

PRAISE #16

As we gather may Your Spirit work within us  
As we gather may we glorify Your name  
Knowing well that as our hearts  
Begin to worship  
We'll be blessed because we came  
We'll be blessed because we came

#### **Gathering Hymn**

“You Are Holy”

ELW #525

You are holy, you are whole.  
You are always ever more  
than we ever understand.  
You are always at hand.  
Blessed are you coming near.  
Blessed are you coming here  
to your church in wine and bread,  
raised from soil, raised from dead.

You are holy,  
you are wholeness,  
you are present.  
Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!  
Sing hosanna in the highest!  
Sing hosanna!  
Sing hosanna to our God!

## 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: Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

## WORD

### First Reading

1 Kings 3:5-12

*Because Solomon did not ask for long life, riches, or the defeat of his enemies, God gave him what he asked for: wisdom to govern the people well.*

<sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.”

<sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup>And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?”

<sup>10</sup>It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.”

## Psalm

Psalm 119:129-136

<sup>129</sup>Your decrees are wonderful;

therefore I obey them with all my heart.

<sup>130</sup>**When your word is opened it gives light;  
it gives understanding to the simple.**

<sup>131</sup>I open my mouth and pant  
because I long for your commandments.

<sup>132</sup>**Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
as you always do to those who love your name.**

<sup>133</sup>Order my footsteps in your word;  
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

<sup>134</sup>**Rescue me from those who oppress me,  
and I will keep your commandments.**

<sup>135</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant  
and teach me your statutes.

<sup>136</sup>**My eyes shed streams of tears,  
because people do not keep your teaching.**

## Second Reading

Romans 8:26-39

*These words celebrate the depth of God's actions for us. Through Christ's death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God's love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.*

<sup>26</sup>The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

<sup>28</sup>We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 13:31-33, 44-52

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

*Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.*

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;<sup>32</sup>it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

<sup>33</sup>He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

<sup>44</sup>"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup>on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup>when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup>"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

## **Sermon**

**Sermon Song** "Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak"

ELW #676

- 1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak  
in living echoes of your tone;  
as you have sought, so let us seek  
your straying children, lost and lone.
- 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead  
the wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;  
oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed  
your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.
- 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach  
the precious truths which you impart;  
and wing our words, that they may reach  
the hidden depths of many a heart.
- 4 Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord,  
until our very hearts o'erflow  
in kindling thought and glowing word,  
your love to tell, your praise to show.

## **Response to the Word** (*Creed*)

WOV p.49

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.*

Almighty God, we pray for the church and all servants of the gospel. Equip rostered and lay ministers to proclaim that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Form confirmands and catechumens into disciples. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Gracious God, we pray for the well-being of creation. Safeguard the environment, clean polluted rivers and lakes (*local waterways may be named*), preserve the mighty tree and the tiny mustard seed, and send advocates for sustainable practices. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Compassionate God, we pray for the nations. Instill in all who govern the ability to discern between good and evil, free those who are oppressed, and protect those facing danger. Promote peace across the world and in our towns and neighborhoods. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Merciful God, we pray for all in any need. Protect those fleeing from war, shelter any who are in poverty, clothe the naked, soothe all who grieve, and heal the sick (*especially name/s*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Holy God, we pray for this congregation, both those gathered today and those absent from our assembly. Grant safety to travelers and refreshment and safety for children attending summer camps or community programs. Give direction to any experiencing life transitions. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Eternal God, we give thanks for your saints who now rest from their labors. Inspire us by their witness to treasure the gospel, and continually nourish us with your grace. 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.

## **The Offering**

“What Have We to Offer?”

DATH #20

**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.**

**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;**

**promises of when.**

**Lay it at the altar then.**

**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**

### Prayers for Healing

*P: After you have received communion, you may choose to kneel at the altar and receive a word of blessing and a prayer; the laying on of hands and anointing with oil as a physical gesture of healing. (James 5:13-16). Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing-with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.*

P: Let us pray....

**All: Living God, through the laying on of hands and anointing, grant comfort to all who are in need of healing.**

**When they are afraid, give them courage;**

**When they are afflicted, give them patience;**

**When they are dejected, give them hope; and**

**When they are alone, give them assurance.**

**We ask this through Christ our Lord. 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**

**P:** Go from this meal knowing that God blesses you and keeps you. That God's face shines on you and is gracious to you. That God looks on you with great favor and gives you peace.

**C:** Amen

#### **Announcements**

**Sending Song**      “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.

**Dismissal**

A: Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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