



July 26, 2020
8th Sunday after Pentecost
Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth

PRELUDE

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

arr. Sherri Hansen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

A story about forgiveness.

ONE: No matter who we are in this story, God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

MANY: AMEN

GATHERING SONG

Holy Time/Won't You Dance With Me

Greg Evans

*This is holy time
We're gathered together to worship you
To love one another
And as we pray
And as we sing
And as we dance
And as we dream
Oh Lord I beg of you, just this one thing:*

*Won't you dance with me?
Throughout the heavens and below the sea
And upon the mountaintops
Flow with the breeze
Come carry me
Lord, won't you dance with me?*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ONE: You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

MANY: Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Romans 8: 22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise 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. ²⁷ 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.

ONE: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

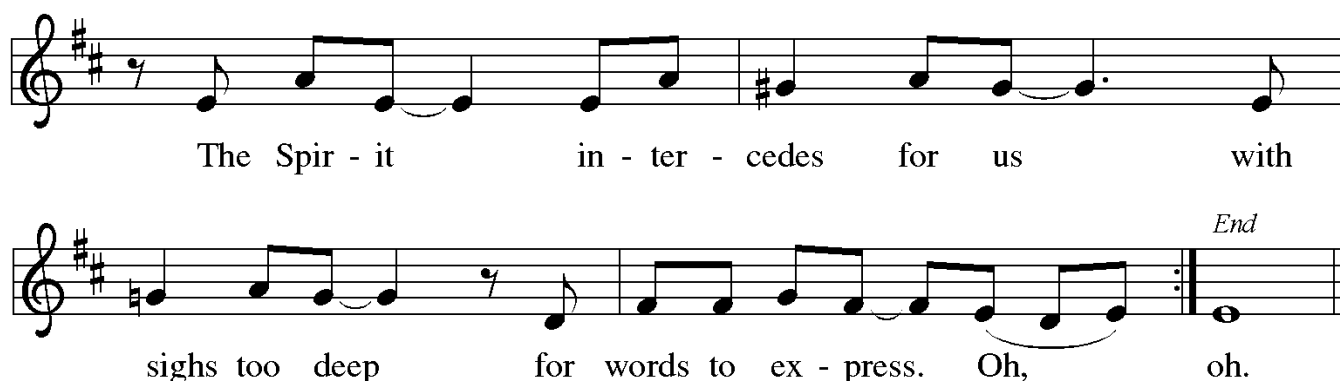
SERMON

Grace Pardun Alworth

SONG OF THE DAY

The Spirit Intercedes for Us

ELW 180



APOSTLES' CREED

ONE: With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the Triune God.

MANY: **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 Christ rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and 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

ONE: Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

silence

ONE: We pray for the church. Sustain us as we share your word. Embrace us as we struggle to find our common ground. Lift up leaders with powerful and prophetic voices. Free us from stagnant faith. Hear us, O God,

MANY: your mercy is great.

ONE: We pray for the well-being of creation. Protect the air, water, land and living things from abuse and pollution. Direct us toward sustainable living. Hear us, O God,

MANY: your mercy is great.

ONE: We pray for the nations. Guide leaders in developing just policies and guide difficult conversations. Free us from partisanship that hinders relationship-building. Lead us to expansive love for our neighbor. Hear us, O God,

MANY: your mercy is great.

ONE: We pray for all in need. For all who are tired, feeling despair, sick, or oppressed. Take their yoke upon you and ease their burdens. Give your consolation and free us from all that keeps us bound. Hear us, O God,

MANY: your mercy is great.

ONE: We pray for all churches. Bless pastors, deacons, and congregational leaders. Energize children's ministry volunteers, church administrators, and those who maintain our buildings. Especially guide and strengthen all people of faith as the COVID pandemic keeps us from gathering together in beloved and familiar ways. Hear us, O God,

MANY: your mercy is great.

ONE: Welcome all who have died into your eternal rest and comfort us in our grief until we are joined with them in new life. Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Savior,

MANY: AMEN

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you always.

MANY: And also with you.

ONE: Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

OFFERING

Sacred Land

Anne Marie David

PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

ONE: Filled with joy, hope, and peace through the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray,

MANY: 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

BENEDICTION

Romans 15:13

ONE: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

MANY: AMEN

SENDING SONG

The Trees of the Field

LS 109

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace, and the

moun-tains and the hills will break forth be-fore you. There'll be shouts of joy

and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

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.

DISMISSAL

ONE: Go in Peace, serve the Lord.

MANY: Thanks be to God!

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