



**November 22, 2020**  
 Christ the King Sunday  
 Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth  
*Telling Your Story*

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

PRELUDE

*Christ is the King*

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

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

**MANY: And also with you.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

ONE: When we are honest with ourselves we know our lives contain elements of messiness, brokenness, suffering, and confusion. There are specific events where we have been hurt and where we have hurt others, by actions we have done and left undone. We feel guilt and shame. There are times when we don't feel called and there are times when we don't feel equipped for our callings in family, community, congregation, work, and school.

Let us pause to open our hearts and lay our messy stories before God.

*Silence for reflection...*

We are not climbing a spiritual ladder. We don't continually improve until we are so spiritual we no longer need God. We die in our sin and are made new. The movement in our relationship to God is always from God to us. God is always coming nearer to us. God loves you, cares for you, and is always with you. We are claimed by God's grace alone and called to lives of service for the well-being of our neighbor and the world God loves.

**MANY: AMEN!**

*Refrain, verse 1, refrain***MANY (refrain):**

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,  
For if you lead me, I can - not stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Verses / Estrofas

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and  
2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous -  
3. I am lost if you take your hand from  
pow'r To help me o - ver my weak - est  
ness. Be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op -  
me, I am blind with - out thy Light to  
hour. Help me through the dark - ness thy face to  
press. I am put - ting all my trust in  
see. Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant  
see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.  
thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.  
be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

ONE: O God, give us grace to be your hands and feet in the world. As your story forms our beliefs and actions, help us to listen to the stories of our neighbors and empower us to share our stories in ways that bring light to the world.

**MANY: AMEN**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:25-38

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.’

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

ONE: Word of God, Word of Life.

**MANY: Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

Rev. Kjell M. Ferris

Verse 1 = all

Verse 2 = high voices

Verse 3 = all, in harmony

Verse 4 = low voices

Verse 5 = all

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his  
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners  
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
 thron'g to crown his head; his name like sweet per -  
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

## 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 Jesus rose again;  
                  he ascended into heaven,  
                  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

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ONE: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*Silence*

**MANY:**

Take, oh, take me as I am;     sum-mon out what I shall be;

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

ONE: Merciful God, you love all creation more than we can ever understand and you accept all the human family just as we are. Empower us to move beyond bias and prejudice to love like you. Where there is racism and conflict, bring reconciliation and joy. Lord, we ask you,  
**MANY:** *(sung, as above)*

ONE: God of Justice, we pray for your leadership and guidance. As transitions in our governments happen may all our leaders embody Jesus' mission, "to bring good news to the poor." Send us out to be the hands and feet of your gospel. Make us instruments of your peace and justice as we go about our daily lives. Lord, we ask you,  
**MANY:** *(sung, as above)*

ONE: Holy One, help us remember that we have been claimed! Through the waters of baptism you have called us to participate in your holy work and ministry on earth. Grant us the eyes to see and the faith to follow the path set before us.  
**MANY:** *(sung, as above)*

ONE: God of all times and places, our world knows pain and suffering. Extend your loving hand upon all who seek relief in mind, body, and spirit. Aloud and in the silence of our hearts, we name those people and places in need of your care... Jack Olson, Betty Pederson, Bunny Rova, Ella Winston...

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, so that all people might walk in newness of life through Jesus Christ.  
**MANY: AMEN**

#### SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**MANY: And also with you.**

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

#### MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

#### OFFERING

*O Christ, the Same*

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

#### PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

ONE: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us,

**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**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### BENEDICTION

ONE: Let us pray together the Prayer of Good Courage.

**MANY: O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**

### SENDING HYMN

*Fear Not for Tomorrow*

LS 161

Verses 1 and 2



1 Fear not for to - mor - row and what it may bring, but  
2 Fear not for to - mor - row and what lies a - head, though  
3 Fear not for to - mor - row, but lift up your voice in



trust in the Lord and o - bey. In joy or in sor - row, in  
fu - ture e - vents be un - known; but wel - come the morn - ing with  
an - thems of glo - ri - ous praise. Give thanks for your bless - ings and



ev - 'ry good thing, the Lord will not lead you a - stray.  
cour - age in - stead, for you will not face it a - lone.  
tru - ly re - joice, for God will be with you al - ways.

*Refrain*



God will take care of you, go ev - 'ry - where with you, al - ways be



there with you day by day. God will pro - vide for you,



be as a guide to you, lov - ing - ly show you the way.

## DISMISSAL

ONE: Go in Peace, serve the Lord.

**MANY: Thanks be to God!**

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