

GATHER

PRELUDE

Kyrie eleison

Charles Callahan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

ONE: The Holy Spirit empowers us to confess our sins... to tell ourselves the truth in love. We seek repentance and forgiveness. We seek to get up from our falls, overcome our mistakes and face hurt in a way that brings more wisdom and wholeheartedness, allowing us to live Christ-like lives.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence

ONE: Most merciful God,

MANY: We confess that we are captive to sin:

we are quick to tell partially true stories where we are right and good,

we often assume other people's motives are mean-spirited, and

we don't want to wade into the messiness of life.

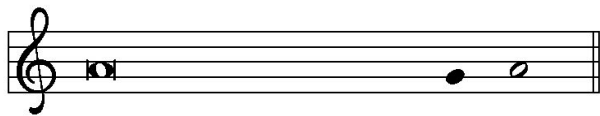
We have not loved you wholeheartedly.

We have not loved our neighbors and friends and enemies with the courage you have created in us. For Jesus sake, strengthen us to rumble with our failings and rise strong in your love.

ONE: The Rising Strong endings to our stories are grounded in the love source of the universe, which we call Jesus. As we struggle with our brokenness and work to change how we engage with the world, God's forgiveness works in us. The love of Jesus ultimately transforms the way we live, love, and lead. Your sins are forgiven, you are free.

MANY: AMEN

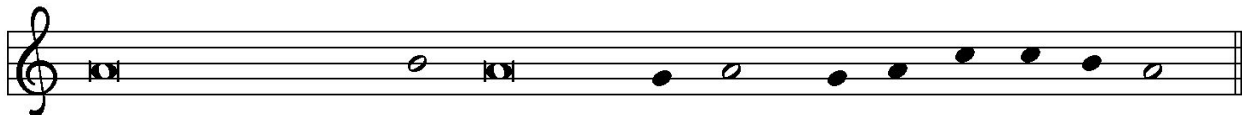
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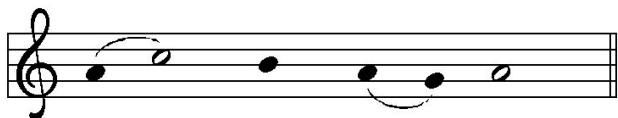
ONE: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



MANY: Lord, have mer - cy.



ONE: For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



MANY: Lord, have mer - cy.



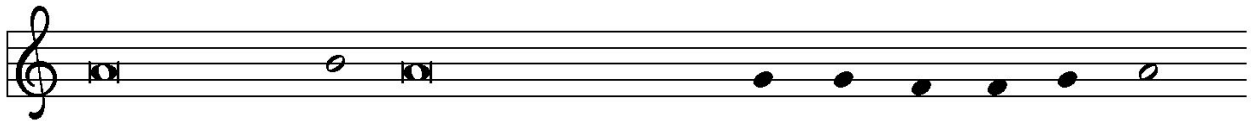
ONE: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



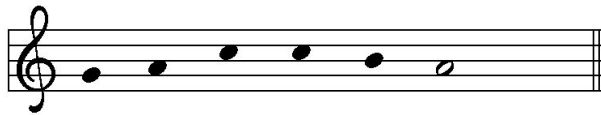
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



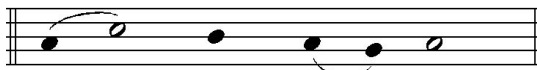
MANY: Lord, have mer - cy.



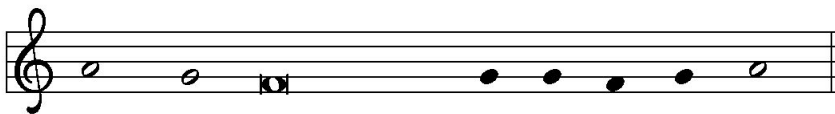
ONE: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



MANY: Lord have mer - cy.

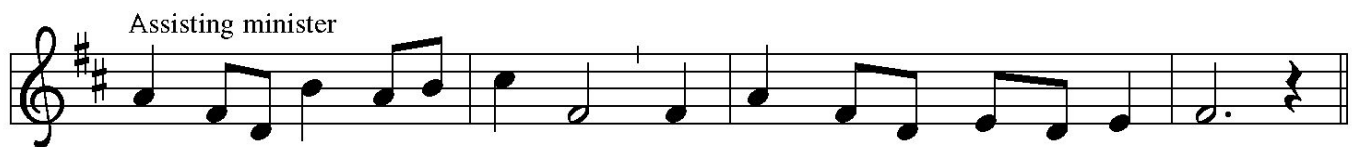


ONE: Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord.



MANY: A - men.

GLORY TO GOD



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ONE: Compassionate God,

How easily you love those who look unlovable to us! How readily you welcome undesirables into your home! How slow we are to follow your example. Turn our hearts toward all who are considered outcast, shunned, and unclean so that we may love our neighbor without pity or apathy, for the sake of the one who became flesh to cleanse the world of sin and death forever, Jesus Christ our redeemer.

MANY: AMEN

WORD

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10:25-42

25 Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" 27 He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." 28 And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

29 But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30 Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' 36 Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" 37 He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Jules Erickson

SONG OF THE DAY

We Are Called

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1) Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain: We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

2) Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!

We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and blindness ...will be... no more. *Refrain*

3) Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!

God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love. *Refrain*

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: We come before God with prayers on behalf of creation, the nations of the world, Christ's church, and all who are in need.

Silence

ONE: God of the Journey, may our Lenten practices renew us in faith and inspire us to actions that create justice and joy in your world. Lord in your mercy,

MANY: hear our prayer.

ONE: God of the Journey, you set out with courage and vulnerability, giving yourself as the ultimate sacrifice for the healing of the world. Yet, today there is discord between parties and nations, citizens and governments, which continues to tear your peace and justice apart. Lord in your mercy,

MANY: hear our prayer.

ONE: God of the Journey, make us vulnerable in our journeys, that we might see not only how we participate in divisions, but how we might contribute to resolution. Lord in your mercy,

MANY: hear our prayer.

ONE: God of the Journey, you cannot help but stop along the way to heal and restore, to lift up and renew, to comfort all who are in need. We name before you, aloud and in our hearts, those we know who are in need of your healing comfort ...

ONE: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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ONE: Let us pray. God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

MANY: AMEN

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

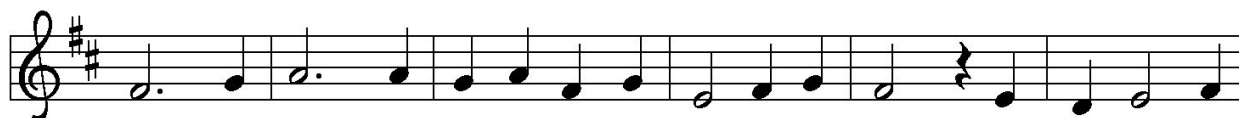
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. AMEN

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

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.

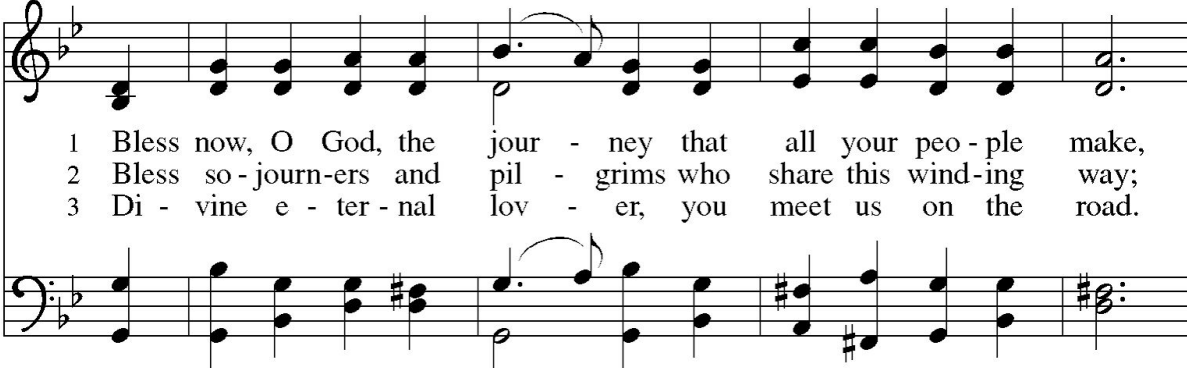
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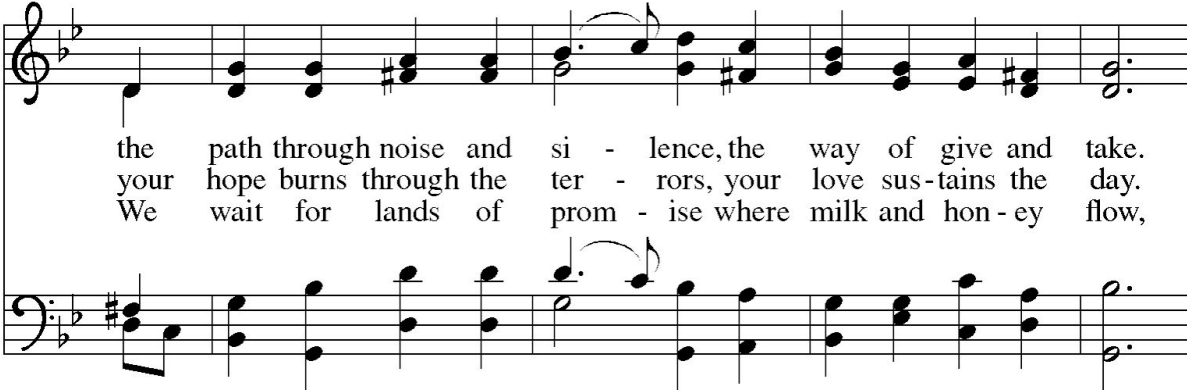
SENDING HYMN

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

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1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
2 Bless so - journ-ers and pil - grims who share this wind-ing way;
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus-tains the day.
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun-tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
but wait-ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL

ONE: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;
be of good courage;
hold fast to that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honor all people;
love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word

Johann Pachelbel

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