

GATHER

PRELUDE

*My Song is Love Unknown*_____Michael Burkhardt

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

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive to sin:

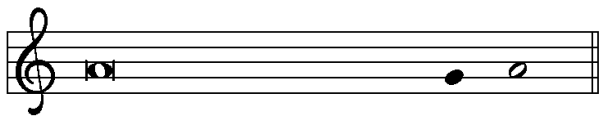
we are quick to tell partially true stories where we are right and good,
we often assume other people's motives are mean-spirited, and
we don't want to wade into the messiness of life.

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.

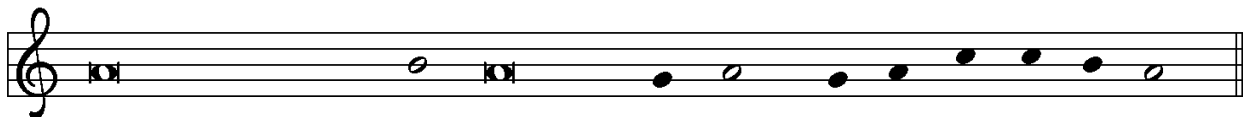
MANY: AMEN



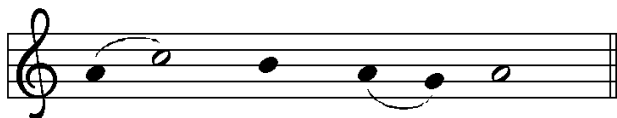
ONE: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



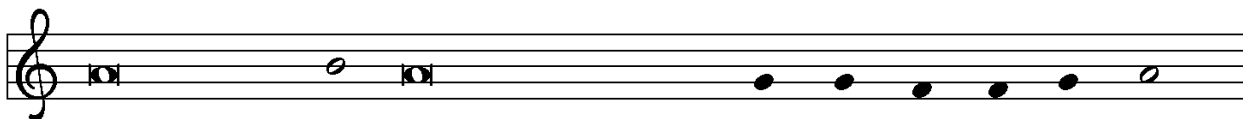
ONE: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



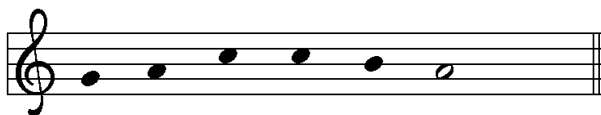
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



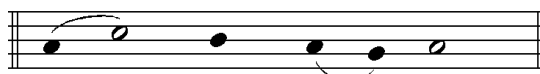
MANY: Lord, have mer - cy.



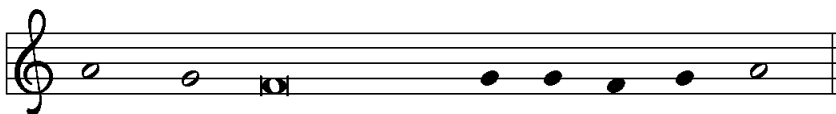
ONE: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



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





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: Let us pray. Lord of the lost,

We are quick to judge and slow to accept those whom we consider lower than ourselves. But you show us the way of acceptance, forgiveness, and peace. We honor your name for teaching us to love, for the sake of the one who is the essence of love itself, Jesus Christ our loving Lord.

MANY: AMEN

WORD

SCRIPTURE

Luke 18:31-43

31 Then Jesus took the twelve aside and said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. 32 For he will be handed over to the Gentiles; and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon. 33 After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again.” 34 But they understood nothing about all these things; in fact, what he said was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

35 As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. 36 When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. 37 They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” 38 Then he shouted, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” 39 Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” 40 Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, 41 “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me see again.” 42 Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has saved you.” 43 Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

ONE: The Gospel of Our Lord.

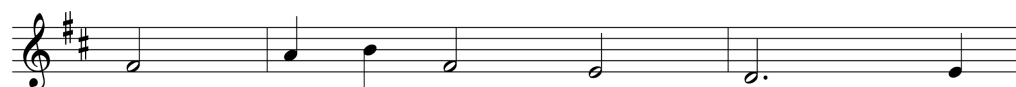
MANY: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

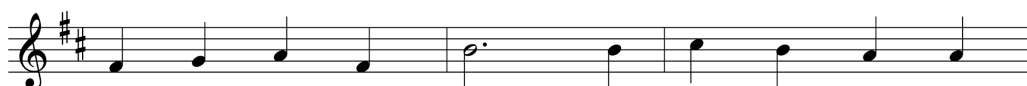
“Let Our Eyes and Hearts OPEN”

Rev. Dr. Jules Erickson

Verses 1, 3, 4, 7 (note: verse 4 is not in the ELW)



1. My song is love un - known, My
 2. He came from his blest throne, Sal -
 3. Some - times they strew his way And
 4. Why, what has my Lord done? What
 5. They rise and needs will have My
 6. In life, no house, no home My
 7. Here might I stay and sing, No



Sav - ior's love for me, Love to the love - less
 va - tion to be - stow, But all made strange, and
 his sweet prais - es sing, Re - sound - ing all the
 makes this rage and spite? He made the lame to
 dear Lord made a - way; A mur - der - er they
 Lord on earth might have; In death, no friend - ly
 sto - ry so di - vine; Nev - er was love, dear



shown That they might love - ly be. O
 none The longed - for Christ would know. But
 day Ho - san - nas to their King. Then
 run, He gave the blind their sight. Sweet
 save: The prince of life they slay. Yet
 tomb But what a stran - ger gave. What
 King, Nev - er was grief like thine. This



who am I That for my sake My
 O my friend, My friend in - deed, Who
 "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all they breathe, And
 in - jur - ies! Yet they at these Them -
 cheer - ful he To suf - f'ring goes, That
 may I say? Heav'n was his home; But
 is my friend, In whose sweet praise I



Lord shall take Frail flesh, and die?
 at my need His life did spend.
 for his death They thirst and cry.
 selves dis - please, And 'gainst him rise.
 he his foes, From thence might free.
 mine the tomb Where - in he lay.
 all my days Could glad - ly spend.

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.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. 2 A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. 3 He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. 5 When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." 6 So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. 7 All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." 8 Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." 9 Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

ONE: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

OFFERING

Zacchaeus

Traditional

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

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

SEND

SENDING HYMN

Christ the Life of All the Living

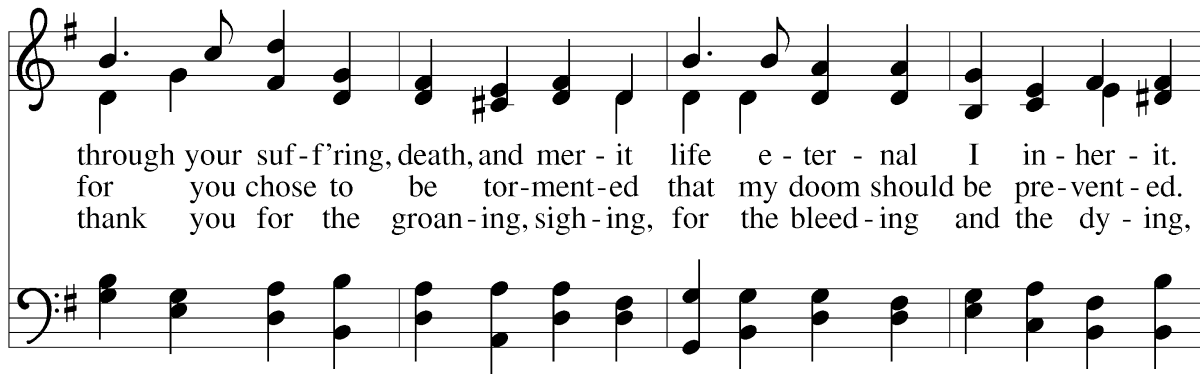
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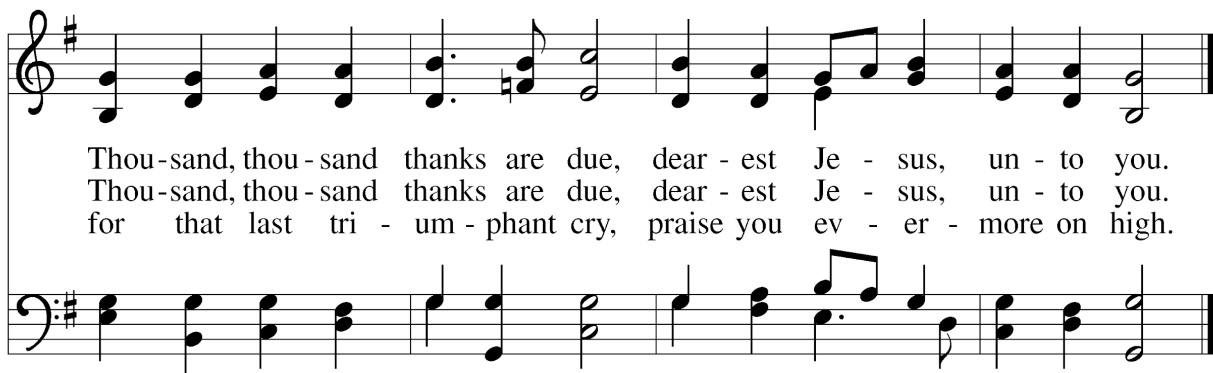
1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,
3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

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

Toccata in E minor

Johann Pachelbel

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