Sunday, June 13, 2021 Third Sunday After Pentecost Peace Lutheran Church *Refugees in Egypt*

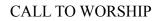


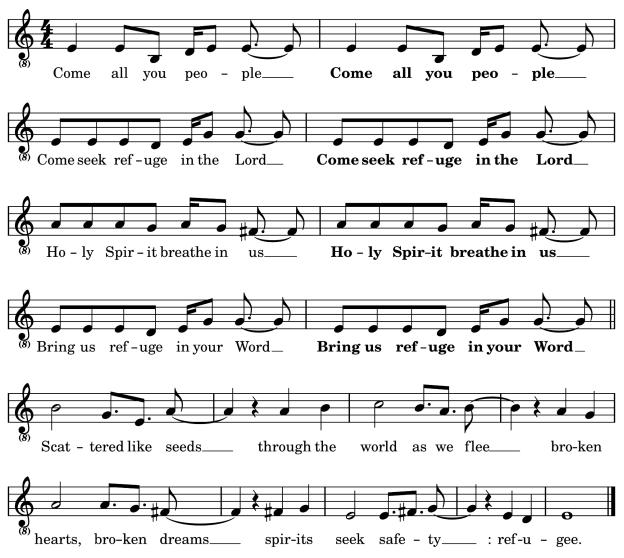
<u>GATHER</u>

PRELUDE

Finding Home

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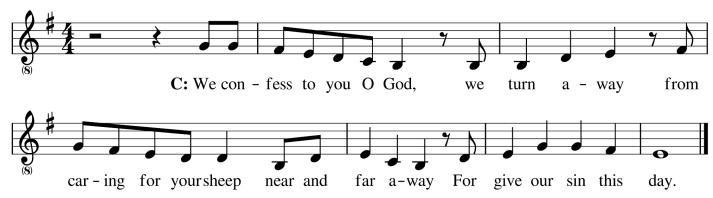




INTRODUCTION

ONE: Welcome to worship where we seek refuge in God's love together. We gather in remembering that Mary, Joseph, and their child Jesus were once refugees who sought asylum in a foreign country. In honor of God's commandment to treat the foreigners living among us as ourselves (Lev. 19:34), we ask that God would show us how to carry out this courageous love in thought, word, and action until peace comes to all the earth.

CONFESSION



ONE: Forgive us, O God, when we see issues instead of people Headlines instead of families Slogans instead of stories Threats instead of neighbors.

MANY: (sung, as above) We confess to you, O God, we turn away...

ONE: Forgive us, O God, when we measure lives by the documents they carry When we let fear outweigh compassion When we miss seeing you in our refugee neighbors When we forget that each one is perfectly loved.

MANY: (sung, as above) We confess to you, O God, we turn away...

ONE: Forgive us, O God, when we assign blame instead of taking responsibility When the problem seems too big for us When we turn away from another's pain When we miss the gifts you have to offer us.

MANY: (sung, as above) We confess to you, O God, we turn away...

ABSOLUTION

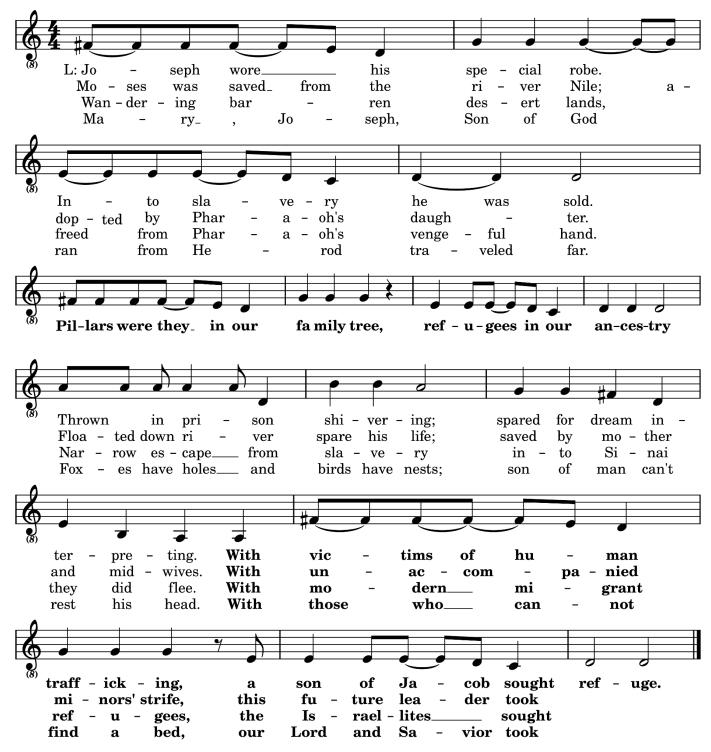
ONE: Brothers and Sisters, in Christ's name and by his authority I declare + your sins are forgiven. Be freed from all guilt and shame that weighs you down.

MANY: Through a repentant life, may we turn from the old ways of sin.

ONE: Celebrate that in Christ you are indeed a new creation;

MANY: We are a people called and empowered to be agents of peace in this world. AMEN

CANTICLE OF SOLIDARITY



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Psalm 69: 1-8

The Psalms can be hard to connect with as present day readers, particularly when we do not share the life experience and historical contexts with the Psalmists. One powerful way to connect with these poetic prayers in our own context is to enter into reading with the question of "whose prayer is this today?" We invite you to hear this morning's Psalm as a prayer of one seeking refuge.

ONE: Let us pray.

Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck.

²I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold; I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me. ³I am weary with my crying; my throat is parched. My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God.

⁴ More in number than the hairs of my head are those who hate me without cause; many are those who would destroy me, my enemies who accuse me falsely. What I did not steal must I now restore?

⁵O God, you know my folly; the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you.

⁶ Do not let those who hope in you be put to shame because of me, O Lord GoD of hosts; do not let those who seek you be dishonored because of me, O God of Israel.

MANY: AMEN

<u>WORD</u>

SCRIPTURE

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising,[b] and have come to pay him homage." 3 When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,

are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler

who is to shepherd my people Israel.""

7 Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 8 Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." 9 When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 11 On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." 14 Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, 15 and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

ONE: Word of God, Word of Life. **MANY: Thanks be to God.**

Kjell-SERMON

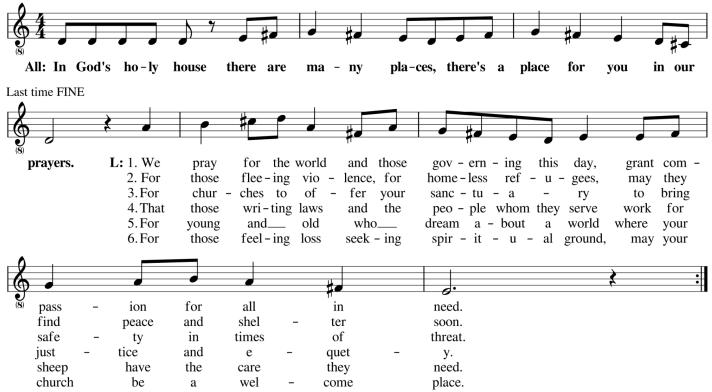
MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

APOSTLES' CREED ONE: With the whole church, let us confess our faith in God, our refuge. MANY: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. Rev. Kjell M. Ferris

Matthew 2:1-15

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 commend to you, O God of the journey, all for whom we pray, trusting in the abounding mercy and steadfast love of your son Christ Jesus, our Lord. 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



OFFERTORY PRAYER

ONE: We offer the gifts of our privilege, to you O Lord. We approach your altar with humility and hope that we might get caught up in your holy work of healing this broken world. Sustain us by your presence in this feast you give to all who are displaced from our heavenly home. **MANY: AMEN**

PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

ONE: Let us pray together the prayer of our Savior:

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



BLESSING OF THE BIKES



DISMISSAL

ONE: As we go out into our everyday lives, let us remember those fleeing for theirs. Show us your way of grace, O Lord, that we might embody a community of welcome for all. Go in peace, and welcome the scattered, MANY: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

God-breathed

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