

***Online Worship
Mid-Week Worship
July 21, 2021***

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All text in italics is spoken by the leader.

Text in bold is your invitation to join in. Please speak those words as you are able.

OPENING WITH CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, creator of the stars of night, companion at the evening table, breath over the deep waters. **Amen.***

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

*Holy and gracious God, **we confess that we have sinned against you this day. Some of our sin we know— the thoughts and words and deeds of which we are ashamed— but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ we ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace. Amen.***

*By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, in whom we are forgiven. We rest now in the peace of Christ and rise in the morning to serve. **Amen.***

PRAISE

My soul proclaims your greatness, Lord; I [shout] my Savior's praise! You looked upon my lowliness, and I am full of grace. Now every land and ev'ry age this blessing shall proclaim— great wonders you have done for me, and holy is your name.

My soul proclaims your greatness, O Lord; I [shout] my Savior's praise! Great wonders you have done for me, and holy is your name.

To all who live in holy fear your mercy ever flows. With mighty arm you dash the proud, their scheming hearts expose. The ruthless you have cast aside, the lowly throned instead; the hungry filled with all good things, the rich sent off unfed.

My soul proclaims your greatness, O Lord; I [shout] my Savior's praise! Great wonders you have done for me, and holy is your name.

To Israel, your servant blest, your help is ever sure; the promise to our parents made their children will secure. Sing glory to the Holy One, give honor to the Word, and praise the Power of the Most High, one God, by all adored.

My soul proclaims your greatness, O Lord; I [shout] my Savior's praise! Great wonders you have done for me, and holy is your name.

A reading from the Gospel According to Matthew 9:1-7

*Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord
And after getting into a boat [Jesus] crossed the sea and came to his
own town. And just then some people were carrying a paralyzed man
lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic,
“Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.” Then some of the scribes
said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” But Jesus, perceiving
their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? For
which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Stand up
and walk’? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has
authority on earth to forgive sins” —he then said to the
paralytic—‘stand up, take your bed and go to your home.’ And he
stood up and went to his home.*

Word of God,

Word of Life.

**REFLECTION - Forgiveness; Resurrection; Eternal;
More.**

SONG - Indescribable

[played and sung by Argine Safari and David Scance.]

*From the highest of heights to
the depths of the sea,
Creation's revealing your
majesty.*

*From the colors of Fall to the
fragrance of Spring,
Ev'ry creature unique in the
song that it sings.*

All exclaiming:

*Indescribable, uncontainable;
You placed the stars in the sky,
and You know them by name.
You are amazing, God.*

*All powerful, untamable;
Awestruck, we fall to our knees
as we humbly proclaim
You are amazing, God.*

*Who has told ev'ry lightning
bolt where it should go,
Or seen heavenly storehouses
laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun and
give source to its light,*

*Yet conceals it to bring us the
coolness of night?
None can fathom.*

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and You know them by name.*

*You are amazing, God.
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Awestruck, we fall to our knees
as we humbly proclaim
You are amazing, God.
You are amazing, God.*

*Indescribable, uncontainable;
You placed the stars in the sky,
and You know them by name.*

*You are amazing, God.
Incomp'able, unchangeable;
You see the depths of my heart
and You love me the same.
You are amazing, God.*

[song continues next column ->]

APOSTLES' CREED

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

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For public servants, the government, and those who protect us; for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering, and for those who are in captivity, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all servants of the church, for this assembly, and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

[A time of silence follows.]

*Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

*Holy God, you abide with your creation and in Jesus Christ you gather us at your table. As you stayed with your disciples for an evening meal, so now stay with us. As we receive these gifts of bread and wine, open our hearts to share what we have received, the abiding love of Jesus, our risen Savior. **Amen.***

HOLY COMMUNION

[We invited you to gather a bit of bread (or similar item), drink (wine or grape juice). The elements used during communion remind us of a substantial meal we would eat during a celebration.]

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

As the shadows lengthen, we bless you, sheltering God.

We glorify you for the endless, starlit sky, deep with the mystery of your creative labor through all time and space. We praise you for the fertile earth and for the life its darkness holds and births: plants of every variety, animals curled in sleep, humankind you shaped by your own hand.

Stay with us, for it is evening.

Through the night you led your people into freedom. At day's end you rained down manna in the wilderness. At sundown your Son brought healing to people in need. In the midday night when Jesus died on the cross, life came forth for all.

Stay with us, for it is evening.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Our hearts burn within us as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Like a mother hen, hold us close through the coming night. Watch with those who labor, accompany those who long for peaceful sleep, welcome those whose waking will be only in you. Into our deepest night, come, Lord Jesus.

Come, Holy Spirit, make here the body of Christ: in the breaking of the bread, in justice for our broken world, in rest for the weary, come, Holy Spirit.

To you, O God, painter of both night and day, guiding star and healing sun, breath of peace and wind of change, be all glory, all honor, all praise this night unto the coming dawn, now and forever.

Amen.

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit across phone lines, social media, and the internet - let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

This is the body of Christ, given for you.

This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

[After consuming the elements.]

*May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.***

*Let us pray. We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. **Amen.***

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in † Christ Jesus.

Amen.

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.