August 6, 2023: Bread For The World

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Introduction

Call to Worship (based on Matthew 14: 13-21)

Why have you come to this place?

We have come to find Jesus.

What draws you here today?

We are tired in body and spirit.

Jesus bids you sit and be at ease.

We are hungry and empty.

Come and eat your fill.

But there are only five barley loaves and two fish.

There is plenty for all.

Will we find wholeness here?

Jesus gathers the fragments of our lives, that nothing may be lost.

GATHERING SONG All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly (ELW 461)



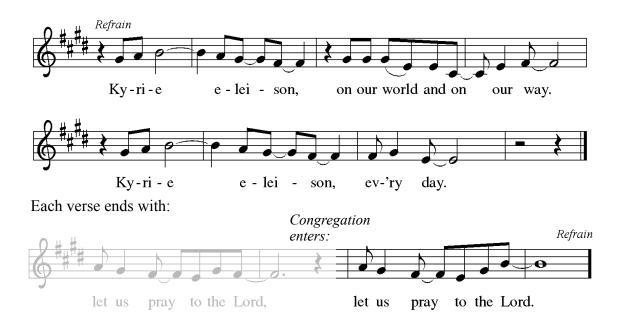
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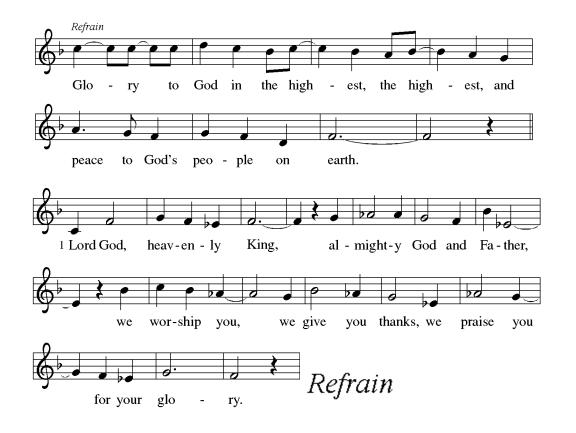
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Kyrie (ELW p. 184)

The words "kyrie eleison" are an ancient prayer meaning "Lord have mercy". Some settings of the kyrie are more penitential in nature but this one is an upbeat celebration of God's grace. The worship leaders will sing the verses and the congregation will join on the refrain.



Canticle of Praise (ELW p. 185)





Prayer of the Day

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Word

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;

and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

PSALM: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21



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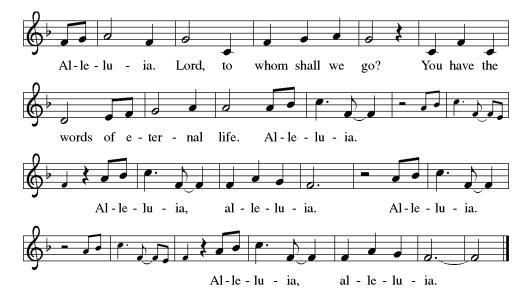
- ⁸The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.
- ⁹LORD, you are | good to all, and your compassion is over | all your works. R
- ¹⁴The Lord upholds all | those who fall and lifts up those who | are bowed down.
- ¹⁵The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD, and you give them their food | in due season.
- ¹⁶You open | wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.
- ¹⁷You are righteous in | all your ways and loving in | all your works. R
- ¹⁸You are near to all who | call upon you, to all who call up- | on you faithfully.
- 19 You fulfill the desire of 1 those who fear you; you hear their 1 cry and save them.
- ²⁰You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you shall destroy.
- ²¹My mouth shall speak the praise | of the LORD; let all flesh bless God's holy name forey-| er and ever. R

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel using the words of Peter in John 6:68



GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: Rev. Jaime Bouzard, ELCA Campus Pastor at Texas State

HYMN OF THE DAY Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (ELW 712)



- 1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
- 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
- 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi sion, till your love's re veal-ing light
- 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed: still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead. in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight, to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a - lone, but heart; As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul, mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear, hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part. by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole. stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share. that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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.

Prayers of Intercession

Each petition ends with the words "Hear us, O God," and the assembly responds with "Your mercy is great."

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

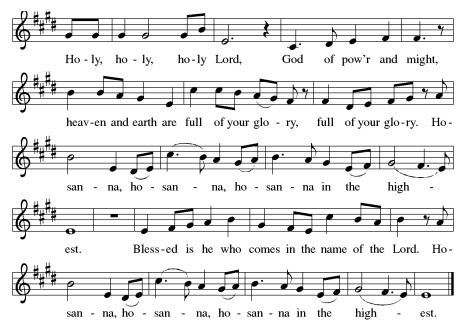
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy (ELW p. 190)

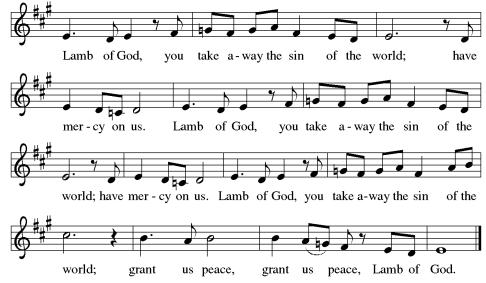


Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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.

Invitation to Communion, Lamb Of God



Communion Song: You Satisfy the Hungry Heart: Gift of Finest Wheat (ELW 484)



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Prayer after Communion

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed + bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG By Your Hand You Feed Your People (ELW 469)



- 1 By your hand you feed your peo ple, food of an gels, heav-en's bread.
- 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun ger, wine of peace.
- 3 Send us now with faith and cour age to the hun gry, lost, be reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed: Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis-dom sat - is - fy our deep-est needs. In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod-y, blessed and bro-ken, cup o'er-flow-ing, life out - poured,



giv-en as a liv-ing to-ken of your world re-deemed, re-stored.

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.