

✠ THE SERVICE ✠

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Chant de Paix (Song of Peace)

Jean Langlais 1907-1991

✠ GATHERING ✠

*(Arrows indicate when the congregation may sit ↓ or stand ↑ as able. **Bold print** are responses spoken by the congregation.)*

↑ CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

For the sake of justice and kindness, we confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Merciful God,

Too often we come before you with our pious actions and our empty words. We fail to live with kindness, justice, and humility. We turn on our neighbors and build up for ourselves. Forgive all that we have done and have failed to do and transform us into people you are proud to call your own.

The abundant grace of our God does transform lives from the inside out. Receive today the entire forgiveness of all your sins. Be transformed in your bodies, souls, and minds. Be molded into God's renewed creatures, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

↑ GATHERING

Arise, My Soul, Arise!

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↑ GREETING

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

↑ HYMN OF PRAISE

*This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia.*

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1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his. (refrain)

2. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (refrain)

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Dear God, though the way ahead may seem uncertain, our fortunes are in your hands. Give us patience and vision to see what future you have for us, for we put our trust in you, Lord. Amen.

↓ CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Following the Children's Message, parents of children who are six or younger are welcome to take their children to child-care and retrieve them for communion. (10:30 worship service only)

✠ WORD ✠

↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

***Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.
Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.***

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↑ GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 5:14

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

↓ PRIMARY READING

Isaiah 36:1-3,13-20;37:1-7;2:1-4

³⁶In the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, King Sennacherib of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of ¹Judah and captured them. ²The king of Assyria sent the Rabshakeh from Lachish to King Hezekiah at Jerusalem, with a great army. He stood by the conduit of the upper pool on the highway to the Fuller's Field. ³And there came out to him Eliakim son of Hilkiah, who was in charge of the palace, and Shebna the secretary, and Joah son of Asaph, the recorder. ¹³Then the Rabshakeh stood and called out in a loud voice in the language of Judah, "Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria! ¹⁴Thus says the king: 'Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be able to deliver you. ¹⁵Do not let Hezekiah make you rely on the Lord by saying, The Lord will surely deliver us; this city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.'

¹⁶Do not listen to Hezekiah; for thus says the king of Assyria: 'Make your peace with me and come out to me; then everyone of you will eat from your own vine and your own fig tree and drink water from your own cistern, ¹⁷until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and wine, a land of bread and vineyards. ¹⁸Do not let Hezekiah mislead you by saying, The Lord will save us. Has any of the gods of the nations saved their land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? ¹⁹Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim? Have they delivered Samaria out of my hand? ²⁰Who among all the gods of these countries have saved their countries out of my hand, that the Lord should save Jerusalem out of my hand?'"

³⁷When King Hezekiah heard it, he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the Lord. ²And he sent Eliakim, who was in charge of the palace, and Shebna the secretary, and the senior priests, covered with sackcloth, to the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz. ³They said to him, "Thus says Hezekiah, This day is a day of distress, of rebuke, and of disgrace; children have come to the birth, and there is no strength to bring them forth. ⁴It may be that the Lord your God heard the words of the Rabshakeh, whom his master the king of Assyria has sent to mock the living God, and will rebuke the words that the Lord your God has heard; therefore lift up your prayer for the remnant that is left." ⁵When the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah, ⁶Isaiah said to them, "Say to your master, 'Thus says the Lord: Do not be afraid because of the words that you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have reviled me. ⁷I myself will put a spirit in him, so that he shall hear a rumor, and return to his own land; I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.'"

²The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

↓SERMON

↓HYMN

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

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↑APOSTLES' CREED

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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

(The congregation is encouraged to take the position which is most prayerful to you.)

Prayer Leader: Eternal God,

Congregation: hear our prayer.

✠ **MEAL** ✠

↑SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

*The congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

↓OFFERING

Jerusalem, My Happy Home
Choir Anthem

arr. Mark Shepperd

↑PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Hymn

As the Grains of Wheat

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*As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;*

*so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.*

↑ OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

In all circumstances we give you thanks, O God. Receive these gifts we present to you this day as signs of our love and thankfulness for your goodness. Use them to feed the hungry and care for the disadvantaged. In the name of your son, Jesus. Amen.

↑ GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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 FOR THE DAY

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

↑ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

↑ JESUS' WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

↑ LORD'S PRAYER

You are invited to pray in the version or language of your choice.

**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

All the nations stream to the house of the Lord. And we, too, have a place at the table. Come, join the feast!

↓ DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

*The cup we serve is non-alcoholic. Dip the bread into the cup (intinction). **Gluten-free wafers and a gluten free common cup are offered for those who have need. Please indicate your need to the pastor as you approach to receive the host.** If you do not wish to take communion you may come forward for a blessing or remain seated.*

↓ LAMB OF GOD

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

↓ Distribution Music

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service #712

O Day of Peace #711

↑ POST COMMUNION BLESSING

↑ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Holy and compassionate God,

in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous.

May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

✠ **SENDING** ✠

↑ BLESSING

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

↑HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

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↑DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Sound the good news.

Thanks be to God.

↓POSTLUDE

Cortege

Gordon Young 1919-1998

*Many worshippers choose to stay in the sanctuary to listen to the musical postlude
(3-4 minutes).*