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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie

CENTERING SONG - “Come and Fill Our Hearts” - ELW 528 (sing 3x’s in English)



Music notation for the first line of the song. The treble clef is on the first line, and the key signature is two sharps. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.



Music notation for the second line of the song. The bass clef is on the first line, and the key signature is two sharps. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.



Music notation for the third line of the song. The treble clef is on the first line, and the key signature is two sharps. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes, with a fermata over the last note.

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!



Music notation for the fourth line of the song. The bass clef is on the first line, and the key signature is two sharps. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes, with a fermata over the last note.

Text: Psalm 136:1 (Latin); Taizé Community

Music: CONFITEMINI DOMINO, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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P Blessed be the holy Trinity,  one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSİON AND FORGIVENESS

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

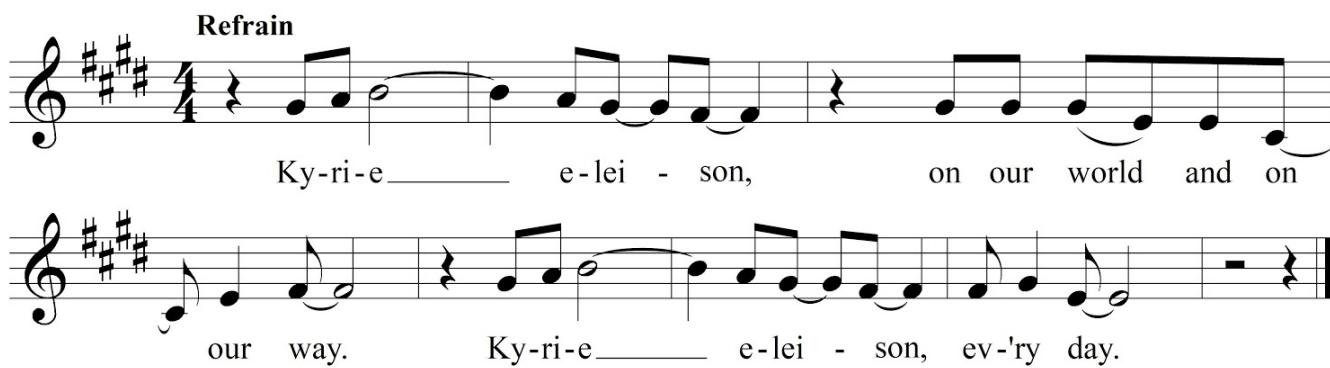
P Gracious God,
C **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given
ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In
your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have
done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us
by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C **Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON - "Kyrie" - ELW Setting 8

Refrain



Ky-ri-e _____ e-lei - son, on our world and on
our way. Ky-ri-e _____ e-lei - son, ev'-ry day.

Verses



1. For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2. That we may live out your im-pas-sioned re-sponse to the
3. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for
4. For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the
u - ni - ty of all; for this ho - ly house, for all who
hun - gry and the poor; that we may live out truth and
friends and fam - i - ly; for life and for love, for our
wa - ter and the Word; that you nour - ish our souls with your
wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
jus - tice and grace, work and our play,
bod - y and blood,
To Refrain
Let us pray to the Lord.

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

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Video from LRCC

CHILDREN'S SONG - "All Things Bright and Beautiful" - WOV 767, v. 1 & 4

Refrain

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

Verse

1. Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
4. God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

God made their glow - ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

To Refrain

Tune: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818-1895, alt.

Music: ROYAL OAK (7 6 7 6 and refrain), English tune, 17th cent., adapt. Martin Shaw, 1875-1958.

FIRST READING: Exodus 33:12-23 (Video reading by Bernie Lau)

Moses successfully interceded with God to accompany Israel to the promised land after their sin with the golden calf. In response to a request to display the divine glory, God recites a sentence that appears frequently in the Hebrew Scriptures: "I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious." Moses is not allowed to see God's face, but only God's back.

¹²Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' ¹³Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." ¹⁴He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." ¹⁵And he said to him, "If your presence will not

go, do not carry us up from here. ¹⁶For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

¹⁷The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." ¹⁸Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." ¹⁹And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." ²¹And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; ²²and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; ²³then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF RESPONSE - "Change My Heart, O God" - ELW 801

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G clef, common time, and 3/4 time. The first staff is a Refrain, the second is the main verse, and the third is a concluding section.

Refrain (Staff 1):

Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.

End (Staff 2):

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

3/4 Time (Staff 3):

You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953

Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa

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SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (Video reading by Joe Zimmerly)

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

As able, the assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – “Alle, Alleluia” (Schaner/Keil)



Al - le, __ al - le - lu - ia! Al - le, __
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le, __ al - le - lu -
ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

P The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” ²¹They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

SERMON - Pastor Julie Morris



As able, the assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

SONG OF THE DAY - “All Creatures Worship God Most High” - ELW 835 - verses 1-4



1 All crea-tures, wor - ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth - ful, strong; drive far the shad - ows, join the
4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor
grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear:
care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:
Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -



5 And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Alleluia.

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia.

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1182–1226; tr. composite

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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APOSTLES' CREED (Video reading by Jeffrey Saner)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, Our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.**

The assembly may be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*Each intercession ends, “**Lord, in your mercy.**” All respond, “**Hear our prayer.**”*

A Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING SONG – “We Are an Offering” (Mount Cross Virtual Choir Stewardship Video)



As able, the assembly stands for the Great Thanksgiving.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est.. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

P 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.

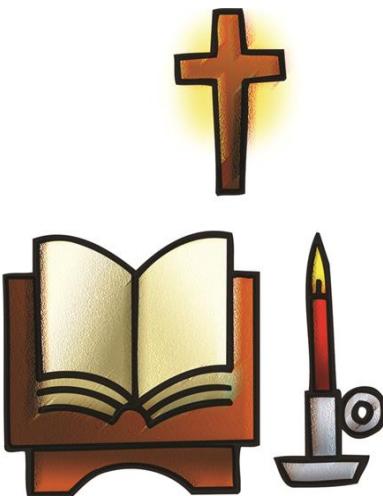
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

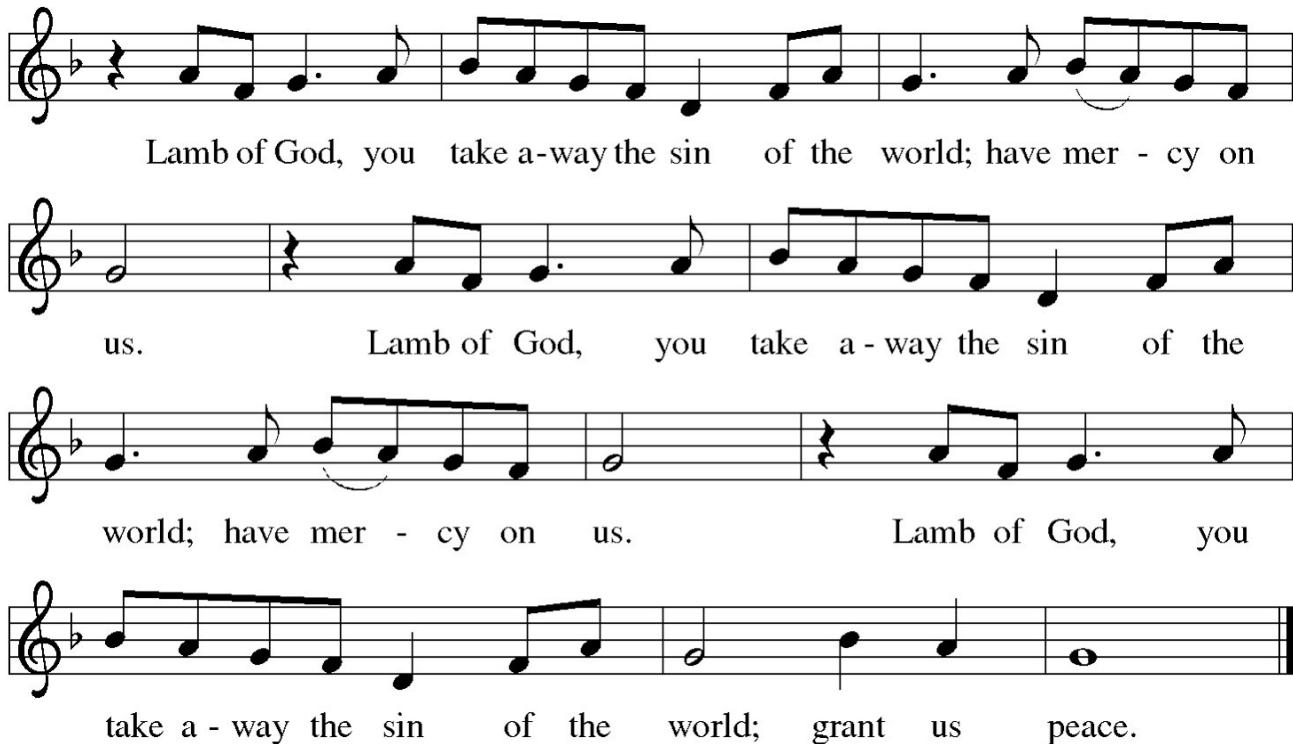
LORD'S PRAYER (Video reading by VBS Participants)

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
C **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.**



The assembly may be seated.

LAMB OF GOD - ELW Setting 2



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

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

A spiritual communion is a personal devotion that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion. As Martin Luther once wrote: "I can enjoy the sacrament ... every day if only I keep my eyes on the promise, that is, on the words and promise of Christ, which feeds and strengthens my faith."

The presider invites the following prayer to be said by all:

Jesus, my savior and friend, thank you for your presence in the Sacrament of Holy Communion and your presence with us here and now. Trusting your words, "This is my body; this is my blood—given for you," I welcome you into my heart. Let my life witness to your grace and peace. Strengthen all of us with faith, hope and love until we can meet at your table again. Amen.¹



¹ Adapted by Pastor Julie from prayers written by Bishop Guy Erwin and St. Alphonsus Liguori.

COMMUNION SONG - "Let All Things Now Living" - ELW 881

1. Let all things now living a song of thanks-giv-ing to
 2. God rules all the forc-es: the stars in their cours-es and
 God the cre-a-tor tri-um-phant-ly raise,
 sun in its or-bit o-be-dient-ly shine;
 who fash-ioned and made us, pro-tect-ed and stayed us, who
 the hills and the moun-tains, the riv-ers and foun-tains, the
 still deeps of the o-ocean the pro-claim of God our di-vine.
 God's ban-ners are o'er us, God's light goes be-
 We too-should be voic-ing our love and be-
 fore us, a pil-lar of fire shin-ing forth in the night,
 joic-ing; with glad ad-o-ra-tion a song let us raise
 till shad-ows have van-ished and dark-ness is ban-ished, as
 till all things now liv-ing u-nite in thanks-giv-ing: "To
 for-ward we trav-el from light in-to light.
 God in the high-est, ho-san-na and praise!"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

C **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

P Rooted in God's grace,
C **we joyfully witness and serve!**

POSTLUDE - "The Happy Song" (Matt Redman) - led by Jessica Masek, Carina McVeigh, and Jerry Warren with Madison Burke, Reagan Burke, and Joe Zimmerly dancing

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