



Rogation Sunday Worship
Of Land and Season Liturgy
Together on-line as a community of Christ
Big Spring United Lutheran Church with
Zion Lutheran Church, Newville
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SEASON OF PENTECOST LITURGY SUMMER 2020

The *congregation*, or participants, *respond* with the lines in *bold type*.

PRELUDE

Let All Things Now Living

Traditional Welsh Melody

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

In the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have neglected to nurture the new growth you cause to sprout among us.

We have failed to protect those tender and vulnerable in faith

from the choking weeds of our indifference and inflexibility.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, rededicate us, and compel us,

so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God,

Jesus Christ was given to die for us,

and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,

and by his authority, I therefore declare to you

the entire forgiveness of all your sins,

in the name of the Father,

and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG (ELW 556)

Morning Has Broken



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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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.

Kyrie

Cantor



We pray for peace, O Lord, make plow - shares of our swords, make



plow - shares of our swords: hear us when we cry to you.

Assembly



Lord, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Lord, have



mer-cy on us: hear us when we cry to you.

Cantor



Christ, make us grow in grace un - til we see your face, un -



til we see your face: hear us when we cry to you.

Assembly



Christ, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Christ, have



mer-cy on us: hear us when we cry to you.

Cantor



De - fend your church, O Lord, and root it in your word, and



root it in your word: hear us when we cry to you.

Assembly



Lord, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Lord, have



mer-cy on us: hear our cry. A - men.

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, based on the Kyrie

Music: MY FATHER, HOW LONG, African American spiritual

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HYMN OF PRAISE

Oh, Sing of God's Great Victory!

Verses: Cantor



1 Oh, sing of God's great vic - to - ry! Je - sus'
2 This is the feast of vic - to - ry of the
3 Oh, is it not a mys - ter - y that our
4 All hon - or, bless - ing, glo - ry, might, sing the



blood has set us free! Let all his crea - tures
glo - rious Lamb a - bove. Now all God's peo - ple
Lord a Lamb should be, who on the cru - el
hosts to Christ on high; all pow - er, rich - es,



join our songs, for to Christ the throne be - longs.
gath - er round for the ban - quet of God's love.
cross was slain, but a - rose in heav'n to reign.
wis - dom, strength. Now let all on earth re - ply:

Refrain: All



Sing we al - le - lu - ia, prais - es to the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, based on Revelation 5

Music: THE SHEPHERD'S DAUGHTER AND THE KING, Appalachian traditional

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Nurturing God,

like a good shepherd you provide for the needs of your flock.

When we grow tired in our labors, sustain us;

when we grow complacent in our caring for others,

restore our commitment to nurture and protect your faithful among us,

especially those whose faith is new and tender;

for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

WORD

First reading from Isaiah 55: 10-13.

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm READ RESPONSIVELY Psalm 65: 9-13

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

¹⁰**You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

¹¹You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹²**May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.**

¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

GRADUAL HYMN

O God, Whose Word Well-Planted

1 O God, whose word well - plant-ed yields fruit a hun-dred -
2 O God, of seed and har - vest, of sun and soil and
3 O God, your fi - nal har - vest of his - t'ry's an - cient

fold, we praise your grac - es grant - ed to
rain, at - tend the word we sow, lest its
field will test with truth the proud-est that

those who sowed of old, who by their wit - ness
plant - ing be in vain. Send show - ers of your
hu - man work can yield. Op - pres - sion's blight will

scat - tered good seed up - on the soil where
Spir - it, bright sun - shine of your grace, that
van - ish, fair free - dom's fruits in - crease; and

oth - ers, reap - ing, gath - ered the har - vest of their toil.
mul - ti - tudes who hear it your gos - pel may em - brace.
love and joy will flour - ish to clothe the earth with peace.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr.

Music: ABIDING PRESENCE, Stephen P. Folkemer

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GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9.18-23

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!”

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: The seeds, the weeds and the good soil

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY (ELW 681)

We Plow the Fields and Scatter



1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
2 You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and far.
3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,



but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand,
You paint the way - side flow - er, you light the eve - ning star.
the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.



who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;
No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,



the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
much more to us, your chil - dren, you give our dai - ly bread.
but what you most would trea - sure—our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

Refrain



All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove.



We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

Text: Matthias Claudius, 1740–1815; tr. Jane M. Campbell, 1817–1878, alt.
Music: WIR PFLÜGEN, Johann A. P. Schulz, 1747–1800

**LET US CONFESS TOGETHER THE WORDS
OF THE 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

God of the harvest, you sow the good seed of the gospel of Jesus Christ into your field. Help your church throughout the world to be both diligent and patient, full of resolve and gentleness, that our witness may be faithful to your intentions. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of all space and time, your whole creation groans in labor pains, awaiting the gift of new birth. Renew the earth, sky, and sea, so that all your creation experiences freedom from the bondage of decay. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of the nations, teach us your ways, that we may walk in your truth. Mend the fabric of the human family, now torn apart by our fearful and warring ways (*regions and nations in conflict may be named*). Guide us by your mercy, grace, and steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of hope, you accompany those who suffer and are near to the brokenhearted. Open our hearts to your children who are lonely and abandoned, who feel trapped by despair, and all who suffer in any way. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of the seasons, in the midst of summer, give us refreshment, renewal, and new opportunities. We pray for the safety of those who travel. We pray for those who cannot take the rest they need. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of life, those who have died in you shine like the sun in your endless kingdom. We remember with thanksgiving the saints of all times and places and saints close to us (*especially*). Gather us with them on the day of salvation. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

MEAL

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we



place up - on your ta - ble. We do not wor - ship
grew in your good plea - sure. What once was com - mon,
lift in prayer be - fore you. Lord, by your grace now



as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
dai - ly food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer

Music: BARB'RY ELLEN, Appalachian traditional

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Gracious God,

you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life,
growth in grace, and fruitful labor.

Accept the first fruits of time and toil,
field and orchard we offer here.

Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture
and the care of your creation;

for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

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.

You sent your Son to reveal your never-failing love for creation.

Through your Holy Spirit you provide for our nurture and protection,
that we might have all things necessary for growth in grace
and humble service to your people.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join in adoring song.

THE SANCTUS

Long, Long Ago In Jerusalem

Verses: Cantor or choir



1 Long, long a - go in Je - ru - sa - lem, as the
2 High on a throne sat the might - y Lord, robes
3 Oh, what a sight it was to see and



scrip - tures do re - cord, I - sa - iah to the
flow - ing through the hall, while six - wing - ed an - gels
oh, what a sound to hear! The tem - ple door - posts



tem - ple came to see the ho - ly Lord.
flew a - bove. I - sa - iah heard them call.
shook and quaked, and smoke was in the air.

Refrain: Assembly



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



glo - ry fills all heav'n and earth, God of pow - er and might.

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, based on the Sanctus

Music: SHADY GROVE, Appalachian traditional

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, God of power and might,
and your glory fills the whole earth.

You created all that exists: stars and suns;
flowing streams and ripening grain;
abundance stored in the ground and beneath it;
the richness of life of plants and animals.

You created humans to care for and enjoy your creation,
and to give words to its song of praise.

When humanity fell into sin,
you were faithful to the promise of your covenant.
Through the ages you nurtured and nourished your chosen people,
using prophets and judges, story and poetry to guide and guard them.
And at the midsummer of the ages,
you sent your Son to bring your life to your people and your creation.

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, Christ's birth for our hope,
teaching for our correction,
welcome for our reconciliation,
healing for our encouragement,
death for our forgiveness,
resurrection for our jubilation,
ascension for our companionship,
and the promise to come again for our reassurance,
we give you thanks not only with our lips but with our lives.

Send, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the life-giver and advocate.
By this meal, let the fruit of your Spirit ripen in our midst and in our lives.
Unite us with all who share this feast,
and nurture us to become what you have made us—
your beloved people, the body of your Son, the temple of your Spirit.

Through your Son, in your Spirit, with all your people,
we give you thanks and praise,
O source of our life and fountain of all good,
now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray the prayer 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Just as this broken bread was first scattered on the hills, then was brought together and became one, so let your church be brought together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours are the glory and the power through Jesus Christ forever.

Amen.

The elements were given as you entered.

Please peel the top film and take your bread.

Open your cup by peeling back the foil.

The body of Christ given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Gracious God, we give thanks for your pruning, planting, and nurture.

We rejoice that you have used the harvest of field and vineyard
to renew and sustain us.

Lead us as we go from this life-giving meal

into lives of grateful service to you and your cherished creation;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care:

As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread,
assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament
with those who are *sick, homebound, and imprisoned*.

In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament,
and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence
through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement
grant you to live in harmony with one another,
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

The assisting minister may send the assembly into mission.

Go in peace. A seed has been planted. Go forth being good soil.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

How Great Thou Art

Swedish Folk melody; adapted by Stuart K. Hine

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