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Lectionary 25

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Stand

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C Amen

P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful and loving God,

C we are your stiff-necked people,

We trample on the needy.

We grumble about your grace to others.

We turn away from the poor.

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.**

Amen.

P Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.
In the name of † Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

C Amen

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Holiness holiness
Is what I long for
Holiness is what I need
Holiness holiness
Is what You want from me

Faithfulness faithfulness
Is what I long for
Faithfulness is what I need
Faithfulness faithfulness
Is what You want from me

So take my heart and form it
Take my mind transform it
Take my will conform it
To Yours to Yours oh Lord

Righteousness righteousness
Is what I long for
Righteousness is what I need
Righteousness righteousness
Is what You want from me

So take my heart and form it
Take my mind transform it
Take my will conform it
To Yours to Yours oh Lord

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GREETING

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.

KYRIE (LORD HAVE MERCY)

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the



2 That we may live out your im-passioned 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



hun-gry and the poor; that



friends and fam-i-ly; for



wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,



we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,



life and for love, for our work and our play,



nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord,



let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7

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A The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Psalm 113

- ¹ Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD;
praise the name of the LORD.
² **Let the name of the LORD be blessed,
from this time forth forevermore.**
³ From the rising of the sun to its going down
let the name of the LORD be praised.
⁴ **The LORD is high above all nations;
God's glory above the heavens.**
⁵ Who is like the LORD our God,
who sits enthroned on high,
⁶ **but stoops to behold
the heavens and the earth?**
⁷ The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,
⁸ **enthroning them with the rulers,
with the rulers of the people.**
⁹ The LORD makes the woman of a childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

According to Luke 16:1-13

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

the gospel is read

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

SERMON

Stand

**You are invited to bring your covenant forward and place it in the basket on the altar as we sing together. Blank copies are available on the narthex table.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering
Lord use our voices
Lord use our hands
Lord use our lives
They are Yours
We are an offering

All that we have
All that we are
All that we hope to be
We give to You
We give to You
We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering
We are an offering

“WE ARE AN OFFERING”

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APOSTLE'S CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

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 ✝

Sit

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor concludes each petition with: "God of grace,"

C ***"Receive our prayer."***

Pastor concludes with:

P We entrust these prayers to you. O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

C ***Amen.***

Sharing of the Peace

If you are in our sanctuary please wave or give a peace sign to those around you. If you are worshipping online, please type a greeting of peace to others.

Stand

If you wish to contribute to St. Stephen's ministry you can give electronically with the QR code on the blue folder in each aisle, place offerings in the offering box in the Narthex or mail your offerings to 7800 Erie St., Sylvania, OH 43560.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord of the harvest,
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you who richly provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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

Sit

COMMUNION:

All people who believe in Jesus Christ are welcome to come and receive Christ's body and blood. Regardless of your church background or affiliation, you are welcome to come forward. We will begin with those seated on the pulpit side of the congregation then those seated on the keyboard side then those that are in the back section. You may come down the center aisle to receive the bread. Choose an individual cup (red is wine, white is grape juice) to receive and place your empty glass in the bowl as you return to your seat using the side aisles. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

If you do not wish to receive communion, but wish to receive a blessing, please come forward and keep your hands at your sides.

Communion Hymn

"As the Grains of Wheat" ELW 465

Refrain



The musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first line of the refrain is 'As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were'. The second line is 'gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from'. The third line is 'all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.'. The fourth line is '1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst, 2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when'. The fifth line is 'may we share the pres - ence of your love. all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.'. The word 'Refrain' appears at the beginning of the first line and at the end of the fifth line.

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Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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Stand

Sending Forth

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

Prayer

**O God,
through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.
Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen**

Benediction

P The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
✠ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Closing Song

"What A Fellowship, What A Joy Divine" ELW 774



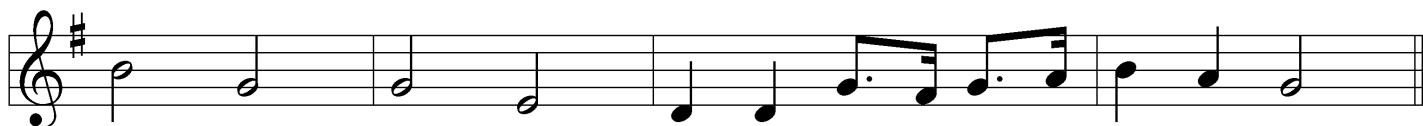
- 1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
- 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;



what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Text: Elisha Hoffman, 1839–1929

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

DEPARTURE BID

- A Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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