

A time of forgiveness and healing

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But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his wounds we are healed.

Isaiah 53.5



Come

An invitation—Revelation 22.12–13, 16–17

“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

“It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”

And let everyone who hears say, “Come.”

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

Processional

Please stand and turn to follow the Christ candle.

Of the Father’s Love Begotten (Prudentius)

Of the Father’s love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see, evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heaven adore Him; angel hosts, His praises sing;
Powers, dominions, bow before Him, and extol our God and King!
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Every voice in concert sing, evermore and evermore!

Christ, to Thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
Hymn and chant with high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory, evermore and evermore! Amen.

Call to worship—Psalm 138

Remain standing, the responsive interlude is sung.

Leader I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for
your steadfast love and your faithfulness;
for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.
On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.

All 
Praise your name, our God and Sav - ior! Al - le - lu - ia!

Leader All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.
For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.

All 
Praise your name, our God and Sav - ior! Al - le - lu - ia!

Leader Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.
The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

All 
Praise your name, our God and Sav - ior! Al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer

Leader Let us pray together,

All Sovereign God, the defence of those who trust in you and the strength of those who suffer: look with mercy on our affliction and deliver us through our mighty Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Song of hope and anticipation

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus (Bunessan)

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,
rolling as a mighty ocean
in its fullness over me.

Underneath me, all around me,
is the current of his love,
guiding onward, leading upward
to the Father's throne above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
spreading his praise from shore to shore
Sing of his greatness, sing of his goodness,
sing of his love for evermore.

Listen and confess

Leader Be with us, Spirit of God;
All nothing can separate us from your love.

Leader Breathe on us, breath of God;
All fill us with your saving power.

Leader Speak in us, wisdom of God;
All bring strength, healing, and peace.

Leader The Lord is here.
All His Spirit is with us.

Old Testament reading—Isaiah 55.1–3, 6–11

To begin the reading:

Reader A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

To end the reading

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

New Testament reading—Ephesians 2.1–10

To begin the reading:

Reader A reading from the letter to the Romans.

To end the reading

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

Gospel reading—John 6.35–40

Please stand

To begin the reading

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All Glory to you, Lord Christ

To end the reading

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ!

Homily

Tim Harrison

Prayer of confession

(Hebrews 4.14–16, Psalm 38.1–4, 9–10, 15, 17, 21–22)

Please move into a posture of prayer.

Leader Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us pray.

**All O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger,
or discipline me in your wrath.
For your arrows have sunk into me,
and your hand has come down on me.**

**There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation;
there is no health in my bones because of my sin.
For my iniquities have gone over my head;
they weigh like a burden too heavy for me.**

**O LORD, all my longing is known to you;
my sighing is not hidden from you.
My heart throbs, my strength fails me;
as for the light of my eyes—it also has gone from me.**

**But it is for you, O LORD, that I wait;
it is you, O LORD my God, who will answer.**

**For I am ready to fall, and my pain is ever with me.
I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.**

**Do not forsake me, O LORD;
O my God, do not be far from me;
make haste to help me, O LORD, my salvation.**

Listen in silence

Bringing our needs to the Lord

Leader Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful (Hebrews 10.19–23).

You are invited to write your needs, for forgiveness, healing, comfort, assurance—for yourself or for others—on the small papers provided and come forward to place them in the prayer bowl to offer them to the Lord.

If you would like to be anointed for the needs you bring or represent before the Lord, please find your way to those who are prepared to pray with you.

Affirmation of forgiveness and healing

Please stand when directed.

Leader In the name of God and trusting in his might alone, receive Christ's healing touch to make you whole. May Christ bring you wholeness of body, mind, and spirit, deliver you from every evil, and give you peace.

All Amen.

Leader Stand and proclaim the Lord's deliverance!

**All I waited patiently for the LORD;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

**He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord. Amen!
(Psalm 40.1–3)**

Apostles' Creed

Leader Let us together confess our common faith in our creator, healer, and sustainer.

All 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 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.**

Response of praise

Standing with hands held forward, palms up.

All **Praise the Lord!**
Sing to the Lord a new song,
His praise in the assembly of the faithful (Psalm 149.1).

Songs of praise

Remain standing

Antiphonal Praise
by Steve Green

We worship you (we worship you)
Almighty God (almighty God)
In you alone (in you alone)
Is our delight (is our delight)

We worship you (we worship you)
Oh holy God (oh holy God)
And lift our voice (and lift our voice)
To sing your praise (to sing your praise)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Everlasting God
by Brenten Brown and Ken Riley

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord (repeat).

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord.

Our God, you reign forever. Our hope, our strong deliverer.

You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God. You do not faint,
You won't grow weary.

You're the defender of the weak. You comfort those in need,
You lift us up on wings like eagles.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit, Let us find Thy perfect rest;
Take away the love of sinning, Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above;
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love and praise.

Passing of the Peace

Leader Bless the Lord, O my soul;

All and forget not all his benefits;

Leader Who forgives all your sins

All and heals all your infirmities;

Leader Who redeems your life from the Pit;

All and crowns you with faithful love and compassion.

Leader Peace to you from God our Father, who hears our cry.
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ, whose death brings healing.
Peace from the Holy Spirit, who gives us life and strength.
The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Receive with thanksgiving



Leader The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Leader Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Leader Father, we give you thanks and praise for your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
He is the image of the unseen God, the firstborn of all creation.
He created all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and everything invisible,
thrones, dominions, sovereignties, powers,
all things were created through him and for him.

All 
Lord of all cre - a - tion, We wor-ship and a - dore You.

Leader He is the radiant light of your glory:
he holds all creation together by his word of power.

All 
Lord of all cre - a - tion, We wor-ship and a - dore You.

Leader He is first to be born from the dead.
All perfection is found in him,
and all things were reconciled through him and for him,
everything in heaven and everything on earth,
when he made peace by his death on the cross.

All 
Lord of all cre - a - tion, We wor-ship and a - dore You.

Leader The Church is his body, he is its head.
He takes his place in heaven at your right hand,
where we worship you with all of your creation, singing:

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

Leader We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body
and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

All Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.

Leader You are the Saviour of the world.
Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when
your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, forever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Leader As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All (sung) 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 for ever.
Amen.**

The breaking of the bread

Leader We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The bread is broken as we proclaim the following.

**All Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

Communion

Leader God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**All Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Any who know Jesus as Lord and savior are welcome to partake at his table. We are using a common cup with real wine, so if you are unable to partake of wine with alcohol, simply say so to the person with the chalice and a non-alcoholic wine will be made available for intinction

Songs for communion

You Are My Hiding Place
by Michael Ledner

You are my hiding place.
You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance,
Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You, I will trust in You.
Let the weak say “I am strong in the strength of the Lord.”

Agnus Dei
by Jim Hart

O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world
Have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world
Grant us peace, Grant us peace.

Lamb of God
by Twila Paris

Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But you have sent him from your side,
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God

Your gift of love, they crucified,
They laughed and scorned him as he died,
The humble king they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in his precious blood—My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost, I should have died,
But you have brought me to your side,
To be led by your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in his precious blood—My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

There is a Fountain
by William Cowper/Lowell Mason

There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins,
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains:
Lose all their guilty stains, Lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day,
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away:
Wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away;
And there may I, though vile as he
Wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power,
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved to sin no more:
Be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved to sin no more.



Go rejoicing

Praying together

All Almighty God, whose Son gave us in this meal a pledge of your saving and healing love and a foretaste of your kingdom of justice and peace: strengthen us in our faith, that we may endure the sufferings of this present time and find forgiveness, healing, peace, and joy in the fullness of your great mercy and grace, in expectation of the glory to be revealed, through Jesus Christ our Lord and in the renewing presence of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Leader Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe,
creator of light and giver of life, to you be glory and praise forever.
In Jesus your light has shone out;
and you have given your Holy Spirit as a mighty stream of life-giving
water to refresh and renew the face of the earth.

Let your light shine in us that we may be beacons of justice
and bearers of hope.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever and ever. Alleluia! Alleluia!

