

A Service of Healing and Wholeness

The People gather in silence and darkness. As the chimes toll, the People stand.

Officiant Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.
ISAIAH 40:31

PROCESSIONAL CHANT *Wait for the Lord, whose day is near* *Taizé/Jacques Berthier*

Slowly

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Officiant Bless the Lord who heals, restores, and makes us whole.

People *His love abides forever.*

Officiant Let us pray. O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PHOS HILARON *O gladsome light* *Genevan Psalter, 1551*

O glad - some light, O grace Of God our Moth - er's face,
As fades the day's last light, We see the lamps of night
To You of right be - longs All praise of ho - ly songs,

The e - ter - nal splen - dor wear - ing: Ce - les - tial, ho - ly, blest,
Our com - mon hymn out - pour - ing; O God of might un - known,
O Son of God, Life - giv - er; You, there - fore, O Most High,

Our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, Joy - ful in Your ap - pear - ing.
You, the in - car - nate Son, And Spir - it blest a - dor - ing.
The world does glo - ri - fy And shall ex - alt for - ev - er.

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Officiant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."
MATTHEW 12:29-31

CONFESSION OF SIN

Officiant Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Together *Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

HYMN OF FORGIVENESS

NETTLETON

Emma Tibbets/Jane Parker Huber

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Hear the good news of sal - va - tion: Je - sus died to show God's love.
All the sins I have com - mit - ted To my Sav - ior now I bring.



Such great kind - ness! Such great mer - cy! Come to us from heaven a - bove.
I bow down with tears of an - guish; Christ for - gives and so I sing:



Je - sus - Christ, how much I love you! Je - sus - Christ, you save from sin!



How I love you! Look up - on me. Love me still and cleans with - in.

THE LESSONS

The Old Testament Lesson

PROVERBS 4:18-23

Reader A Reading from the Proverbs of Solomon.

“The path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day. The way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know what they stumble over. My child, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.”

The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

CHANT

Come and fill our hearts with your peace

Taizé/Jacques Berthier

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly." The second staff contains the melody for the second line of text: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu-ia!" The melody is simple and melismatic, with a long note on "lu" in the second line.

The New Testament Lesson

REVELATION 22:1-5

Reader A Reading from the Revelation to John.

“Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.”

The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 23 REFRAIN

Shepherd me, O God

Marty Haugen

The musical notation is a single staff in G minor (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is: G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (quarter), C3 (half). The text below the staff reads: "Shep-herd me, O God, be- yond my wants, be- yond my fears, from death in- to life." The melody is simple and melismatic, with a long note on "life" at the end.

The Cantor will sing the Psalm verses. As the Cantor lifts up his hands, join in the above refrain.

The Gospel Lesson

MATTHEW 6:25-34

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Officiant Jesus said, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you — you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

"So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

CHANT

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Karen Lafferty

Seek ye first the king - dom of God
Ask and it shall be gi - ven un - to you,

And His righ - teous - ness,
Seek and ye shall find,

And all these things shall be add - ed un - to you:
Knock and the door shall be o - pened un - to you:

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

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES TO GOD

Here the People ponder in silence all that is happening in their lives, and may, with renewed commitment, offer themselves and their gifts for ministry to the service of Jesus Christ in the world.

A period of 5-10 minutes of silence follows.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant Let us stand and confess our faith in this wonderful God in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

Together *I believe 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 power of 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, and 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.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Officiant Let us pray.

Prayer for the Universal Church

Officiant Almighty God, give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions; take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that, as there is but one Body and one Spirit, one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Creator of us all, so we may be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer for the Nation

Officiant Almighty God, you have given us this good land as our heritage. Make us always remember your generosity and constantly do your will. Bless our land with honest industry, sound learning, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Make us who come from many nations with many different languages a united people. Defend our liberties and give those whom we have entrusted with the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there might be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be

thankful; and, in troubled times, do not let our trust in you fail. We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer for the Welfare of the World

Officiant Lord Christ, at times we are like strangers on this earth, taken aback by all the violence, the harsh oppositions. Like a gentle breeze, you breathe upon us the Spirit of peace. Transfigure the deserts of our debts, and so prepare us to be bearers of reconciliation wherever you place us, until the day when a hope of peace dawns in our world. *Amen.*

Prayer for Healing

Officiant Mighty and merciful God, you sent Jesus Christ to heal broken lives. We praise you that today you send healing in doctors and nurses, and bless us with technology in medicine. We claim your promises of healing as we pray for those who are ill in body or mind, who long for your healing touch. Make the weak strong, the sick healthy, the broken whole, and confirm those who serve them as agents of your love. Then all shall be renewed in vigor to point to the risen Christ, who conquered death that we might live eternally. *Amen.*

Prayer for Wholeness

Officiant God, good beyond all that is good, fair beyond all that is fair, in you is calmness, peace, and concord. heal the dissensions that divide us from one another and bring us back to a unity of love bearing some likeness to your divine nature. Through the embrace of love and the bonds of godly affection, make us one in the Spirit by your peace, which makes all things peaceful. We ask this through the grace, mercy, and tenderness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer for the Departed

Officiant We give you thanks, O God, for all who have fought the good fight, finished their race, and kept the faith, and for those dear to us who are at rest with you. Grant us grace to follow them as they followed Christ. Bring us, with them, to those things which no eye has seen, nor ear heard, which you have prepared for those who love you. To your name, with the church on earth and church in heaven, we ascribe all honor and glory, forever and ever. *Amen.*

Concluding Collect and Lord's Prayer

Officiant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, God Almighty, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Together *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.*

CHANT

O Lord, hear my prayer

Taizé/Jacques Berthier

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call an - swer me. O
 Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.

THE PEACE

Officiant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

The People greet each other in the name of the Lord.

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING WITH OIL

Officiant Gracious God, source of all healing, in Jesus Christ you heal the sick and mend the broken. We bless you for this oil pressed from the fruits of the earth, given to us as a sign of healing and forgiveness, and of the fullness of life you give. By your Spirit, come upon all who are anointed with this oil that they may receive your healing touch and be made whole, to the glory of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. *Amen.*

All are invited to the altar rail to receive the laying on of hands and be anointed with oil.

CLOSING SONG

Jesus Christ, Yesterday, Today and Forever

Suzanne Toolan

Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, yes - ter - day, to - day and for - ev - er.

The above refrain is repeated until the Cantor signals the congregation to stop.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Officiant May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Now go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God!*