Opening Liturgy, Thursday 13 June

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Opening Song

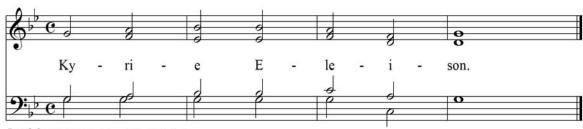


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Music: Wilson Nigwagila; arr. Egil Hovland

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Kyrie



Lord, have mercy. (Tune: Robert Hutmaker)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Sung Response: Kyrie eleison

For peace as we meet together, for integrity of spirit and open hearts, for the compassion that leads to unity, let us pray to the Lord.

Sung Response: Kyrie eleison

For the unity of your church, rejoicing in the varieties of the gifts of the spirit, manifested as it witnesses to the one body of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

Sung Response: Kyrie eleison

For an end to war, and a common commitment to making peace, for a renewed respect for those who are different, for an end to hatred and just reconciliations that undercut strife, let us pray to the Lord.

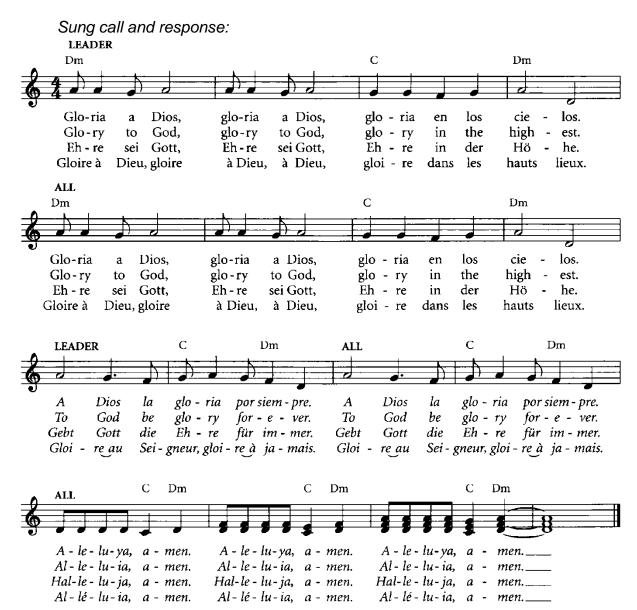
Sung Response: Kyrie eleison

For this holy gathering, and for all the songs and prayers offered here, let us pray to the Lord.

Sung Response: Kyrie eleison

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Amen.

Gloria a Dios (Peru)



Greeting:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. **And also with you!**

Let us pray [brief silence]

Prayer of the Day:

O God, you gather us together. You call each one of us by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, where we celebrate with you forever. **Amen**

Word

The Gospel according to John 10:1-10 Glory to you, O Lord!

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

The Gospel of our Lord!

Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Preacher: Bishop Larry Kochendorfer

Hymn: "You Satisfy The Hungry Heart"



- 4. The myst'ry of your presence, Lord, No mortal tongue can tell: Whom all the world cannot contain Comes in our hearts to dwell.
- 5. You give yourself to us, O Lord; Then selfless let us be, To serve each other in your name In truth and charity.
- 4. Tu gran misterio, mi Señor, ¿Quién puede explicar? ¡Ningún sepulcro te_encerró, Yvas en mí a morar!
- 5. Sin interés te entregas tú, Ejemplo de hermandad. Sirvamos todos con virtud En paz y caridad.

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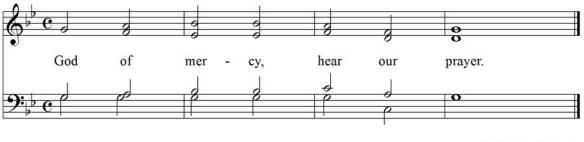
Apostles' Creed

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

Let us bring the needs of the church, the world, and all in need, to God's loving care, singing:

Sung prayer response:



Music: Robert Hutmaker

Empower the church throughout the world in its life and witness. Break down the barriers that divide, that, united in your truth and love, the church may confess your name, share one baptism, sit together at one table, and serve you in one common ministry.

Sung Response

Guide the rulers of the nations. Move them to set aside their fear, greed, and vain ambition, and bow to your sovereign rule. Inspire them to strive for peace and justice, that all your children may dwell secure, free of war and injustice.

Sung Response

Hear the cries of the world's hungry and suffering. Give us the will to reorder our lives, that all may have their rightful share of the food, medical care, and shelter, and so have the necessities of a life of dignity.

Sung Response

Restore among us a love of the earth you created for our home. Help us put an end to ravishing its land, air, and waters, and give us respect for all your creatures, that, living in harmony with everything you have made, your whole creation may resound in an anthem of praise to your glorious name.

Sung Response

Strengthen this communion in its worship and in its work of honest searching, open dialogue, and creative ways to proclaim your Gospel in the world. Nourish us with your Word and sacraments that we may faithfully minister in your name, and witness to your love and grace for all the world.

Sung Response

Sustain those among us who need your healing touch. Make the sick whole [brief silence], give hope to the dying [brief silence], comfort those who mourn [brief silence]. Uphold all who suffer in body or mind, not only those we know and love but also those known only to you, that they may know the peace and joy of your supporting care.

Sung Response

O God, in your loving purpose answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes. In all things for which we pray, give us the will to seek to bring them about, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of our Lord be with you all,

And also with you.

Having freely received Christ's peace, let us share a sign of Christ's Peace with one another.

Meal

What a joy that as brothers and sisters in the faith we can come together in this beautiful and diverse community and celebrate together the sacrament of Holy Communion! What a blessing that we can meet around the Lord's table and share in true fellowship. As we share bread and wine we enter into communion with each other as we enter into communion With Christ!

The Lord be with you! And also with you! Life up your hearts! We lift them to the Lord! Let us give thanks to our God! It is right to give God our 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb, who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and who, ever anew, calls us to follow him. And so, with Mary and Peter and Macrina, with Katie and Martin, and with all the martyrs of every time and place, with earth and sea and sky and all their creatures, with angles and archangels, we praise your name and join their unending hymn...

Sanctus: Du Ar Helig/You Are Holy (Sweden)

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Eucharistic Prayer (based on Psalm 111)

Thanks and praise be to you, O Lord, with our whole heart. Great are your works, studied by all who delight in them. Your righteousness, O God, endures forever. You have gained renown by your wonderful deeds; you are gracious and merciful. You, O God, provide food for those who fear you; you are ever mindful of your covenant.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

You sent redemption to your people – this bread and cup – you have commanded your covenant forever. Holy and awesome is your name.

Come Holy Spirit! Bless us and these your own gifts of bread and wine. So that your praise may endure forever and your justice touch all lives.

Lord's Prayer *(in our many languages)* Our Father in heaven...

Agnus Dei: Ya hamalaLah (Palestine/Israel)



German tr. R. Renner and U. Schwendler

The Lord is the one who invites us and says: "Come to me all those who are tired from their labour and burdens and I will give them rest." Come, the table is served and it is the Lord who invites you to share it. Amen.

Communion

You are invited to receive the bread and wine.

Songs during communion

Jui shi zhi shen/The Bread of Ilfe for All is Broken (China)

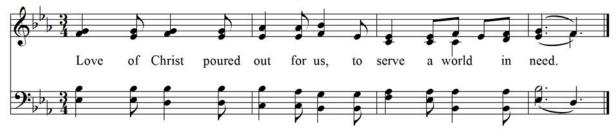
Each phrase is sung call and response, with the cantor leading. Please sing back what you hear:

The bread of life for all is broken. Christ drank the cup on Golgotha. God's grace we trust, and spread with reverence this holy feast, and thus remember.

O God, we pray, come now among us, lighten our eyes, brightly appear! Emmanuel, heaven's joy unending our life with you forever blending.

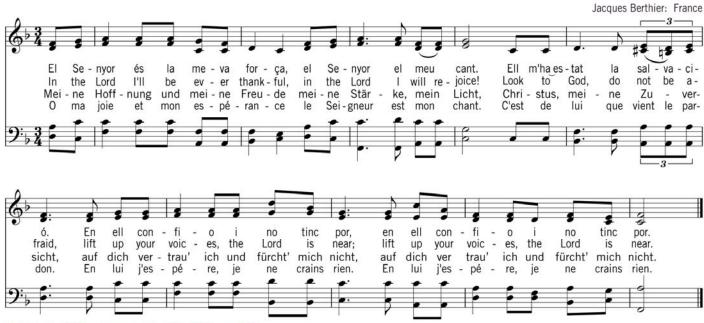
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Love of Christ Poured Out For Us (USA)



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In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful (Taizé)



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Post-Communion Prayer

God of grace, in this meal you liberate us from all that holds us captive. Give us a foretaste of that community reconciled in you. Send us forth to make known your deeds, proclaiming in our lives your forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending

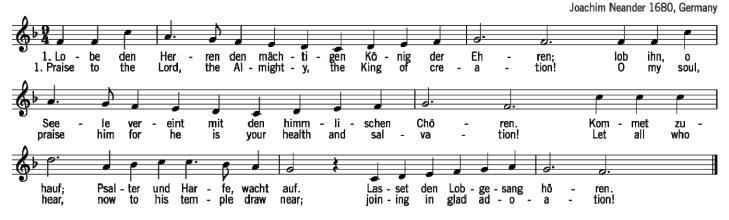
God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us! **Amen!**

Bless all creation, O God, and make your ways be known upon earth, your saving power among all peoples.

Amen!

God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit (+), bless us and all creation. God keep us in his way together in hope.

Amen!



Song: Lobe den Herren/Praise to the Lord

2. Lobe den Herren, der alles so herrlich regieret, der dich auf Adelers Fittichen sicher geführet, der dich erhält, wie es dir selber gefällt. Hast du nicht dieses verspüret?

3. Lobe den Herren, der künstlich und fein dich bereitet, der dir Gesundheit verliehen, dich freundich geleitet. In wieviel Not hat nicht der gnädige Gott über dir Flügel gebreitet!

4. Lobe den Herren, was in mir ist, lobe den Namen.
Lob ihn mit allen, die seine Verheißung bekamen.
Er ist dein Licht; Seele, vergiß es ja nicht.
Lob ihn in Ewigkeit. Amen.

2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining. Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?

3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you; surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do if with his love he befriend you.

4. Praise to the Lord! Oh let all that is in me adore him.
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him.
Catherine Winkworth adp. Hedwig T. Durnbaugh

Go in peace. Proclaim the Good News! Thanks be to God!