

Worship Leader Edition
Many Are Called, Few Are Chosen

March 12, 2023

8:30 AM

GATHERING

Prelude

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *{Front Center}* (Rob)

+OPENING HYMN

“Now We Join in Celebration”

ELW #462

Verse 1

Now we join in celebration
at our Savior’s invitation,
dressed no more in spirit somber,
clothed instead in joy and wonder;
for the Lord of all existence,
putting off divine transcendence,
stoops again in love to meet us,
with his very life to feed us.

of your loving deed on Calv’ry,
of your living self, our vict’ry,
pledge of your unfailing presence,
foretaste here of heav’nly gladness.

Verse 3

Lord, we share in this communion
as one family of God’s children,
reconciled through you, our brother,
one in you with God our Father.
Give us grace to live for others,
serving all, both friends and strangers,
seeking justice, love, and mercy
till you come in final glory.

Verse 2

Lord, as round this feast we gather,
fill our hearts with holy rapture!
For this bread and cup of blessing
are for us the sure possessing

+GREETING *{Front Center}* (Angela Hansen)

L: The grace of Jesus Christ, the mercy of the Holy One, and the Spirit of the living God be with you all.

C: And also with you.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY *{Front Center}* (Angela Hansen)

L Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING *{Lectern}* (Joy Lindgren)

1 Timothy 6:17-19

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL *{Pulpit}* (Rob)

Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those

slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON *{Pulpit}*

Rob

+HYMN OF THE DAY

“Let Us Go Now to the Banquet”

ELW #523

Refrain

Let us go now to the banquet,
to the waiting universe.
The table’s set and a place is waiting;
come, everyone, with your gifts to share.

Verse 1

I will rise in the early morning;
the community’s waiting for me.
With a spring in my step I’m walking
with my friends and my family.

Refrain

Let us go now to the banquet,
to the waiting universe.
The table’s set and a place is waiting;
come, everyone, with your gifts to share.

Verse 2

God invites all the poor and hungry
to the banquet of justice and good
where the harvest will not be hoarded

so that no one will lack for food.

Refrain

Let us go now to the banquet,
to the waiting universe.
The table’s set and a place is waiting;
come, everyone, with your gifts to share.

Verse 3

May we build such a place among us
where all people are equal in love.
God has called us to work together
and to share ev’rything we have.

Refrain

Let us go now to the banquet,
to the waiting universe.
The table’s set and a place is waiting;
come, everyone, with your gifts to share.

+THE APOSTLES’ CREED *{Front Center}* (Angela Hansen)

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C: 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.

+THE PRAYERS *{Front Center}* (Angela Hansen)

After each petition:

L: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

+THE LORD’S PRAYER *{Front Center}* (Angela Hansen)

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C: 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.

+SHARING OF THE PEACE {*Front Center*} (*Angela Hansen*)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: For all who are gathered, let us take a moment to welcome everyone with a wave of peace. For those of you online, please share a word of peace in the comment or chat. Most all as we go out into the world may we greet others as people of peace.

Please share of wave of peace with one another.

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE (*Angela Hansen*)

L: In this time of reflection and response you are invited to fill out your welcome card. Share any reflections, questions, or prayers on the back. Also, take this time to prepare your offering. For those gathered the collection plates are in the front and back. For those online please go to our website stlukesbloomington.org and there is a link to give at the bottom of every page. Enjoy this time.

MUSIC

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”
St. Luke’s Choir

arr. John A. Behnke

SENDING

COUNCIL INTRODUCTION

Marc Dunham, Property

+BENEDICTION {*Front Center*} (*Rob*)

L: Almighty God bless us, and direct our days and our deeds peace. In the name of the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

+SENDING HYMN

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

ELW #547

Verse 1

Sent forth by God’s blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended.
Oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ’s teaching,
receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
Your grace shall invite us,
your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

Verse 2

With praise and thanksgiving
to God ever living,
the tasks of our ev’ryday life we will face--
our faith ever sharing,
in love ever caring,
embracing God’s children the whole human race.
With your feast you feed us,
with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

+DISMISSAL {*Front Center*} (*Angela Hansen*)

L: Go now in peace, for nothing can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Altar Flowers Today
Given by:
Bette Gamboni
In memory of my brother,
Jeff