

Worship Leader Edition
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Elijah the Prophet is Prayerful

May 14, 2023

8:30 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Lori Murray

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *{Front Center}* (Heather Kambeitz)

+OPENING HYMN

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

ELW #765

Verse 1

Lord of all hopefulness,
Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike,
no cares could destroy:
be there at our waking,
and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts Lord,
at the break of the day.

Verse 3

Lord of all kindness,
Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome,
you're your arms to embrace:
be thee at our homing,
and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts Lord,
at the end of the day.

Verse 2

Lord of all eagerness,
Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at
the at the plane and the lathe:
be there at our labors,
and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord,
at the noon of the day.

Verse 4

Lord of all gentleness,
Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment,
whose presence is balm:
be there at our sleeping,
and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord,
at the end of the day.

+GREETING *{Front Center}* (Bette Gamboni)

L: 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.

(Assistant may be seated if not cantoring)

+KYRIE *(cantor and congregation)*

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L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

+HYMN OF PRAISE (*cantor and congregation*) "Glory to God"

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L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY {*Front Center*} (*Bette Gamboni*)

L O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING {*Lectern*} (*Mark Bergherr*)

1 Kings 19:11-16

God said to Elijah, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Alleluia"

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C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL {*Pulpit*} (*Jan Mehlhoff*)

Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON {*Pulpit*}

Pastor Jan Mehlhoff

+HYMN OF THE DAY

"He Comes to Us as One Unknown"
Verses 1, 2 & 5

ELW #737

Verse 1

He comes to us as one unknown,
a breath unseen unheard;
as though within a heart of stone,
or shriveled seed in darkness sown,
a pulse of being stirred,
a pulse of being stirred.

and thoughts of day depart;
half-seen upon the inward eye,
a falling star across the sky
of night within the heart,
of night within the heart.

Verse 5

He comes in truth when faith is grown;
believed, obeyed, adored;
the Christ in all the scriptures shown,

Verse 2

He comes when souls in silence lie

as yet unseen but not unknown,
our Savior and our Lord,

our Savior and our Lord.

+THE APOSTLES' CREED {*Front Center*} (*Bette Gamboni*)

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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*} (*Bette Gamboni*)

After each petition:

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

+THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Bette Gamboni*)

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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*} (*Bette Gamboni*)

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 (*Bette Gamboni*) (You may be seated)

L: In this time of reflection and response you are invited to fill out your welcome card. For those on-line we invite you to email the office@stlukesbloomington.org. 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 there is a link to give at the bottom of every page. Enjoy this time.

MUSIC

"Dona Nobis Pacem"
St. Luke's Choir

Latin for "Give Us Peace"
arr. Barbara Wallace

SENDING

100TH ANNIVERSARY ANNOUNCEMENT {*Lectern*}

Tim Krieg

+BENEDICTION {*Front Center*} (*Jan Mehlhoff*)

L: The Lord of peace give you peace at all times and in all ways. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

+SENDING HYMN

“Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

ELW #404

Verse 1

Come, gracious Spirit, heav'nly dove,
with light and comfort from above.
Come, be our guardian and our guide;
o'er ev'ry thought and step preside.

Verse 2

The light of truth to us display
and make us know and choose your way;
plant holy fear in ev'ry heart,
that we from God may ne'er depart.

+DISMISSAL *{Front Center}* (Bette Gamboni)

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

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Verse 3

Lead us to Christ, the living way,
nor let us from his pastures stray.
Lead us in holiness, the road
that we must take to dwell with God

Verse 4

Lead us to heav'n, that we may share
fullness of joy forever there;
lead us to our eternal rest,
to be with God forever blest.

Altar Flowers & Candle

***Honor all mothers,
those who have stepped in as mothers,
those mourning the loss of their mothers,
and those with unrealized dreams of becoming mothers.***