

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

May 14, 2023

10:00 AM

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME *by Jubilee (Invite people to download bulletin from the website – stlukesbloomington.org)*

+OPENING SONG

“Sing, Sing, Sing”

*Tomlin, Carson, Reeves, Gilder, Nunn/
D. Galbraith*

Chorus 1

(We will) sing, sing, sing
And make music with the heavens
We will sing, sing, sing
Grateful that You hear us
When we shout Your praise
Lift high the name of Jesus

Verse 1

What's not to love about You?
Heaven and Earth adore You
Kings and kingdoms bow down
Son of God, You are the One
You are the One

Verse 2

You are the love that frees us
You are the light that leads us like a fire burning
Son of God, You are the One
You are the One we're living for

Chorus 1

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Chorus 1 x3

+PRAYER OF THE DAY *{Front Center} (Mark Roberts)*

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.

+SHARING OF THE PEACE *{Front Center} (Mark Roberts)*

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 of all as we go out into the world may we greet others as people of peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *{Front Center} (Mark Roberts)*

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *{On Floor Pulpit Side} (Emily)*

FIRST READING *{Lectern} (Jodi Murphy)*

1 Kings 19:11-16

Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, “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.

+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.**

MESSAGE {Center Floor}

Pastor Jan Mehlhoff

+SONG OF THE DAY

"All Things Are Possible"

Hillsong

Verse 1

Almighty God my Redeemer
My hiding place my safe refuge
No other name like Jesus
No pow'r can stand against You

Verse 2

My feet are planted on this rock
And I will not be shaken
My hope it comes from You alone
My Lord and my salvation

Chorus

Your praise is always on my lips
Your word is living in my heart
And I will praise You
with a new song
My soul will bless You Lord

You fill my life with greater joy
Yes I delight myself in You
And I will praise You
with a new song
My soul will bless You Lord

Verse 2

Chorus

Bridge

When I am weak
You make me strong
When I'm poor I know I'm rich
For in the power of Your name

All things are possible
All things are possible
All things are possible
All things are possible

Chorus

Bridge

Ending

All things are possible
All things are possible
All things are possible
All things are possible

+THE APOSTLES' CREED {Front Center} Mark Roberts

Screen

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} (Mark Roberts)

After each petition:

L: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

+THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Mark Roberts*)

C: 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.

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE (*Mark Roberts*) (You may be seated)

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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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Lord I Need You”
Jubilee Praise Team

*Nockels, Carson, Reeve, Stanfill,
Maher/J. Mott*

SENDING

100TH ANNIVERSARY ANNOUNCEMENT {Lectern}

Tim Krieg

+BENEDICTION (*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 SONG

“Hear Our Praises”

R. Morgan/M. Cole

Verse 1

May our homes be filled with dancing
May our streets be filled with joy
May injustice bow to Jesus
As the people turn and pray

Chorus

From the mountains to the valley
Hear our praises rise to You
From the heavens to the nations
Hear our singing fill the air

Verse 2

May our light shine in the darkness
As we walk before the cross
May Your glory fill the whole earth
As the water o'er the seas

Chorus (two times)

Bridge (three times)

Hallelujah hallelujah
Hallelujah hallelujah

Chorus

+DISMISSAL {*Front Center*} (*Mark Roberts*)

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

C: Thanks be to God.

REPRISE

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.*