

# Worship Leader Edition

## Healing

January 14, 2024

8:30 AM

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### GATHERING

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#### PRELUDE

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *{Front Center}*

#### +OPENING HYMN

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

**ELW #587/Screen**

#### Verse 1

There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in God's justice  
which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heav'n.  
There is no place where earth's failings  
have such kindly judgment giv'n.

#### Verse 2

There is welcome for the sinner,  
and a promised grace made good;  
there is mercy with the Savior;  
there is healing in his blood.  
There is grace enough for thousands  
of new worlds as great as this;  
there is room for fresh creations  
in that upper home of bliss.

#### Verse 3

For the love of God is broader,  
than the measures of our mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.  
But we make this love too narrow  
by false limits of our own;  
and we magnify its strictness  
with a zeal God will not own.

#### Verse 4

'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;  
it is something more than all;  
greater good because of evil,  
larger mercy through the fall.  
Make our love, O God, more faithful;  
let us take you at your word,  
and our lives will be thanksgiving  
for the goodness of the Lord.

#### +GREETING *{Front Center}* (Mollee Erickson)

**Screen**

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)*

**ELW pg. 147/Screen**

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”

**ELW pg. 148/Screen**

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*} (*Mollee Erickson*)

L: Lord of forgiveness, you healed a paralytic by forgiving his sins. Forgive us, heal us, and teach us to walk in your ways.

C: Amen.

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WORD

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FIRST READING {*Lectern*} (*Jon Sasseville*)

Psalm 34:4-10

I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed. This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD, and was saved from every trouble. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him. O fear the LORD, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want. The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia”

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

+THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 2:1-28

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralysed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, ‘Son, your sins are forgiven.’ Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ‘Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?’ At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, ‘Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, “Your sins are forgiven”, or to say, “Stand up and take your mat and walk”? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins’—he said to the paralytic— ‘I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.’ And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, ‘We have never seen anything like this!’ Jesus went out again beside the lake; the whole crowd gathered around him, and he taught them. As he was walking along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, ‘Follow me.’ And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in Levi’s house, many tax-collectors and sinners were also sitting with Jesus and his disciples—for there were many who followed him. When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax-collectors, they said to his disciples, ‘Why does he eat with tax-collectors and sinners?’ When Jesus heard this, he said to them, ‘Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.’ Now John’s disciples and the Pharisees were fasting; and people came and said to him, ‘Why do John’s disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?’ Jesus said to them, ‘The wedding-guests cannot fast while the bridegroom is with them, can they? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day. ‘No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak; otherwise, the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins.’ One sabbath he was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, ‘Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?’ And he said to them, ‘Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.’ Then he said to them, ‘The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.’

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Rob Norris-Weber, Pastor

+HYMN OF THE DAY

“We Come to You for Healing, Lord” **ELW #617**

*Verses 1, 3, & 5*

**Verse 1**

We come to you for healing, Lord,  
Of body, mind, and soul,  
And we pray that by your Spirit’s touch  
We may again be whole.

And through the love of faithful friends  
Who lift our lives in prayer.

**Verse 5**

We come to you, O loving Lord,  
In our distress and pain,  
In trust that through our nights and days,  
Your grace will heal, sustain.

**Verse 3**

You touch us through physicians’ skills,  
Through nurses’ gifts of care,

+THE APOSTLES’ CREED *{Front Center}* (Mollee Erickson)

*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}* (Mollee Erickson)

*Screen*

*After each petition:*

L: Hear us, Oh God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

+THE LORD’S PRAYER *{Front Center}* (Mollee Erickson)

*Screen*

**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}* (Mollee Erickson)

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 those around us with a greeting. 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.

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE *{Front Center}* (Mollee Erickson)

L: You may be seated. 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, and there is a QR code in the bulletin to give electronically. For those on-line please go to our website [stlukesbloomington.org](http://stlukesbloomington.org) there is a link to give at the bottom of every page. Enjoy this time.

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Take Me to the House”

*Kenton Lee*

*St. Luke’s Choir*

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SENDING

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+BENEDICTION

L: May the hands of the Great Physician Jesus Christ, rest upon you now in divine blessing and healing. May he work within you to offer healing to all. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Verse 1**

Lord, take my hand and lead me  
upon life's way;  
direct, protect, and feed me  
from day to day.  
Without your grace and favor  
I go astray;  
so take my hand, O Savior,  
and lead the way.

**Verse 2**

Lord, when the tempest rages,  
I need not fear;  
for you, the Rock of Ages,  
are always near.

Close by your side abiding,  
I fear no foe,  
for when your hand is guiding,  
in peace I go.

**Verse 3**

Lord, when the shadows lengthen  
and night has come,  
I know that you will strengthen  
my steps toward home,  
then nothing can impede me,  
O blessed Friend!  
So, take my hand and lead me  
unto the end.

+DISMISSAL {*Front Center*} (*Mollie Erickson*)

L: Let your light shine before others.

**C: Glory be to God.**

POSTLUDE