

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
A PETITION TO LISTEN, HEAR, LEARN, AND RESPOND
JUNE 7, 2020

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE: *COME HOLY GOST, GOD AND LORD - Zachau*

A PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of Justice and peace, as we prepare to listen to your word and the voices of those have been ignored for so long, open our eyes to see, our ears to hear words of justice so we may share your justice and peace in the world. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

SENTENCES OF ADORATION

OPENING HYMN: *PRAISE WITH JOY THE WORLD'S CREATOR*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: Come all who are created in God's likeness. Come all who long for justice. Come all who desire God's peace.

People: We come seeking a just peace. We come to worship you O God with minds and hearts dedicated to listen.

REJOICING IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO AND CONFESSION OF SIN:

Unison: In the day of my trouble I will call to you,
for you will answer me.

When I have done what is wrong
and displeasing in your sight,
O Lord, extend your love to correct me.

When I ignore those in need
and pretend that all is right with the world,
O Lord, help me to face the truth.

When I turn a blind eye to those
who have been stricken with poverty
and are facing the injustices that come along with it,
O Lord, teach me your way.

Enable me to extend your love;
and give me an undivided heart,
that I may fear your name.

I will praise you, O Lord my God,
with all my heart;
and I will glorify your name forever. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURE LESSIONS

I Samuel 3:1 – 10

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC: *O DAY FULL OF GRACE* - F. Melius Christiansen

The Lutheran National Choir

SERMON: *Listen*

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD'S WILL AND WORK

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: A CREED FOR TROUBLED TIMES

Pastor: When nation rises against nation, and kingdom against kingdom,
the end is not violence:

for there is a God of resilient, redeeming love,
and the Brighter Purpose is at work in the shadows,
and the darkness cannot smother it.

Unison: Lord we believe, strengthen our timid faith.

Pastor: When there are earthquakes, famines and pestilences
and collisions among the stars,
the end is not chaos:

God the Creator of the heavens and the earth has not forsaken us,
and the harmony will again break out and gather
to hasten towards consummation.

Unison: Lord we believe, strengthen our timid faith.

Pastor: When believers are arrested and abused,
dragged before kings and governors,
the end is not injustice:
the Holy Spirit is always with you in all your trials and travail,
and words will be given to confound your adversaries
and shake the gates of hell.

Unison: Lord we believe, strengthen our timid faith.

Pastor: When parents, brothers, sisters, relatives or friends,
betray you even unto death,
the end is not alienation:
the crucified Christ will reconcile all things seen and unseen,
and the glorious finale is much nearer than when you first believed.

Unison: Lord we believe, strengthen our timid faith.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Sovereign God,
You brought everything into existence
and you long for the world without violence, persecution or crime.
We pray for this world.

For those who are still shaking and trembling from natural disasters, severe storms, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions, we pray that normality will once again return

For those who are without shelter, without food, without freedom, we pray for security and peace.

For those who are lost and lonely, tortured and desperate in the face of wars and inhumanity, we pray for peace and kindness.

For those forced to flee their homeland and are seeking asylum and safe refuge, we pray for supportive resettlement processes.

For this country, its government and judicial system, we pray that they will address the causes of crime.

For those in prison, their families friends, we pray your love will be known.

For those who have not been heard, those who have been forgotten, ignored, marginalized, and pushed to the sides of society, we lift up our prayers for the church and the world.

May the church remain faithful to your teachings which afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted. May we continually seek out in the world those who are most in need of your justice and love. Receive the prayers of your people for the people of this world.

Pause for private intercessions

Gracious God, as you have promised, may it come to pass. We pray in Christ's name and offer the prayer He offered;

Unison: 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

THE FELLOWSHIP OF SHARING

SPECIAL MUSIC: *I WANT THE TRUTH* - Darin Jellison

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor: Father, you have given all peoples one common origin. It is your will that they be gathered together as one family in yourself. Fill the hearts of mankind with the fire of your love and with the desire to ensure justice for all. By sharing the good things you give us, may we secure an equality for all our brothers and sisters throughout the world. May there be an end to division, strife and war. May there be a dawning of a truly human society built on love and peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

CLOSING HYMN: *WE SHALL OVERCOME*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *KOMM, HEILIGER GEIST, HERR GOTT - Armsdorf*

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Blessings to all!*