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September 16th, 2018



*Bettag*

(Swiss National Day of Prayer)

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## LITURGY

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PRELUDE

“Glory, Glory, Hallelujah”

WELCOME

**+ PRAYER OF APPROACH**

Leader: We praise the God of Abraham.

People: Who was, and is, and is to be.

Leader: We praise the God of prophets.

People: Who spoke through them and speaks to us.

Leader: We praise the God of mercy.

People: Who gives us grace for all our sins.

Leader: We praise the God of Jesus.

People: Who sent His Son that we might live.

**ALL: O Gracious God of Abraham, Who was, and is, and is to be,  
pour out Your Spirit on us now that we might know and bless  
Your name. As we read the words of prophets, speak to us. As  
we lift our hands for mercy, forgive us. And as we pray to You,  
in Jesus’ name, hear us and receive our prayer. Lord, on this  
day of repentance, may we say more than “We are sorry”. May  
we truly turn from all our sins, and walk in ways of grace and  
truth. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

## † SONG OF APPROACH

## "The God Of Abraham Praise"

words by Daniel ben Judah Dayyan, 1400; music by Meyer Lyon, 1770

1. The God of A-braham praise, All prais - ed be his name,  
 2. His spir - it still flows free, High surg - ing where it will;  
 3. He has e - ter - nal life Im - plant - ed in the soul;

Who was, and is, and is to be, And still the same!  
 In proph-et's word he spoke of old And he speaks still.  
 His love shall be our strength and stay, While ag - es roll.

The one e - ter - nal God, Ere aught that now ap - pears;  
 Es - tab - lished is his law, And change - less it shall stand,  
 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his name

The first, the last: be - yond all thought His time - less years!  
 Deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, On sea, or land.  
 Who was, and is, and is to be, And still the same! A - men.

## † PRAYER OF ADORATION / THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: O God of Abraham, and all those gone before us, as we praise

Your name we ask that You would turn our hearts and lips from sin. Lord, turn our hearts from ingratitude that we might be grateful, and turn our lips from vanity that we might offer honest prayers. Prayers like those of Christ, Your Son, Who taught the saints of old to say.....

**ALL:** 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.

## † SONG OF ADORATION

## “Shout To the Lord”

*words and music by Darlene Zschech, 1993*

My Jesus, my Savior  
 Lord there is none like You  
 All of my days I want to praise  
 The wonders of Your mighty love

My Comfort, my Shelter  
 Tower of refuge and strength  
 Let every breath, all that I am  
 Never cease to worship You

*Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing  
 Power and majesty, praise to the King  
 Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
 At the sound of Your name*

*I sing for joy at the work of Your hand  
 Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand  
 Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.*

## † CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Brothers and Sisters, let us confess our sins together saying....

**ALL: Gracious Father, though we come to You as saints with songs of praise, we also come as sinners with songs of repentance. Lord, shepherd us beyond our wants, that we might know Your will. Shepherd us beyond our fears, that we might know your truth. And shepherd us beyond all death that we might know Your life. The life You give through Jesus Christ, Who offers grace for all our sins. In His name we pray. Amen. (Confess in Silence)**

## † SONG OF CONFESSION

## “Shepherd Me, O God”

*words and music by Marty Haugen, 1986*

[CHORUS]

*Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
 Beyond my fears, from death into life.*

Cantor (Verse 1): God is my Shepherd, so nothing shall I want  
 I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love  
 I walk by the quiet waters of peace.  
 [CHORUS]

Cantor (Verse 2): Gently You raise me and heal my weary soul,  
 You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth  
 My Spirit shall sing the music of Your name.  
 [CHORUS]

Cantor (Verse 3): Though I should wander the valley of death,  
 I fear no evil, for You are at my side  
 You rod and Your staff, my comfort and my hope.  
 [CHORUS]

## † CONFESSION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Brothers and sisters, our God (Who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love) loves you just as you are. Therefore, in the light of His grace, mercy, and love I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all of our sins. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

**ALL:** In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made righteous!  
Thanks be to God!

## † CONFESSION OF FAITH

### Apostles Creed

Pastor: Let us confess our faith together saying:

**ALL:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ His 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,  
And He is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
He will come again 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 word *catholic* means “universal” or “for all people” (not the Roman Catholic Church).

## † PASSING OF PEACE

Leader: Friends, the peace of the Lord be with you!

*People: And also with you!*

Leader: Please take this time to offer the peace of Christ to those around you.

## † SONG OF PEACE

### “Glory, Glory Hallelujah!”

*words and music by Unknown, African-American Spiritual*

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!

*Since I laid my burdens down! (2x)*

I feel better, so much better!

*Since I laid my burdens down. (2x)*

Every round goes higher and higher

*Since I laid my burdens down! (2x)*

Friends don't treat me like they used to

*Since I laid my burdens down! (2x)*

I'm goin' home to live with Jesus

*Since I laid my burdens down! (2x)*

Glory, glory, hallelujah!

*Since I laid my burdens down! (2x)*

## † OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 30:8-15 (ESV)

*A Rebellious People*

Lector: Children of God and friends of Christ, hear these words from the prophet Isaiah:

<sup>8</sup> Then the Lord commanded Isaiah, “Go, write it before them on a tablet and inscribe it in a book, that it may be for the time to come as a witness forever. <sup>9</sup> For they are a rebellious people, lying children, children unwilling to hear the instruction of the LORD; <sup>10</sup> who say to the seers, ‘Do not see,’ and to the prophets, ‘Do not prophesy to us what is right; speak to us smooth things, prophesy illusions, <sup>11</sup> leave the way, turn aside from the path, let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel.’

<sup>12</sup> Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel, “Because you despise this word and trust in oppression and perverseness and rely on them, <sup>13</sup> therefore this iniquity shall be to you like a breach in a high wall, bulging out and about to collapse, whose breaking comes suddenly, in an instant; <sup>14</sup> and its breaking is like that of a potter's vessel that is smashed so ruthlessly that among its fragments not a shard is found with which to take fire from the hearth, or to dip up water out of the cistern.” <sup>15</sup> For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, ‘In repentance and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.’ But you were unwilling,...

Leader: This is the Word of God for you, the people of God.

*People: Thanks be to God!*

## † NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 3:2-3; 7-14 (ESV)

*John the Baptist Prepares the Way*

Leader: And now friends, a reading from the Gospel of Luke.

Listen and hear the Word of God:

<sup>2</sup> During the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>7</sup> He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?”

<sup>8</sup> Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>9</sup> Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

<sup>10</sup> And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” <sup>11</sup> And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” <sup>12</sup> Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” <sup>13</sup> And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” <sup>14</sup> Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

Leader: This too is the Word of God for you, the people of God!

*People: Thanks be to God!*

## MESSAGE

Brother Karsten Risseuw

## † WORSHIP IN GIVING

If you are our guest today, please feel under no compulsion to give.

## † DOXOLOGY

*words by Thomas Ken, 1674; music by Louis Bourgeois, 1551*

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise \*him, all crea-tures  
 here be - low; praise \*him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## † INVITATION TO THANKSGIVING (Eucharist)

Pastor: In the ancient Church a greeting was given at the breaking of bread, and like those before us I greet you with the joy of God. Friends, the Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

*People: We lift them up to the Lord.*

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.*

Pastor: Let us pray...It is our duty and delight that we should (Chant) everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to You, O God, through Jesus Christ, Who calls us to follow His way of humble service and love. And so with the Church on earth, all creation and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn....

## † SANCTUS

*words by Reginald Heber, 1826; music by John B. Dykes 1861*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 All, Thy works shall praise Thy Name in earth, and sky, and sea;  
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and Might - y!  
 God in three Per - sons bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

## † WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND INSTRUCTION

Pastor: On the night He was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “Take this and eat of it; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me until I come again.”

And in the same way, after supper, He also took the cup, and said, “Take this and drink of it; this cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me.”

Gracious Father, we thank You for sending Your Son Jesus Christ, Who gave His life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send down Your Holy Spirit upon these Your gifts of bread and wine that they might be for us His body and His blood. Amen.

Friends, in the breaking of His body, Christ received our brokenness and gave us the blessings of heaven. Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith in Him.

**ALL: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

Pastor: Behold the gifts of God for you, the people of God. Let us keep the feast!

## DISTRIBUTION

All Souls Protestant Church welcomes all baptized Christians and those who wish to follow Jesus to come to the Table and receive Communion. We take the elements by *intinction* or dipping the bread into the cup, so once you receive the bread please hold on to it that you might dip it into the cup. To ensure that all can partake our bread is gluten-free, and we use grape juice.

## † SONG OF THANKSGIVING

“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”

*words by Fanny J. Crosby, 1868; and music by William H. Doane, 1870*

Pass me not, O gentle Savior  
Hear my humble cry;  
While on others Thou art calling  
Do not pass me by.  
[CHORUS]  
*Savior, Savior,  
Hear my humble cry.  
While on others Thou art calling,  
Do not pass me by.*

Let me at Thy throne of mercy  
Find a sweet relief;  
Kneeling there in deep contrition  
Help my unbelief.  
[CHORUS]

Trusting only in Thy merit  
Would I seek Thy face;  
Heal my wounded, broken spirit  
Save me by Thy grace.  
[CHORUS]

Thou the spring of all my comfort  
More than life to me,  
Whom have I on earth beside Thee?  
Whom in heaven but Thee?  
[CHORUS]

## † PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: As we prepare to leave this place of rest, and go back into a restless world, let us add our prayers to those of other faith communities in Switzerland and our brothers and sisters in the *United Church of Canada*:

We repent, O God,

*People: Turn us to You.*

Leader: For every thought that is false, unjust, and unclean; for every word that is spoken that should not be said; for every deed or work that should not be done; and for all that keeps us bound to sin. We repent, O God,

*People: Turn us to You.*

Leader: For everything thought with a selfish mind; for everything done with a selfish hand; for everything said with a selfish tongue; and for everything felt with a selfish heart. We repent, O God,

*People: Turn us to You.*

Leader: For the lusts we entertain; for the lies we believe; for the promises we break; and for the slander we commit. We repent, O God,

*People: Turn us to You.*

Leader: For the kingdoms we build in defiance of Yours; for the will we seek in defiance of Yours; for the power we hold in defiance of Yours; and for the glory we boast in defiance of Yours. We repent, O God,

*People: Turn us to You.*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: Gracious Father, we turn to You away from all that has been said. And we thank You for Your constant grace at work in us to make us new. Lord, give us a confession that is more than, "We are sorry"; give us a confession that is living like Your Son. Your Son, who calls us up from sin to follow Him in righteousness. And Your Son, through Whom we offer praise for all the great things You have done. We ask all this in His name, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reign with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, both now and forever. Amen.

## † SONG OF SENDING

## "We Praise Thee, O God"

*words by Williams P. Mackay, 1863; music by John J. Husband, 1815*

1. We praise Thee, O God! for the Son of Thy love,  
2. We praise Thee, O God! for Thy Spir - it of light,  
3. All glo - ry and praise to the Lamb that was slain,

for Je - sus who died, and is now gone a - bove.  
who hath shown us our Sav - ior, and scat - tered our night.  
who hath borne all our sins, and hath cleansed ev - ery stain.

Hal - le - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry. Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men.

Hal - le - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry. Re - vive us a - gain.



## † BENEDICTION

## Aaronic Blessing

Dcn. Leutenegger: Der Herr segne dich und behüte dich!  
 Der Herr lasse sein Angesicht leuchten über dir  
 Und sei dir gnädig!  
 Der Herr erhebe sein Angesicht auf dich  
 Und gebe dir Frieden!

Rev. Dr. Williams: May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
 May the Lord make His face to shine upon you,  
 and be gracious unto you.  
 And may the Lord lift up the light of His  
 countenance upon you, and give You His peace.

## † CONGREGATIONAL AMEN

## Threefold (Danish) Amen

A - men. A - men. A - men.