

Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 13, 2021
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION + FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Let us take a moment of silence now to confess our sin before God and one another:

God of grace, help us. You sent your Son into the world that we may know love, but time and again, we reject it. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world. We doubt that you provide enough. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at the kind of love you offer us. Turn us again to you and fill us with your power and love, that we may live anew.

Beloved people of God: in God, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. In Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. In the Spirit, who gives you mercy upon mercy, you are forgiven and loved into life again.
Amen.

MUSIC Morning has Broken #556 verses 1-3

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| 1 Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word! | 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet
pass. |
| 3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation of the new day! | |

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **A: And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray together... **A: God of resurrection, you are always making all things new. Empower us to behold the gift of new life sprouting up in the earth below us, in the world around us, and in your people among us, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

MUSIC For the Fruit of All Creation #679 verses 1-3

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| 1 For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation, | 2 In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, |
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thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

- 3** For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ezekiel 17:22-24

²²Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.

²³On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that

you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 4:26-34

The Gospel according to St. Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

MUSIC

All Things New

1 Come Lord and tarry not
Bring the long looked for day
O why these years of waiting here
These ages of decay

2 Come for Your saints still await
Daily in hope they sigh
The Spirit and the Bride say come
Does Thou not hear the cry

Chorus O come and make all things new
Come and make all things new
O come and make all things new
Build up this ruined earth
Come and make all things new

3 Come for creation groans
Impatient of our stay
Worn out with these long years of ill
These ages of delay

4 Come, Holy Spirit, now.
Our steps are faint and slow
Our faith in you grows with belief
Hope's lamp burns dim and low

Chorus O come and make all things new
Come and make all things new
O come and make all things new
Build up this ruined earth
Come and make all things new

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Christ be with you always.

And always with you. Let's share a sign of God's peace with one another.

If you're worshipping in-person, you're invited to stand up, remain in your pews, and turn to neighbors near you, offering a physically-distant sign of peace: a wave, nod or bow, peace sign, or crossing arms over the chest as a symbol of an embrace. If you're worshipping on Zoom, you're invited to turn on your video and wave or give a peace sign to others.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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.

BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

Offering plates will not be passed around at this time. Please drop off offering before or after the services in the plates located just outside the sanctuary. If you're worshipping with us virtually, we invite you to make an offering by sending a check to the church or by visiting our secure online giving page at www.crossofglory.us. Thanks you for your generosity!

MUSIC **We Bow Down** (by Twila Paris)

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| 1 | You are Lord of creation
And Lord of my life
Lord of the land and the sea
You were Lord of the heavens
Before there was time
And Lord of all lords You will be | Chorus | We bow down
And we worship You Lord
We bow down
And we worship You Lord
We bow down
And we worship You Lord
Lord of all lords You will be |
| 2 | You are King of creation
And King of my life
King of the land and the sea
You were King of the heavens
Before there was time
And King of all kings You will be | Chorus | We bow down
And we crown You the King
We bow down
And we crown You the King
We bow down
And we crown You the King
King of all kings You will be |

LORD'S PRAYER

Drawn together as one body by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us...

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF WELCOME FOR PASTOR KISTEN

PRAYER OF SENDING FOR PASTOR ALI & ISAK

BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

MUSIC **God of Wonders**

1 Lord of all creation
Of water earth and sky
The heavens are Your tabernacle
Glory to the Lord on high

Chorus 1 God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy holy
Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

2 Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light
When I stumble in the darkness
I will call Your name by night

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)
Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)
Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)

Chorus 2 God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy holy
Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me
Father hold me hold me
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy holy holy holy

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

Please join us for a time of fellowship outdoors or on Zoom following today's service!

POSTLUDE

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Covid-19 Task Force recently announced a variety of lifted restrictions in light of recent guidance for those who are fully vaccinated. Please see the recent congregational letter detailing these eased restrictions. These new protocols are in effect from May 30 to June 30. Both in-person worship and virtual options will continue to be offered. Please worship with us however you feel most comfortable during this time!
- The Worship, Music, and Arts Committee will gather for its monthly meeting after worship today. The Council will host its monthly meeting next Sunday 6/20.

- Cross of Glory and CAPI will be hosting a mutual aid distribution day and community resource fair on Sat 6/19 from 10-2 in the fellowship hall and parking lot. If you're able to lend a hand, please reach out to Steve Ferley at ferleysteve@gmail.com or sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/5jt5susu>.
- Liturgy means "the work of the people." We're grateful for all the ways our shared work helps shape our weekly worship. If you're interested in serving as an usher, greeter, reader, musician, or tech support, please contact the church office.
- We are in need of people to run Zoom from the sanctuary this summer for those worshipping with us virtually. If you are able to help out, please reach out to Erik Haugland at erikshaugland@hotmail.com.
- Pastor Ali will be away on maternity leave beginning this next week. If you need pastoral care, please reach out to Pastor Kisten Thompson, our part-time summer interim pastor, who is available for pastoral care, conversation, and prayer. You can reach Pastor Kisten at kistenthompson@gmail.com and 651-216-5493.

WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

Please join us in lifting up these brothers and sisters in prayer: Gail Anderson, Dale Anderson, Arlene Finke, Lori Balzer, Pastor Ali and Isak Tranvik, Gil Hartlage, Jeannie Kuzmich, Brenda Edstrom, Vicky Jacobson, and for other loved ones in our community: Betty, Laurie, John, Bonnie, Dorothy, and David.

To be added or removed from the weekly prayer list, please contact Sue in the church office (svukelich@crossofglory.us) 763-533-8602).

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Lead Pastor: Rev. Ali Tranvik

Summer Interim Pastor: Rev. Kisten Thompson

Pianist, vocalist, worship team director: Mark Trease

Vocalist, choir director: Keith Williams

Lector: Marian Priest

Worship Team Vocalist: Kim Jacobson

Technical Team: Ryan Bailey, Mike Edstrom, Erik Haugland

Ministers: The people of Cross of Glory

MUSIC CREDITS

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