



Evening Prayer

August 28, 2021

5:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Brief Silence)

P Most merciful God,

A **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

A **Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

P Holy God, we know that you are always speaking— through strangers and friends, through sunrise and sunset, through random acts of kindness and feelings that stir hope awake in us. We know that you speak through dreams and prayer, through a still, small voice and bursts of overwhelming joy. We know that you are always speaking, but we also know that we are inclined to miss it. Settle our spirits now to hear your word fully. We want to be part of the conversation. Gratefully we pray,

A Amen.

READING

Ruth 1:1-22

Today's reading is from the book of Ruth:

¹In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, ⁵both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. ¹⁰They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." ¹¹But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, ¹³would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me." ¹⁴Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." ¹⁶But Ruth said,

"Do not press me to leave you
or to turn back from following you!
Where you go, I will go;
where you lodge, I will lodge,
your people shall be my people,
and your God my God.
¹⁷Where you die, I will die —
there will I be buried.
May the LORD do thus and so to me,
and more as well,

if even death parts me from you!"

¹⁸When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

¹⁹So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them; and the women said, "Is this Naomi?" ²⁰She said to them,

"Call me no longer Naomi,
call me Mara,
for the Almighty has dealt bitterly with me.
²¹I went away full,
but the LORD has brought me back empty;
why call me Naomi
when the LORD has dealt harshly with me,
and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?"

²²So Naomi returned together with Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, who came back with her from the country of Moab. They came to Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest.

P Word of God. Word of life.

A **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

MUSICAL RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A Guided by the spirit and gathered into one community, let us pray for the church, the world and all God's creation.

(Brief Silence)

Each petition concludes:

A Lord in your mercy:

A **Hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting that you always hear our prayers.

A **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

A **And also with you.**

(Please remain standing)

COMMUNION LITURGY FOR THE WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD

P The Lord be with you.

A **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

A **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love. . .

In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith:

A **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

P Holy Mystery, God, Creator, Savior, Spirit . . .

. . . all glory is yours, God most holy,
now and forever.

A **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

(Stand)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray.

Thank you, Gracious God, for this feast of life.

In it, we are fed by your love;

we are strengthened by your life;

we are sent forth into the world to live into God's mission

to feed as we have been fed,

to forgive as we have been forgiven,

to love as we have been loved.

Thanks be to God, through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

AI Amen.

BENEDICTION

P Beloved of God, as you leave this place, may God grant you the curiosity to counter assumptions, the vulnerability to befriend, the bravery to speak your truth, the wisdom to listen, the strength to ask for help, the resiliency to choose love, even when it's hard, and the awareness of the Holy Spirit always beside you. In the name of the Great Connector—
Love itself,

AI Amen.

EVENING HYMN

"Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"

Hymn **808**
Stanzas 1, 2, and 4

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

Jésus, je voudrais te chanter

1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*
 1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;

Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an - non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
 I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.

car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:
 you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,

Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.
 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

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A Go in peace, serve the Lord.

AI **Thanks be to God.**

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