



Evening Prayer

September 4, 2021

5:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

Song of Peace

Jean Langlais

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 Dearest God, you have made your home in our midst, and in doing so you have made us your people. From the beginning to the end you are always renewing your creation in and through us. Bring your healing to all the nations of the world. We pray this is in all your holy names.

A **Amen.**

READING

Revelation 21:1-6; 22:1-5

Today's reading is from the second book of Revelation:

^{21:1}Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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:

Lord in your mercy,
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.**

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.**

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(Stand)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A 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.

A **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,

A **Amen.**

EVENING HYMN

“Jerusalem, My Happy Home”

Hymn **628**
stanzas 1, 2, 3, & 5

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

The musical score is arranged in two systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when shall I come to thee?
2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints, O sweet and pleas - ant soil!
3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks con - tin - ual - ly are green;
4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit and ev - er - more do spring;
5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God grant that I may see

When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
In thee no sor - row may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.
there grow such sweet and pleas - ant flow'rs as no - where else are seen.
there ev - er - more the an - gels sit and ev - er - more do sing.
thine end - less joy, and of the same par - tak - er ev - er be!

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A Go in peace, serve the Lord.

AD Thanks be to God.

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