

GOD GATHERS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Prelude: “Clair de Lune”

by Claude Debussy

Welcome and Greeting

Gathering Music: “Holy, Holy, Holy”

ELW #413

Prayer of Confession

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

P: Amen.

L: Trusting God’s promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

L: Eternal God our creator,

P: in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcement of Forgiveness

L: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God † forgives you all your sins. Amen.

Hymn of Praise: “Majesty”

On the screen

Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us pray ... Almighty Creator and ever-living God,

P: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

L: *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

P: **And also with you.**

(Worshippers are invited to greet one another with “Peace be with you.”)

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN THE WORD

The Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8

Old Testament, Pg. 595

This reading narrates Isaiah’s vision of the Lord surrounded by angels. They sing “Holy, holy, holy,” a song the church sings at the beginning of the great thanksgiving. This liturgical text invites the church and all creation to sing in praise of God’s glory. That glory is God’s mercy toward sinners.

Psalm 29

The composer of the Psalm sings of power and glory of the Lord who can be heard in the wild fury of a storm, and in the blessing of peace for the Lord’s people.

¹*Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,*

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God’s name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

³*The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.*

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

⁵*The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;*

⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷*The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.*

⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹*The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, “Glory!”*

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

*"O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.*

The Gospel: John 3:1-10

New Testament Pg. 81

Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.

The Message: "Majesty and Mercy"

Pastor Jeff Eisele

Hymn of the Day: "Come Thou Almighty King"

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Affirmation of Faith-Nicene Creed

**All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the
Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and
was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the
Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and
his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from
the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the
resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

(As each of the prayers concludes, *Hear us, O God*, the congregation will respond,
your mercy is great.)

Opportunities to Offer Our Time and Tithes for Mission and Ministry

Offering Music: "Hymne"

by Vangelis

GOD COMES TO US IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Great Thanksgiving

L: *The Lord be with you.*

P: **And also with you.**

L: *Lift up your hearts.*

P: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

P: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

The Communion

All persons seeking the forgiveness of sins and a renewed relationship with Jesus Christ are invited to meet the Risen Christ by eating and drinking at our table. You may choose from red wine or white grape juice in our tray of cups. Young children are invited forward to receive a blessing.



Communion Music: “Beautiful Savior”

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“My God, How Wonderful Thou Art”

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Blessing of a Sabbatical for Deacon Katherine Eisele

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

The Blessing

May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

Sending Song: “Before You, Lord, We Bow”

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The Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you. P: Thanks be to God.