

As we unite in worship today, we extend a warm welcome to each one present.

May we together experience the presence of God

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We Gather to Prepare Our Hearts to Meet Our Lord



Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

The story we will hear today is of the grateful Samaritan which offers us another image of who and what matters to Jesus and should, therefore, matter to us.

The story draws attention to two important themes in Luke:

1. Jesus' care for the marginalized (ten lepers and at least one of them doubly marginalized, a Samaritan)
2. The appropriate response to Jesus, a response of faithful recognition and gratitude.

You see, Samaritans were the unlovely outsiders of Jesus' day, and that should bring us today to focus on who might be the outsiders in our community, nation and even world.

If we look further in Luke, we see it is a Samaritan, and not the respectable religious people, who demonstrates love for his neighbor by showing mercy.

And that is our call from Jesus, to reach out to the strangers, the outsiders, the one's society has deemed undesirable and offer them the hand of God in love, mercy and compassion.

Let us find our center as we come to God this day in our Call to worship...

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!

Where we need healing, make us whole!

Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!

Where we are isolated and excluded, bring us near!

Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!

Where we are chained, break our bonds!

Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!

Where we are dying, bring us back to life!
If we have died with him, we will also live with him.
If we endure, we will also reign with him. Amen!

OPENING PRAYER

**We give praise to you, O God,
for you are awesome and amazing.
We remember your deeds and faithfulness—
deeds that have brought us to this day,
faithfulness that has helped us weather
life’s storms.
We have gone through fire and water,
and stand before you today
in gratitude and praise.
How awesome are your deeds, O God! Amen.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

We Hear God’s Word

Gospel Reading..... Luke 17:11-19

New Revised Standard Version

Jesus Cleanses Ten Men with a Skin Disease

11 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus[a] was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. 12 As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, 13 they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” 14 When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. 15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. 16 He prostrated himself at Jesus’s[b] feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. 17 Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? 18 Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” 19 Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

The Word of God for the People of God, **Thanks be to God!**

Faith Hymn

“Message”

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Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON.

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
You formed us in your image
and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed,
your love remained steadfast.
You delivered us from captivity,
made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through the prophets.
And so, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
Your Spirit anointed him

to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.
He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant
by water and the Spirit.
When the Lord Jesus ascended,
he promised to be with us always,
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever. Amen.

And now with the confidence of the children of God we pray, Our Father...

Sharing of the Elements

Joys/Concerns

PASTORAL Prayer

O Lord, our Creator and Sustainer, you give us seasons to plant, to grow, to harvest, and to rest, and we are grateful. As the leaves turn and fall from the trees during autumn, help us to embrace these seasons and changes in our own lives as a natural part of this thing we call life. There are ups and down, twists and turns, doubts and fears, trials and triumphs and just when we are about to be ensnared by evil and destruction, you part the waters so we can step over and walk safely across our miseries, strife, and obstacles.

You have created each one of us uniquely and molded us beautifully into your own image – simply because we are yours. Help us to stand strong and sure when the winds blow fiercely; give us courage to walk proudly and confidently like we're supposed to. Remind us that through it all you are with us, every moment, every step, every time and in every situation – no matter who or where we are. It is in this knowledge we come before you today in Jesus Name. Amen

Offertory (UM Hymnal 95) Doxology

Offertory Prayer

God of love and compassion, the need for your presence in this world is often overwhelming. Confrontation and division are everywhere we look: in communities, in our countries, in our church, and in our world. May the gifts we give help all your children endure in these strange and challenging times. In the name of Jesus, the Christ, we pray. Amen. (2 Timothy 2:8-15)

Departing Hymn

Benediction

May we leave this worship moment, resolved to be a sign of God's presence, to be an ambassador of God's grace, and a hospitable proclaimer of God's truth. Amen

***POSTLUDE**