

SUNDAY WORSHIP

PRELUDE

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C **Amen.**

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God, our provider,

C **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

P Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

BENEATH THE TREE OF LIFE



*[Come and gath - er] be - neath the tree of



life. [Come and gath - er] be -



neath the tree of life; Root of



wis - dom, branch of peace, fruit of heal - ing and re -



lease. [Come and gath - er] be -



neath the tree of life.



1. Here we raise the sav - ing cross of Je - sus, _____

3. Come and drink the wa - ters of sal - va - tion, _____

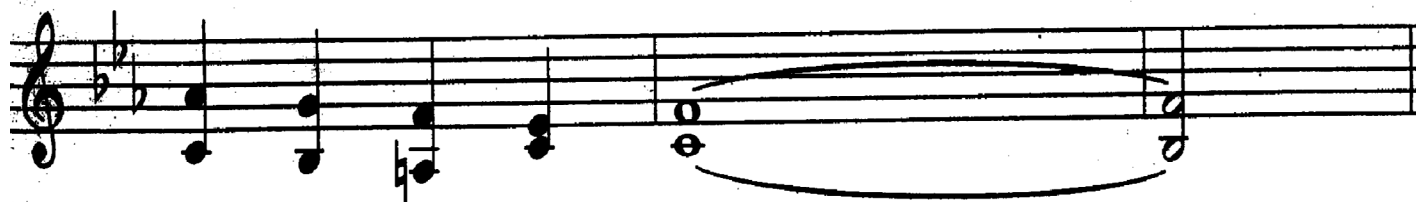
5. Root - ed in the rich earth of your Gos - pel, _____



— Sing - ing praise to him - who leads us on - from

— come and die to sin, - rise up to life - with -

— may we bear the fruits your Word has plant - ed



death in - to new life. _____

in the Reign of God. _____

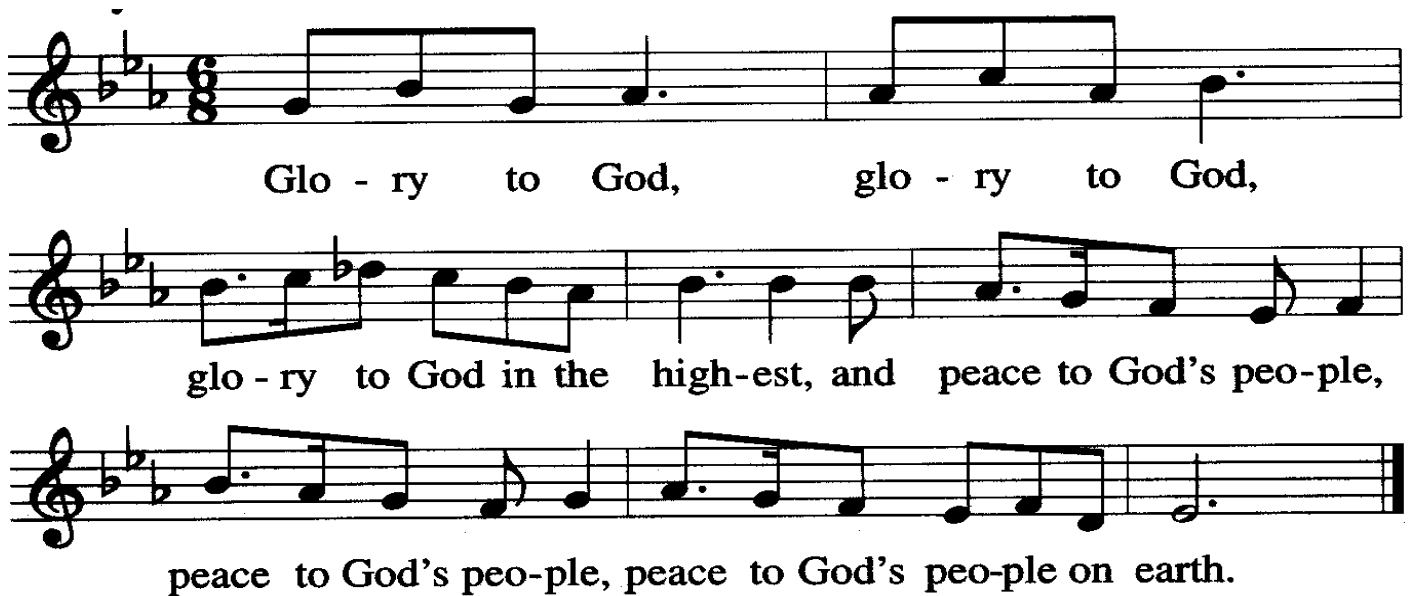
deep with - in our hearts. _____

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God,
glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple,
peace to God's peo-ple, peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

A Let us pray. O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. ⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? ⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

PSALM

Psalm 15

The Psalm will be spoken in unison.

¹LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle? Who may abide upon your | holy hill?
²**Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right, who speak the truth | from their heart;**
³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil | to their friends; they do not cast discredit up- | on a neighbor.
⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who | fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take | back their word.**
⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes a- | gainst the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be | overthrown.

SECOND READING

James 1:17-27

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we go? For

you have the words, you have the words, the words of e -

ter - nal life, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the seventh chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." ²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HOMILY

Gary N. McCluskey, Pastor

HYMN OF THE DAY

BUILD US UP, LORD



1 Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in
2 Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our



us a strong foun - da - tion. Lead us to do your
lives re - flect your glo - ry. Cast a - way all our



ho - ly will; form and shape your new cre - a - tion.
doubts and fears; help us tell the world your sto - ry.



Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we
Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us

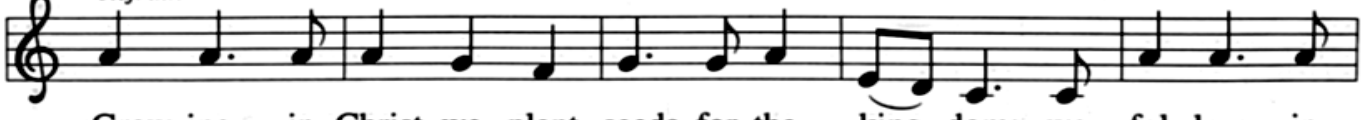


guide and teach each oth - er, help us to share your love with the
bear good fruit for you, Lord, give us vi - sion and keep us



world: ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er.
sure. Grant us faith that's stead - fast and true.

Refrain



Grow - ing in Christ, we plant seeds for the king - dom; we fol - low in



faith what's be - gun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your



word to spread the news of your Son!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence. After each portion of the prayers the Assistant will say:

A Lord, in your mercy,

The congregation will respond with:

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

A Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE PEACE IS SHARED

P The peace of Christ be with you all.

C And also with you.

OFFERTORY

FOR THE LIFE THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN



For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we of - fer, Lord, our prais - es; heart and mind and strength we bring;
give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

OFFERING PRAYER

A Jesus, Bread of life,

C you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

Thank you to all who continue to support our ministry through your prayers, your calls, emails, and texts. Thank you to all who continue to support our ministry with your financial gifts. We know some in our community have lost their jobs and others have had theirs significantly scaled back. We continue to have the same needs of financial support along with a few additional costs as we operate much differently during this time. You may contribute financially on line through our web site by clicking on the Give+ icon and

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*University Lutheran Church,
340 E. 15th Street, Tempe, AZ 85281*

Thank you!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

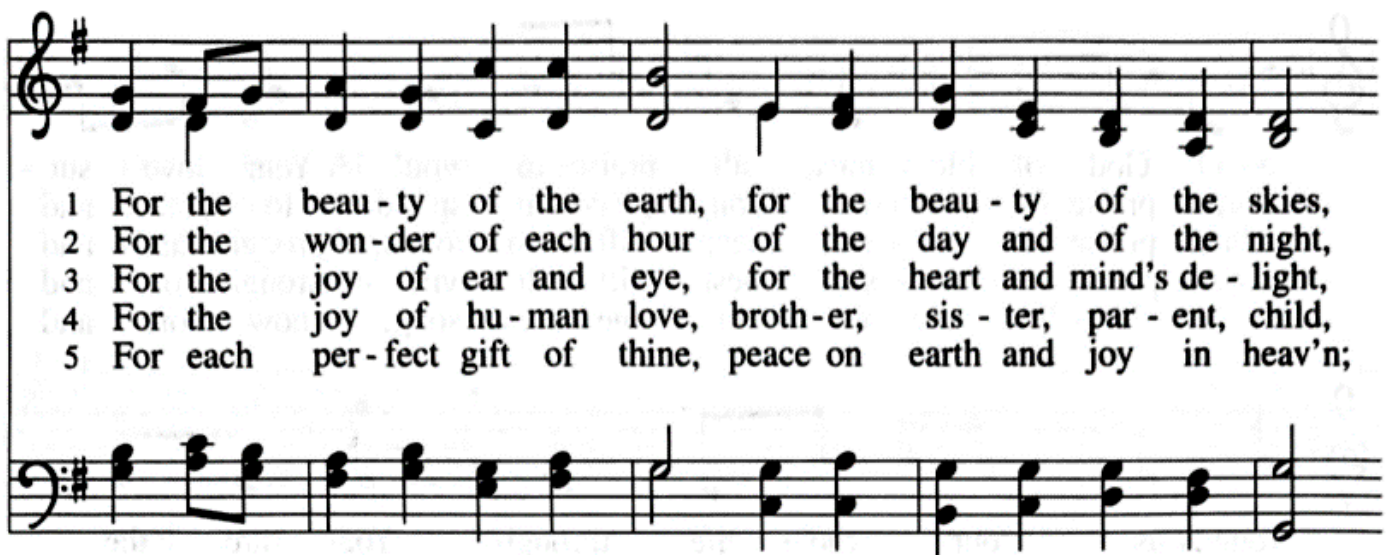
BENEDICTION

P The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH



The image shows a musical score for the hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. Below the treble staff, there are five lines of lyrics, each numbered 1 through 5. The lyrics are: 1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the beau-ty of the skies, 2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night, 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light, 4 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child, 5 For each per-fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

SENDING

A Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Participants in Worship

Pastor

Gary N. McCluskey

Worship Assistant

Erin Crawford

Lector

Larysa Pagel

Director of Music

Aiko Yamada Mancini

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Terry Pochert

Brian Mancini

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Erin Crawford, voice

John Fillo, voice & bass

Aaron Griffith-VanderYacht, voice

Sophie Lott, voice

Nic Peters, voice & percussion

Nils Peterson, voice

Maddie Shaner, voice

Aiko Yamada Mancini, voice & piano,