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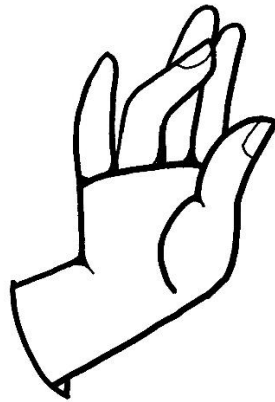
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ACS Holy Communion, Setting 12

Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously non-observant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.

We at Grace Lutheran Church strive to reflect and proclaim the love of God shown to us by Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit by providing an inclusive and supportive environment through loving care and community service.

A warm welcome to those who are here worshipping in-person and on-line with us today! Here at Grace Lutheran we believe God is active in your life. Even you being here now is testament of God's calling and leading in your heart, which you have faithfully heeded. So we welcome you, and pray that today you will be nurtured and that the gifts that God has graciously given you will be stirred for the sake of God's mission in the world.

Grace Lutheran worships, prays, and serves on the traditional and unceded lands and territories of the hən̓q̓əmiñəm̓ (Musqueam) and Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) peoples.

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in the name of our God, who speaks to us words of mercy and grace, and provides for all our needs. This God is indeed worthy of our praise, not that we must out of duty or obligation, but because the love that God gives moves and empowers us to worship, to serve, and to sacrifice out of thanksgiving. So let us truly sing and give thanks to our God the Most High, who listens to us, delivers us, and heals us into community and wholeness, through Jesus Christ. **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

GATHERING SONG: Will You Come and Follow Me (ELW #798)

GREETING

The welcoming grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the healing love of God, and fulfilling fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

SONG OF PRAISE (ACS p. 31)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, creator of the universe, author of love, welcome, and community, you are just and pure and you infuse us with the faith to see you working in and around us: healing us into wholeness, leading us and strengthening us by your Spirit, and bringing us into new life through the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, with whom we pray. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Hosea 5:15-6:6

A reading from Hosea.

Because the people have trusted in military powers and not God, God decides to withdraw from the scene until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God's face. The response of the people does not acknowledge this guilt and is as fickle as fog or dew burned away quickly by the sun. God desires loyalty rather than words or meaningless deeds.

¹⁵ I will return again to my place
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.

In their distress they will beg my favour:

^{6:1} "Come, let us return to the LORD,
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

² After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.

³ Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth."

⁴ What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,

like the dew that goes away early.

⁵ Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

⁶ For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 50:7-15

⁷ "Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you;
for I am God, your God.

⁸ **I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;
your burnt offerings are always before me.**

⁹ I will not accept a calf from your stalls,
nor goats from your pens;

¹⁰ **for all the wild animals of the forest are mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.**

¹¹ I know every bird of the mountains,
and the creatures of the fields are mine.

¹² **If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

¹³ Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,
or drink the blood of goats?

¹⁴ **Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and make good your vows to the Most High.**

¹⁵ Call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall honour me.

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

A reading from Romans.

Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.

¹³ The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God,

but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ²³ Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ACS p. 33)

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus demonstrates God’s mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹² But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.”

¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹ for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.”

²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that moment. ²³ When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread through all of that district.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: God’s Work, Our Hands (ACS #1000)

CREED

Together with the whole church, let us confess the Christian faith with the Apostle’s Creed:

**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

Called into healing and community, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. Each petition will end with “by your inspiring mercy, O Lord,” and you are all invited to respond with **hear our prayer**. By your inspiring mercy, O Lord, **hear our prayer**.

O God, you speak to us and we listen and bear witness to your welcome and grace. May your presence be apparent to us in our doing and being, that we be able to recognise and respond to all that you do in love and mercy. By your inspiring mercy, O Lord, **hear our prayer**.

O God, you strengthen us in our faith and empower our lives to reflect all that you do and all that you are. May the work we do in the world be pleasing to you, that the glory of your name be proclaimed. We lift up in prayer our neighbouring faith communities; those who use this building for worship, work, and play; our partners Anglican Church of Canada and Moravian Church in Canada; and our bishops, rostered ministers, congregations, and ministries of the ELCIC. In particular, we pray for Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Comox and the pastors and leaders that serve them; as well as our seminaries both in Saskatoon and Waterloo, and all their faculty, staff, and students. By your inspiring mercy, O Lord, **hear our prayer**.

O God, you have crafted every animal of the sea, every bird of the air, and every creature of the lands, and you have entrusted them to us to care for and watch over. May our stewardship of your creation be pleasing to you, that it may continue to serve as our home for the generations to come. By your inspiring mercy, O Lord, **hear our prayer**.

O God, the whole world and all that is in it are yours, and we do what we can to live peaceably with one another. Be with all world leaders, politicians, and people of influence that the nations might learn from your wisdom and find a way to live together free from oppression, war, and violence. We also pray for the continued support of those that we’ve sponsored to come into our country: Abraham Barhane; Solyana Amanuel; and Filimon Abraha; as well as for those who have not yet arrived: Maেকেle Kiflu, Selam Haile, and their children; and Meri, Surafiel, Nohom, and Elita Gabramikael. By your inspiring mercy, O Lord, **hear our prayer**.

O God, we offer to you our thanksgiving for being with us through the ups and downs of life, and helping us in our times of trouble. Make your love especially known to those among us

who are sick, who mourn, or who feel lonely, and may we all find support in the community that you bless us with. Especially we pray for Kathy and family; Bryan and Chona; Ron, Tess, and Mineko; Greg and Aikiko; Bev and family; John and Betty; Sukhwant; Pastor Kristen; Pastor Carol; Laura; Kandie; Will; Chris; Larry; Walter; Piet; Kelly; Betty; Ngan Kew (nan CUE); Matt; Patty; and all those we name aloud or quietly in our hearts at this time...

By your inspiring mercy, O Lord, **hear our prayer.**

O God, we honour you for delivering us out of sin and shame, and graciously welcoming us into your kingdom with all of the saints. May we live our lives full of faith, that while your love for us will not change, we might be able to more accurately reflect your love onto all the world. By your inspiring mercy, O Lord, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your promises and grace and move us to follow you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and places give thanks and praise to you, O God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who calls us into your fold and empowers us to serve, and joins us with the choirs of angels, the hosts of heaven, and the church on earth in praising your name with this unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ACS p. 36)

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Lord God Almighty, we give you thanks for creating us, raising us, and strengthening us to be your people in the world. Not to condemn or save, but to reflect your grace and love onto all people. And then in the fullness of time, you reveal to us your plan of salvation through Jesus, your Son, whom you sent to us as one of us to display for all your ways of eternal and steadfast mercy.

For on the night that he was betrayed, your Son Jesus sat with his friends for a meal, where he took the bread, gave thanks, broke and shared it and said, "Take and eat, this is my body broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And then after they ate, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples to drink from saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

It is in this bread and cup that we can be reminded of your calling to us to be your people strengthened in our proclamation of the basis of our faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

So it is to you, O God, that all honour and glory belong, for your grace and mercy that never end, for your invitation and welcome into your kingdom as your own, and for the love you give all people through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (ACS p. 39)

Gathered together in healing and wholeness, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see God joining us together in love.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS: Lamb of God (ACS p. 40)

If You But Trust in God to Guide You (ELW #769)

Have No Fear, Little Flock (ELW #764)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, we again thank you for feeding and nourishing us with your Word and truth that empowers us to be your people in the world. Strengthen us in our faith, that as we go from here we might live your wisdom, exude your grace, and be witnesses to your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

May the One who brings hope to the hopeless, healing to the brokenhearted, and light into darkness, lead you into faith, community, and love, by the power of God Shepherd, Saviour, and Spirit, now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: Lord of All Hopefulness (ELW #765)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, live in faith.

Thanks be to God.

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