

GATHERING MUSIC "We Gather Together" Dutch Hymn, 1597 setting by Anne Marie David

WELCOME

CONFESSION

Gracious God, **We find ourselves with two options every day — to stay homesick for the world You had in mind, or to allow cynicism to win. Do we hope against hope, or do we throw in the towel? Do we insist on a better world, or do we assume it's impossible? Forgive us for the days when cynicism wins. Forgive us for numbing our homesick hurt instead of using it to fuel a better world. Kindle in us a hope that won't let go. Gratefully we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Family of faith, even when we throw in the towel, even when we give up on hope, God does not give up on us. We are loved. We are claimed. We are invited closer to God's home. So hear and trust this good news: **There is room for us in God's House, and nothing can separate us from that love. We are claimed; We are forgiven, We are welcomed home. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

KYRIE

ELW setting eight

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.
 Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

Verse: For the peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY

ADVENT VERSE "Make Of My Heart A Stable" by Amanda Udis-Kessler

Make of my heart a stable, a house for the Holy, a warm and sturdy place for hope to live and grow.

PRAYER OF THE DAY The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

God of the stars and God of our hearts — **our days will pass but Your words will last. The earth might fade but Your words will last. Our memories might blur but Your words will last. The grass will wither but Your words will last. The sky could go dark and Your words would last. So as we listen today, help us to hold onto what will last. Help us hold onto You. Gratefully we pray, amen.**

ACCLAMATION

ELW setting eight

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia.
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Michelle Lata

READING: I Thessalonians 3:9-13

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

PREACHING TEXT: Luke 21:25-36

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Trudy Stoffel

OFFERING

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SPECIAL MUSIC **"Come Now, O God" Finnish folk tune text David Bjorlin**

Sanctuary Choir

OFFERING PRAYER

Your church is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them, even if they don't look like pews.

It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will be a place of forgiveness and grace, if I forgive and receive forgiveness. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, here and online, if I invite and bring them. It will be a church where people grow in faith and serve you, if I am open to such growth and service. Therefore, with your help Lord, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things you want your church to be. Amen.

APOSTLES' 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come again 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 After each petition: Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

PEACE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION
LAMB OF GOD

ELW setting eight

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMN

“There Is A Longing In Our Hearts”

ACS, #1078

Refrain — All

There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re-
veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our
hearts for love we on - ly find in you, our God.

Leader or All

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|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 For jus - tice, | for free - dom, | for mer - cy: |
| 2 For wis - dom, | for cour - age, | for com - fort: |
| 3 For heal - ing, | for whole-ness, | for new life: |
| 4 Lord, save us, | take pit - y, | light in our |

hear our prayer. In sor - row, in grief:
hear our prayer. In weak - ness, in fear:
hear our prayer. In sick - ness, in death:
deep-est night. We call you; we wait:

Refrain

be near; hear our prayer, O God.

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Music: LONGING, Anne Quigley
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PRAYER
ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

As you leave *this* service, *your* service begins: Comfort the homesick. Open your doors to others. Seek sanctuary. Be brave enough to go home by another way. And remember that here in God's house, all are welcomed — so come back soon. In the name of our Foundation — God, Spirit, and Son — go in peace. **Amen.**

HYMN

“Canticle of the Turning”

ELW, #723



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING MUSIC

“EI Cant dels Ocells” (“The Song of the Birds”) setting by John Carter

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