



COME TO BELIEVE, COME TO BELONG
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PRELUDE

Robert Aaron

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Therefore, let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for self-reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Gather Us In

ELW 532



1 Here in this place new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way— here in this place the new light is shin-ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

GREETING

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

And also with you.

KYRIE

Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy)

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who worship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour - ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord,

let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...

Lord God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that, always keeping in mind the end of all things and the day of judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of life here and may live with you forever in the world to come, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

⁷ Be silent before the Sovereign LORD,
for the day of the LORD is near.

The LORD has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated those he has invited.

¹² At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps
and punish those who are complacent,
who are like wine left on its dregs,
who think, ‘The LORD will do nothing,
either good or bad.’

¹³ Their wealth will be plundered,
their houses demolished.

Though they build houses,
they will not live in them;
though they plant vineyards,
they will not drink the wine.”

¹⁴ The great day of the LORD is near—
near and coming quickly.

The cry on the day of the LORD is bitter;
the Mighty Warrior shouts his battle cry.

¹⁵ That day will be a day of wrath—
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of trouble and ruin,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and blackness—

¹⁶ a day of trumpet and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the corner towers.

¹⁷ “I will bring such distress on all people
that they will grope about like those who are blind,
because they have sinned against the LORD.

Their blood will be poured out like dust
and their entrails like dung.

¹⁸ Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD’s wrath.”

In the fire of his jealousy
the whole earth will be consumed,
for he will make a sudden end
of all who live on the earth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 90:1-8,12

¹ Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

² **Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the
whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

³ You turn people back to dust, saying, “Return to dust, you mortals.”

⁴ **A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just
gone by, or like a watch in the night.**

⁵ Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death they are like the new
grass of the morning:

⁶ **In the morning it springs up new, but by evening it is dry
and withered.**

⁷ We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation.

⁸ **You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the
light of your presence.**

¹² Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹ Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to
write to you, ² for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come
like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, “Peace and safety,”
destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant
woman, and they will not escape.

⁴ But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should
surprise you like a thief. ⁵ You are all children of the light and children of
the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. ⁶ So then, let us

not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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.

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

The holy gospel according to St Matthew, the 25th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Following the reading

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Brian Pederson

HYMN OF THE DAY *This Is My Father's World*

ELW



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,



na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres.
morn-ing light, the lil-y white, de-clare their mak-er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul-er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.
rus-tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.
Lord is king, let the heav-ens ring; God reigns, let the earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858–1901

Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930, adapt.

CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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 OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(Silence for prayer)

Giver of every good and perfect gift, we confess that no one living is righteous before You, and so we plead Your mercy for us and for all people, that we might be given grace to stand before You on the day of Judgment, clothed completely in the righteousness of the Only Faithful One, Jesus Christ our Lord, and giving You endless thanks and praise for Your great mercy and love. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, Your Son will return at a time when people do not expect. Grant all Your baptized people to live holy lives in this age looking forward with eagerness to His joyous return, seeking only to be found in Him on that glorious Day. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Giver of all we have, how often we forget that nothing is truly our own and that all belongs to You. Forgive us and help us to use Your gifts wisely so that we may be a blessing to others. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

King of all nations, to You we commend our government, our armed forces, and all whom You have placed in authority over us, asking that You would guide them, bless them, and uphold them in every good deed. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Lord, our dwelling place in every generation, into Your merciful hands we commend all who suffer at this time—those who are ill, those who suffer the effects of aging, those who are lonely and frightened, those who are unjustly imprisoned, especially those who are persecuted for Your name, and all who have desired our prayers, especially those we whose names we bring before you, either out loud, or silently in our hearts, *(pause.....)*. Grant them Your peace, Your healing, Your life. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Bountiful Host, in the Eucharist You spread before Your people a heavenly feast of joy for them to share here on earth. Grant that all who come to Your Son's altar this day may receive His holy body and blood with living faith to their abundant blessing. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord of Life, Your Son is the Resurrection from the dead, and so we give thanks for everyone who has fallen asleep in faith in Him, knowing that they live forevermore. Bring us to share with them the joys You have prepared, and grant that on the Last Day, clothed in our resurrection bodies, we may join the heavenly hosts in singing Your praises without end. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the LORD be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING *The offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. If you are visiting with us, please feel free to pass the offering plate, you are our guest.*

OFFERTORY

Doxology

BH 253

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men**

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 Him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... (*pastor continues, concluding with*), we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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,

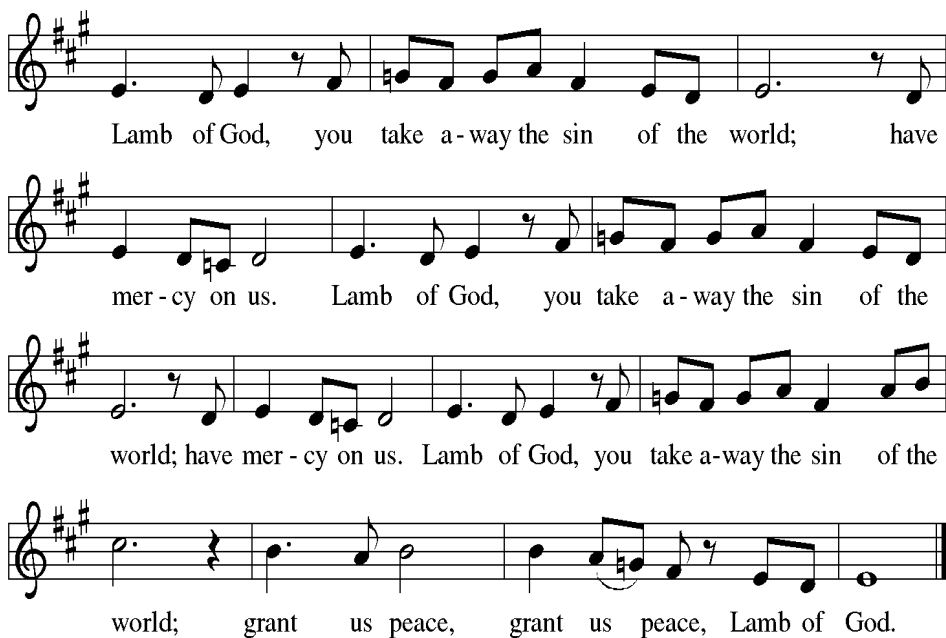
and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION: *is open to all. We believe and teach that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine/juice, which are his body and blood. Young children whose parents do not wish for them to receive Communion yet are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing.*

COMMUNION SONG

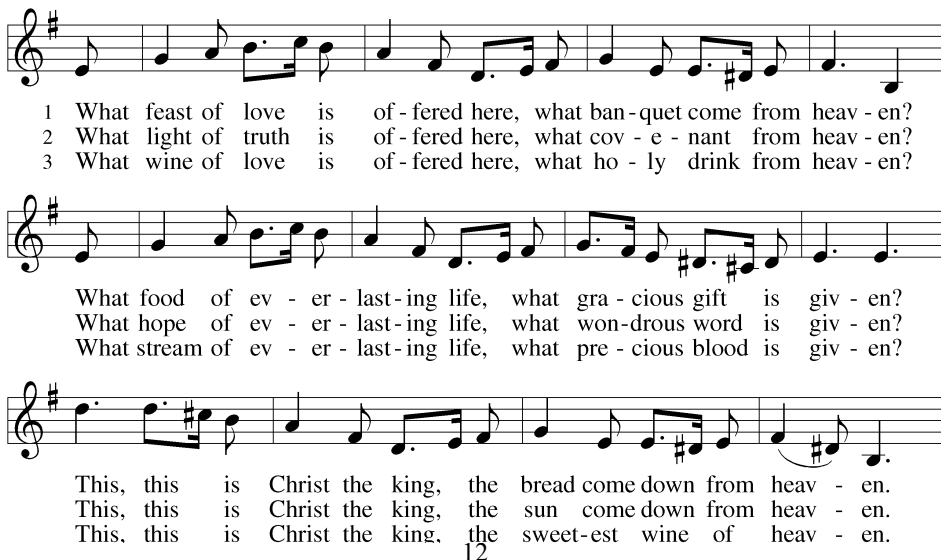


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

CONG SONG

What Feast Of Love

ELW 487



1 What feast of love is of-fered here, what ban-quet come from heav-en?
2 What light of truth is of-fered here, what cov-e-nant from heav-en?
3 What wine of love is of-fered here, what ho-ly drink from heav-en?

What food of ev-er-last-ing life, what gra-cious gift is giv-en?
What hope of ev-er-last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv-en?
What stream of ev-er-last-ing life, what pre-cious blood is giv-en?

This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav-en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav-en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet-est wine of heav-en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939
 Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

CONG SONG *Old Rugged Cross*



1 On a hill far a - way stood an old rug - ged cross,
 2 Oh, that old rug - ged cross so de - spised by the world,
 3 In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,
 4 To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true,



the em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame;
 has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;
 a won - drous beau - ty I see;
 its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;



and I love that old cross where the dear - est and best
 for the dear Lamb of God left his glo - ry a - bove,
 for 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,
 Christ will call me some day to my home far a - way,



for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.
 to bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.
 to par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
 where his glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

Refrain



So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged cross, till my



tro - phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rug - ged



cross, and ex - change it some day for a crown.

Text: George Bennard, 1873–1958

Music: THE OLD RUGGED CROSS, George Bennard, 1873–1958

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you, and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.... We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Battle Hymn Of The Republic

LBW 332



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;
3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.
with a glo - ry in his bo - som that trans - fig - ures you and me.



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword;
Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,

his truth is march - ing on.
 Our God is march - ing on.
 while God is march - ing on.

Refrain

Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819-1910
 Music: BATTLE HYMN, American, 19th cent.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NORTH BAY LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME to all who worship here today. May you experience the gracious presence of God, and the peace which our Risen Lord Jesus gives to his people.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP CARDS: If you haven't already done so, would you please fill out the welcome to worship card that was in your bulletin, and place in the offering plate. If you've completely filled out a card before, simply put your name and date on the card. We especially want to know your prayer requests, questions and comments, so we can serve the needs of our members and guests.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY 7:00 P.M.: A 4 week Bible Study, *Four Parables of Jesus*, continues this Wednesday evening. A sign-up sheet and workbooks are in the narthex. Cost for the workbook is \$4.00. This week's parable, '.

SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER Come and join us as we gather before Bible study for prayer. It's a time to come together and pray silently or out loud. We meet in the sanctuary starting at 6:00 P.M.

SINGING CHRISTMAS TREE: Please reserve your tickets today. (Sign-up in Narthex) We will be gathering as a congregation for the Dec. 4th, 3:00 p.m. performance in Tacoma. Tickets are \$16 ea. Make checks payable to Jim Burton.

TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

GREETERS: Don & Patty Rogers

USHERS: Del & Barb Griffey

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Patty Dunlap and Sandi Fleury

READER: Michael Gustavson

COFFEE HOSTS: Susan Smith and Cheryl Rogers

SACRISTANS: Ginny Knittel and Julie Nehr

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE: 87 + 3 Online Logins

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Sun Nov. 20	CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
Sun Nov. 27	1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
Sun Dec 4	2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
Sun Dec 11	3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
Sun Dec 18	4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT KIDZ CHURCH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

ALL SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES ARE 10:00 A.M.