

Prairieland Parish

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

A Gathering Meditation inspired by Mark 2:23—3:6

Today, in this hour, at this moment, we are in a regular rhythm of letting God work in us. Here we rest from daily work. This is the moment our souls have been waiting for, even if some of us didn't know we needed it.

As we sit and hear God's word—whether preached, sung, prayed, or otherwise—let's remember to ask ourselves, "Am I listening?" God is informing and guiding our time together. This is not just a party, a celebration, a special service, or a concert. This is Sabbath. This is God's time. Let's lift praise, give thanks, glorify God's name, and pause from every unessential mission so that we experience and spread the news. God is good, Jesus is the Way, and the Holy Spirit is ready to renew all who believe in the resurrection and healing power of Jesus Christ.

Call to Worship

We look to the rulers of this earth for leadership, wisdom, and strength.

We look to these bodies of ours for stability, fulfillment, and joy.

We look to families and friends for love, compassion, and hope.

When rulers betray, when bodies fail, and when families disappoint,

God offers another look.

God will guide us.

God's Spirit will sustain us.

Christ will welcome us home.

Come, my sisters and brothers, we are all God's family now.

A Prayer for the Second Sunday after Pentecost

Thank you, God, for being our God. We know that our God is always on time. Our God doesn't waste time. Our God makes time and teaches us what it looks like to make good use of our time on this earth. Our time is limited. Our time must be managed. Our time is out of our hands to the point that we must pause for our spiritual health's sake to remember who our time falls under. Our time under God is time well spent. Under God, we recognize how God is helping us through our weakness. Our time under God puts rest and self-care into perspective. Without God, our time is underwhelming in impact. Our time is underwater with the world's problems. Our

time is under arrest, easily kept from God's promises. Thank you, God for allowing our time to be under you and not limited to our ways of doing things. Amen.

Praise Hymn UMH #732 "Come, We That Love the Lord"

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Tune: William H. Walter, 1825-1893

FESTAL SONG

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1. Come, we that love the Lord,
and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord,
and thus surround the throne.

2. Let those refuse to sing
who never knew our God;
but children of the heavenly King
may speak their joys abroad.

3. The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets before we reach the heavenly fields or
walk the golden streets.

4. Then let our songs abound,
and every tear be dry;
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
to fairer worlds on high.

Gospel Reading.....Mark 3:20-35 (NRSV)

20 and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. 21 When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." 22 And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." 23 And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? 24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. 25 And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. 26 And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. 27 But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

28 "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; 29 but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— 30 for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

The True Kindred of Jesus

31 Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. 32 A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and

your brothers and sisters[a] are outside, asking for you.” 33 And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” 34 And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! 35 Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

Faith Hymn UMH #561 “Jesus, United by Thy Grace (verses 1,2,6)

Author: Charles Wesley (1742)

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1. Jesus, united by thy grace
and each to each endeared,
with confidence we seek thy face
and know our prayer is heard.

2. Help us to help each other, Lord,
each other's cross to bear;
let all their friendly aid afford,
and feel each other's care.

6. This is the bond of perfectness,
thy spotless charity;
O let us, still we pray, possess
the mind that was in thee.

Message

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II, UMH pgs. 12-15

INVITATION

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,
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.

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.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection

You gave birth to your church,

Delivered us from slavery to sin and death,

And make with us a new covenant

By water and the 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 children of God, let us pray: Our Father,

Sharing of the Elements

Joys/Concerns

Prayers of Intercession

Loving God, we ask for the gift of your Holy Spirit to help us pray as we ought.

We ask for the energy and vision of your Spirit for those who are tiring in the battle against injustice and oppression: for those exhausted by the struggle with poverty and hunger.

We ask for the hope and comfort of your Spirit for those whose lives are overshadowed by illness or pain; for those whose lives are darkened by sorrow or bereavement.

We ask for the peace and joy of your Spirit for those living in the shadow of war and violence; for those eaten up by guilt and anxiety and whose Christian life has become hard and dry.

We ask for the guidance and strength of your Spirit for those uncertain how to use their time, talents and gifts; for those tempted to do what is wrong.

We ask for the love and courage of your Spirit for those reaching out to comfort the distressed; for those reaching out to others with the Good News of Christ.

Loving God, we ask for the assurance of your Spirit to know your presence with us in our daily lives: in our relationships; in our work and service; in our worship; in our times of joy and pain. Amen

Offertory/Doxology/Prayer

Holy and forgiving God, it is easy for our lives to become singularly focused on our families, yet you call us to a broader understanding of family. We prioritize our money around the needs of our families and especially our children, and you challenge us to a global view of family and to look at all children with the love we look on those who live under our roof. As we give to you, open our eyes to see the wider family; our ears to hear the cries of hurting, hungry children; our hearts to experience the extravagantly generous love you pour down on us. We pray in the name of your son, our brother, Jesus. Amen.

***Departing Hymn #438**

"Forth in Thy Name, O Lord"

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**1. Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
my daily labor to pursue;
thee, only thee, resolved to know
in all I think or speak or do.**

**2. The task thy wisdom hath assigned, O let me cheerfully fulfill;
in all my works thy presence find,
and prove thy good and perfect will.**

**3. Thee may I set at my right hand,
whose eyes mine in-most substance see, and labor on at thy command, and offer all
my works to thee.**

**4. For thee delightfully employ
what e'er thy bounteous grace hath given; and run my course with even joy, and
closely walk with thee to heaven**

Benediction

Sisters and brothers of Christ go into all the world!

Go forth with forgiveness and grace.

Go forth with compassion and love.

We go as Christ's family

for all the world to see.

Postlude