

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

Opening Meditation

We, as followers of Christ, are called to share, to give, to lean into the transformation of the world as part of our mission. It’s not enough that we are made into disciples; it’s not enough that we are caring for our own souls. We are called to be in service to a hurting world. We can’t do this alone. We need help. We need Jesus’ help. So, today I ask our Lord to Lay His hands on us, bless us, , bless all we encounter. Use our hands, use our knees, use whatever it takes to save us, to make us well and alive. Lord, teach us how to be present to the world around us as a way of being present to You. Then we can learn to give what we have received, grace upon grace. Amen.

A Call to Worship

Do you hear it? Jesus is calling us, inviting us to journey with him.

Count us in! With us we bring our joys and fears, our victories and defeats, our celebrations, and our sorrows.

Jesus is calling us, inviting us to journey with him, even in the face of life’s strong winds and unexpected storms.

With us we bring our voice and song, both of which are familiar to his ears. When we call, when we shout, when we yell, when we cry, when we sing, when we don’t know what to do, he hears us!

Jesus is calling us, inviting us to journey with him, him whose ears are attuned to the voices of his Beloved!

His power is great! His voice is strong! His actions are life-changing!

Everything - pain, loss, unemployment, heartbreak, sickness, abandonment, isolation, abuse, evil – it all stops at his command.

And so, as grateful people, we who belong to God, we praise the one who brings peace to our lives, and we gather as the grateful, alongside brothers and sisters, neighbors and friends, pew warmers and pulpit rockers. We gather to rejoice and bear witness to him, who has done this for us!

Opening Prayer

Merciful God, we are slow to see the blood around our feet. We get self-absorbed, or we deny our own power to act and to be of service. We forget we are made whole by a wounded healer. Forgive us, we pray. Free us to use power rightly and to serve you joyfully, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Praise Hymn #57 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (Verses 1-3)

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**O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!**

**My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.**

**Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.**

We Hear God's Word

Gospel Reading.....Mark 5:21-43

New Revised Standard Version

A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed

21 When Jesus had crossed again in the boat[a] to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. 22 Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet 23 and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." 24 So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. 25 Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. 26 She had endured much under many physicians and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. 27 She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, 28 for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." 29 Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. 30 Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" 31 And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" 32 He looked all around to see who had done it. 33 But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. 34 He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your disease."

35 While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" 36 But overhearing[b] what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." 37 He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. 38 When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. 39 When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a

commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” 40 And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. 41 He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” 42 And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. 43 He strictly ordered them that no one should know this and told them to give her something to eat.

The word of God for the People of God, **Thanks Be to God**

Children’s Message

Faith Hymn #2237 As a Fire is Meant for Burning

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**As a fire is meant for burning
with a bright and warming flame,
so the church is meant for mission,
giving glory to God’s name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs,
but to build a bridge of care,
we join hands across the nations,
finding neighbors everywhere.**

**As a green bud in the springtime
is the sign of life renewed,
so may we be signs of oneness
'mid earth’s peoples, many hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens
when a storm is past and gone,
may our lives reflect the radiance
of God’s new and glorious dawn.**

**We are learners; we are teachers;
we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers;
we are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle, loving actions,
we would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, listening Spirit,
we would live to God’s delight.**

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with a bright and warming flame,
so the church is meant for mission,
giving glory to God’s name.
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Meditation

Joys/Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

O Lord, you are indeed the healer of all our ills. We bring to you, our bodies, minds and spirits hurting and broken by the violence, ills, trauma and cares of a world separated from you. Come to us now with your healing powers. O God, we ask that you heal us. Give us the strength, health, wisdom and knowledge found only through you. Send your life-giving Spirit so that we may live our lives with courage in the profound peace of your love. Come to us now with your healing powers.

O God, we ask that you sustain those who seek to alleviate the pain and suffering of this world. Give strength, courage, wisdom and knowledge to all doctors and orderlies, nurses and clerks, psychiatrists, researchers, and all other medical care givers, volunteers and

professionals. Send your life-giving Spirit so that their ministries may bring healing and promote health. Come to us now with your healing powers.

Be also with those who work to heal the wounds of societies and nations. Guide, protect and strengthen our lawyers and police, chaplains and pastors, healthcare and social workers, politicians, military, diplomats and all others who work for economic and social reform. Send your life-giving Spirit that they may promote your love and grace, bringing healing to those in conflict and stability to those who are vulnerable. Come to us now with your healing powers.

Be with those we have named to you this day both in word and those in our hearts. May the grace you so freely give be received and acknowledged. As you truly are our blessing. We come before you this day in one voice praying together. Our Father...

Offertory/Doxology/Prayer

God of boundless generosity, as we offer our gifts and our lives to you, help us to hear and heed your apostle, Paul. We long to grow as disciples, so that we grow in generosity. The abundance we've been given has a purpose in your plan, that we might know the joy of sharing that abundance with those in need. We long for that vision of your kin-dom, where loving hearts bring a better balance between abundance and need. In the name of Christ, our teacher and redeemer, we pray. Amen. (2 Corinthians 8:7-15)

Departing Hymn #2241 The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

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The spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.

We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free:
where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.

We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed and all our days,
to cherish life, to do the loving deed.

Then let us go to serve in peace, the Gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.

BENEDICTION:

Go from this place surrounded by the steadying love of God, so that in the face of trial, adversaries, and bullies, you will remember that the Lord who has redeemed you every time before, will do so again. Go in strength and faith to serve God.