



DOVE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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PROLOGUE

Kevin Seal, pipe organ

Adagio

Frank Bridge (1879-1941)

Frank Bridge was an English composer, violist, and conductor. He is probably best known for being Benjamin Britten's primary teacher and influence. Bridge was not an organist, but his short works for the instrument continue to be among his most performed works. This Adagio is alternately contemplative and declamatory, and the form and tonal layout points toward Herbert Howells' rhapsodic style, best seen in his Psalm Preludes (which have also been heard at Dove of Peace liturgies.)

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.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive 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.**

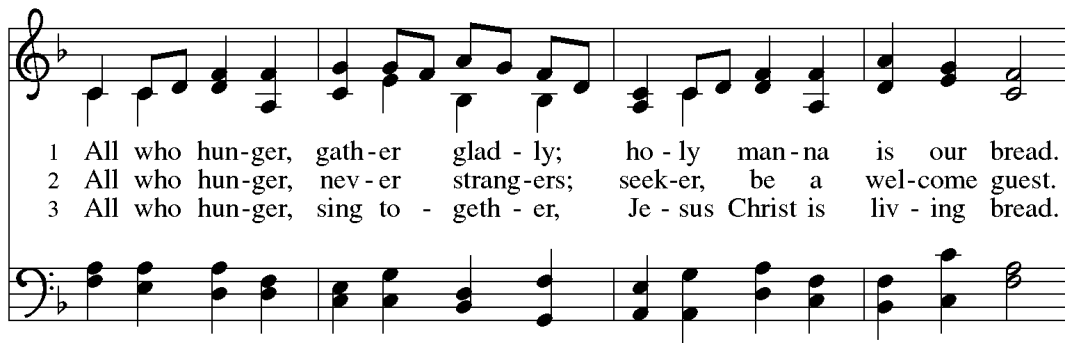
**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,**

to the glory of your holy name.

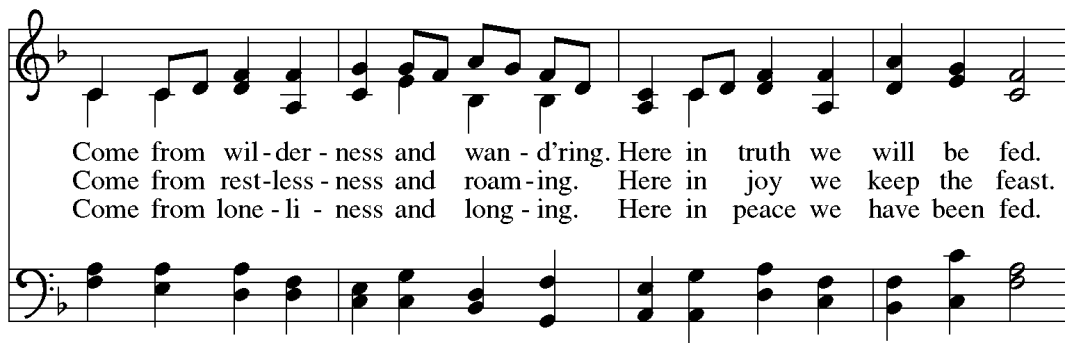
Amen.

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.

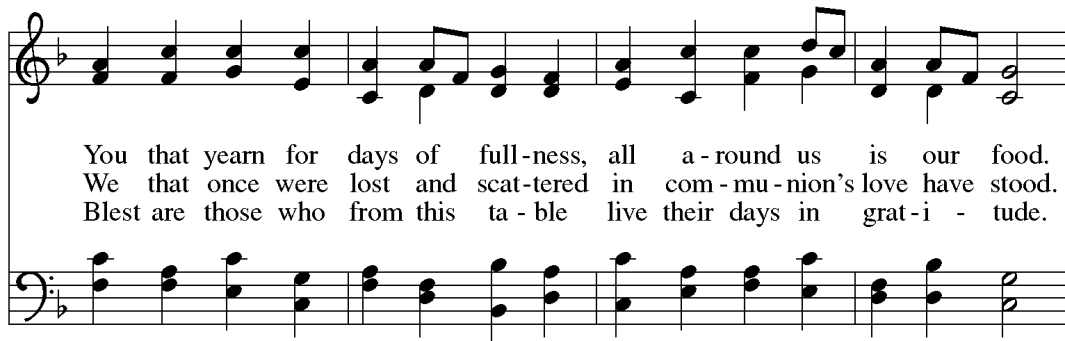
Amen.



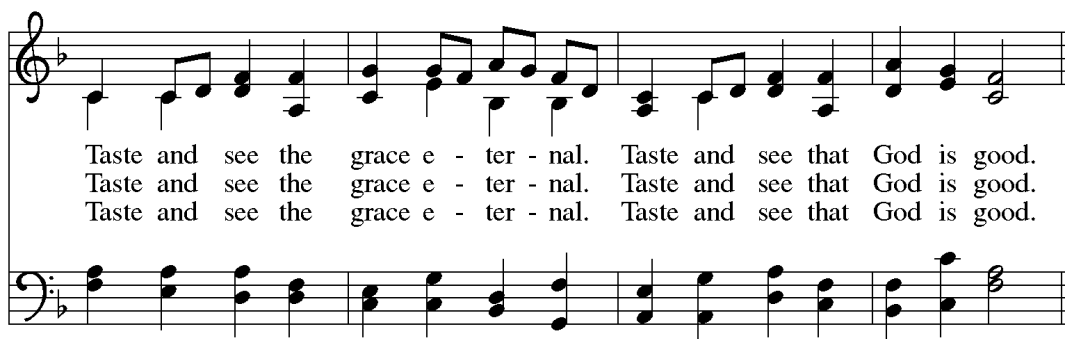
1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
 2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
 Come from rest-less - ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a - round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Let us pray.

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

A reading from Isaiah.

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts,

 come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

 come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

 without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

 and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

 and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;

 listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

 my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

 a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,

 and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,

 for he has glorified you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY (ELW): Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

The refrain is first introduced by the leader, then repeated by the assembly.

You o - pen wide your hand and sat - is -
fy the de - sire of ev - 'ry liv - ing thing.

Psalm 145:16

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⁸The Lord is gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

⁹**Lord, you are | good to all,
and your compassion is over | all your works. REFRAIN**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all | those who fall
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon | you, O Lord,
and you give them their food | in due season.**

¹⁶You open | wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in | all your ways
and loving in | all your works. REFRAIN**

¹⁸You are near to all who | call upon you,
to all who call up- | on you faithfully.

¹⁹**You fulfill the desire of | those who fear you;
you hear their | cry and save them.**

²⁰You watch over all | those who love you,
but all the wicked you | shall destroy.

²¹**My mouth shall speak the praise | of the Lord;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forev- | er and ever. REFRAIN**

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

A reading from Romans.

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW #169



Cantor: One does not live by | bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the | mouth of God (Matthew 4:4)*

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Steve Springer



1 What is this place where we are meet - ing? On - ly a house, the
 2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing, sparks that are sown in
 3 And we ac - cept bread at this ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a



earth its floor. Walls and a roof shel - ter - ing peo - ple,
 us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs and won - ders
 liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing,



win-dows for light, an o - pen door. Yet it be-comes a bod - y that lives
 sent from the past are all we need. We in this place re - mem-ber and speak
 we are each oth-er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re - ceive



when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.
 a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem-ing word.
 what we need to in - crease: our jus - tice and God's peace.

Text: Huub Oosterhuis, b. 1933; tr. David Smith, b. 1933

Music: KOMT NU MET ZANG, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition: "Lord in your mercy," the assembly responds "Hear our prayer."

In the blessed assurance of God's listening ear and abounding grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Holy and Almighty God, you take resources that appear to be meager, bless them, and there is enough. Give your church a listening ear, that we may know your purpose and your will as we are called to bear fruit in a doubting world. May we trust that what you bless and ask us to share with the world is abundantly sufficient. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

You offer freely the fullness of salvation. Help us at Dove of Peace during this time of separation to reexamine our need for worship, where we praise you with music and hymns, we delight in your word proclaimed in Scripture and sermon, where we receive you in body and blood, a need as deep as life. Keep us patient in our waiting, and fill our hearts with gratitude when the time comes that we are able to reassemble in your holy house.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Your bountiful creation offers sustenance and life for all creatures. Protect this abundance for the well-being of all. Reverse the damage we have caused your creation, as well as that caused by the recent forest fires. Replenish ground water supplies, and provide needed rains in places of drought. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

You offer yourself to all the nations and peoples of the earth, inviting everyone to abundant life. Bring the prophetic vision to fullness, that all nations will run to you and that nations who do not know you will find their joy in you. Bring justice and sound governance to nations torn by war and civil unrest. Let the wicked forsake their way, and guide the leaders of the nations with your wisdom. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Our deepest desire today is that you would break the bondage of the coronavirus through your word of healing. You hear the anguish of tender hearts who cry to you in suffering. In your steadfast love and compassion, minister to their deepest needs, bringing wholeness and healing to those who suffer in body, heart, soul, and mind. We lift up to you the names of those we know, and ask you to care also for those known only to you. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

You gather your saints as one, united in the body of Jesus. Gather us at the last day to join the saints who have gone before us at your heavenly banquet . Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Convinced that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers, and join our voices in the prayer Jesus taught us.

**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.**

MEDITATION

Kevin Seal, pipe organ

Improvisation

BLESSING

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Refrain

Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925-1980

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EPILOGUE

Kevin Seal, pipe organ

Prelude in C Major, BWV 531
 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Bach's Prelude and Fugue in C Major is full of youthful exuberance and virtuosity. An early work by the Baroque master, the prelude shows considerable influence from Buxtehude, beginning with a large-scale pedal solo, using a repetitive, triadic primary theme, and ending with dramatic and virtuosic flourishes.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Cantor: Eric Holtan

Intercessor: Dianne Huston

Lector: John Hoelter