



Luke, the Winged Ox
Sophie Dickens, wood, 2011

DOVE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Pastor Stephen Springer

PROLOGUE

Kevin Seal, pipe organ

Psalm Prelude Op. 32 no.2, Psalm 37 v. 11:
"But the meek-spirited shall possess the earth."
Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Herbert Howells was an English organist and composer. His psalm preludes are not preludes based on existing musical material, but instead meditations on individual lines of scripture from the Psalms. This particular prelude meditates on the verse from Psalm 37 that forms the basis for the beatitudes, "But the meek-spirited shall possess the earth."

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.

Silence for reflection.

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.

Assisting minister




Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.


All




Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.




Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,




you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;




you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

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.

Almighty God, you inspired your servant Luke to reveal in his gospel the love and healing power of your Son. Give your church the same love and power to heal, and to proclaim your salvation among the nations to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our healer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:8-13

Set in the framework of a court of law, this poem describes God calling Israel to the witness stand to testify to the fact that God alone is the true God.

A reading from Isaiah.

⁸Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes,
who are deaf, yet have ears!

⁹Let all the nations gather together,
and let the peoples assemble.

Who among them declared this,
and foretold to us the former things?

Let them bring their witnesses to justify them,
and let them hear and say, "It is true."

¹⁰You are my witnesses, says the Lord,
and my servant whom I have chosen,
so that you may know and believe me
and understand that I am he.

Before me no god was formed,
nor shall there be any after me.

¹¹I, I am the Lord,
and besides me there is no savior.

- ¹²I declared and saved and proclaimed,
when there was no strange god among you;
and you are my witnesses, says the Lord.
- ¹³I am God, and also henceforth I am He;
there is no one who can deliver from my hand;
I work and who can hinder it?

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY (ELW): Psalm 124

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



Psalm 124:8

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- ¹If the Lord had not been | on our side,
let Isra- | el now say;
- ²**if the Lord had not been | on our side,**
when enemies rose | up against us,
- ³then would they have swallowed us | up alive
in their fierce | anger toward us;
- ⁴**then would the waters have | overwhelmed us**
and the torrent gone | over us;
- ⁵then would the | raging waters
have gone right | over us.
- ⁶**Blessed | be the Lord**
who has not given us over to be a prey | for their teeth. R
- ⁷We have escaped like a bird from the snare | of the fowler;
the snare is broken, and we | have escaped.
- ⁸**Our help is in the name | of the Lord,**
the maker of heav- | en and earth. R

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:5-11

Knowing that death draws near, Paul, a prisoner in Rome, closes his letter to Timothy in a way that exemplifies how Christians face death: thankful for the grace to finish the race and trusting in the final blessing that awaits him in Christ.

A reading from Second Timothy.

⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

⁹Do your best to come to me soon, ¹⁰for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW #169



Cantor: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who an- | nounces peace,
who brings good news, who announc- | es salvation. [Isaiah 52:7]*

GOSPEL: Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53

These introductory and concluding verses of Luke's gospel provide us with the reason he is writing: so that we might know the truth about Jesus Christ who, in his suffering, death, and resurrection, fulfilled the ancient promises of God.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Luke writes:] ¹Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, ²just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, ³I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

^{24:44}[Before he ascended, Jesus said to the disciples and their companions:] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Steve Springer

- “Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas greet you.” (Colossians 4:14)
- “As for the appearance of their faces: the four had the face of a human being, the face of a lion on the right side, the face of an ox on the left side, and the face of an eagle; such were their faces.” (Ezekiel 1:10-11a)



1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest,
Insert appointed stanza or this general stanza 2:
 2 A - pos - tles, proph - ets, mar - tyrs, and all the no - ble throng
Last Give praise to God Al - might - y, and wor - ship God the Son,



your ho - ly name, O Je - sus, for - ev - er - more be blessed!

who wear the spot - less rai - ment and raise the cease - less song—
 and sing to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One,



For you a - rose vic - to - rious that they might wear the crown

for these passed on be - fore us, we sing our praise a - new
 till all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



and share the light of glo - ry re - flect - ed from your throne.

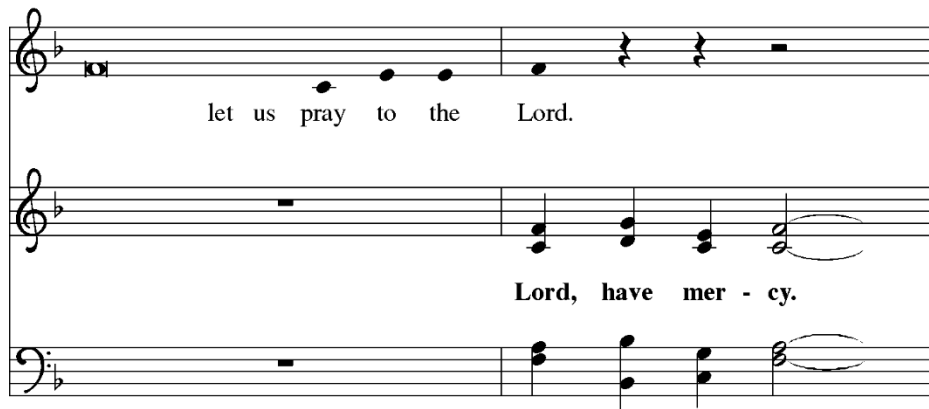
and, walk - ing in their foot - steps, would live our lives for you.
 and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone.

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21 For Luke, belov'd physician,
 all praise, whose gospel shows
 the healer of the nations,
 the one who shares our woes.
 Your wine and oil, O Savior,
 upon our spirits pour,
 and with true balm of Gilead
 anoint us evermore.

THE LITANY FOR HEALING

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



Let us pray for those in need of healing, for those who engage in the ministry of healing, and for the healing of the whole world.

Most merciful Creator, we pray for all of those who are suffering from illness, and in particular those who have been infected with the coronavirus. We pray that their bodies will defeat the virus swiftly, and that they will not be afflicted with lingering health problems. We pray especially for our brother Bob Oropeza, who is recovering at home after a months-long hospitalization. For the sake of your Son, grant Bob strength and wellness and long life with those he loves. *Let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.*

We pray for all of those who have chronic conditions and illnesses such as diabetes. Give to them patience and a spirit of endurance. We pray with particular concern for those who suffer from chronic pain. Grant them relief and rest. We pray also for those who seek diagnosis for conditions that have yet to be identified and named. *Let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.*

We pray for all of those who practice medicine and engage in the ministry of healing: nurses, therapists, doctors, technicians, pharmacists, hospital orderlies and custodians, dentists, optometrists, midwives, researchers, chiropractors, school nurses, and all others. Help them and those they care for to know and cherish the holiness of their work. For those whose duties expose them to deadly disease and other risks, we pray that your angels will protect them from harm. *Let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.*

We pray for those with mental illness, dementia, and other afflictions of the mind and spirit. We pray for those with addictions. Open our eyes to see the pain in our midst, and use us as agents of kindness and understanding, for the healing of those whose suffering may not be easily identified or understood. *Let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.*

We pray for the institutions of our health care system—the hospitals, the insurance corporations, and government agencies such as the Veterans Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Guide them into effective stewardship of their vast resources, and to value human life and human healing more than political power or shareholder earnings. *Let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.*

We pray for the healing of our society, which is fragmented and is not able to come together to solve our significant social and environmental issues. We pray for the healing and wholeness of our planet. We pray for the grace which heals our sin and turns our hearts to you and to our neighbors. *Let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Finally, Lord, we pray in the words of your Son, the Healer:

**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.**

MEDITATIONMembers of the Dove of Peace Chancel Choir

Lord, Grant Thou Me a Quiet Mind
Arlen Clarke (b.1954)

American composer Arlen Clarke set words from his own poem, A Request, for this anthem that speaks to our need for God's healing.

Lord grant Thou me a quiet mind,
in depths of Thee and thought inclined.

O gaze upon this wounded heart,
and with Thy sweet and piercing Dart
Prick this soul with Love's embrace.
And heal these wounds with saving grace.

O gaze upon this wounded heart,
and with Thy sweet and piercing Dart
Within my soul and heart reside
and drown me in Thy healing tide. Amen.

COMMISSIONPastor Stephen Springer

A message from the Social Ministry Team

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.
Amen.

1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.
 Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

EPILOGUE

Kevin Seal, pipe organ

Prelude in C minor, BWV 546
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Bach's prelude in C minor is one of his most dramatic organ works, featuring an ritornello with huge, crashing C minor chords, constant moving triplets, and dotted rhythms, showing considerable influence from Italian Baroque music.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

Assisting Minister: Dianne Huston
Lector: Gail Eifrig
Cantor: Eric Holtan