

+ Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart.

When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering,
Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them.

Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil.

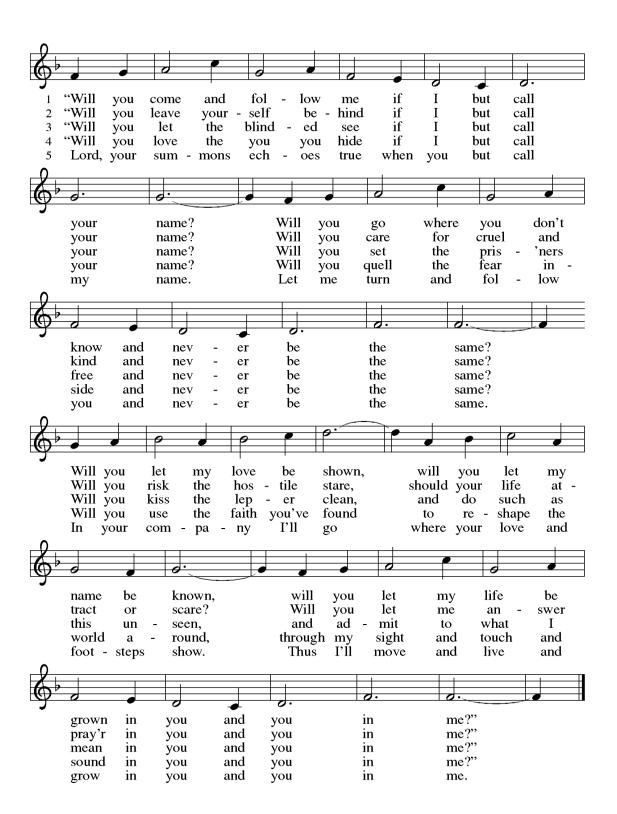
In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

Prelude

Introduction

Gathering Hymn Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW 798



Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Reading – Jeremiah 15: 15-21

¹⁵O LORD, you know;

remember me and visit me,

and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;

know that on your account I suffer insult.

¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy

and the delight of my heart;

for I am called by your name,

O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,

nor did I rejoice;

under the weight of your hand I sat alone,

for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,

my wound incurable,

refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,

like waters that fail.

¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD:

If you turn back, I will take you back,

and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

20 And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the LORD.

21 I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 26: 1-8

The psalm will be spoken.

People of the assembly are invited to respond with the verses in bold.

¹Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

²Test me, O LORD, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.

³For your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴I have not sat worthless,

nor do I consort with the deceitful.

⁵I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, that I may go in procession round your altar,

⁷singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸LORD, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.

Second Reading – Romans 12: 9-21

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for

evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

P: Alleluia. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which God has called us. *Alleluia*.

Gospel – Matthew 16: 21-28

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷"For the Son of Humanity is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Humanity coming in his kingdom."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Word

Children's Song

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

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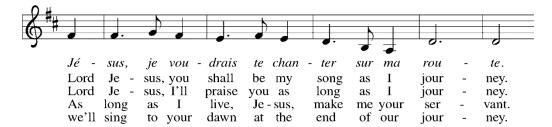


- Jé sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur te; 1 rou Lord Je sus, you shall be my Ι song as ney; jour
- 2 Lord Je sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour ney.
- as Ι live, Je - sus, make me your 3 As long ser vant, the and the fear in dark doubt of my jour ney;



Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an-non-cer à mes voi - sins par - tout, I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go: May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you. to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears. but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.





- 2 Jésus, je voudrais te louer sur ma route; Jésus, je voudrais que ma voix soit l'écho de ta joie, et que chante la terre et que chante le ciel; Jésus, je voudrais te louer sur ma route.
- 3 Jésus, je voudrais te servir sur ma route, Jésus, je voudrais partager les soufrances de ta croix, car tu livres pour moi et ton corps et ton sang; Jésus, je voudrais te servir sur ma route.
- 4 Jésus, je voudrais tout au long de ma route, entendre tes pas résonner dans le nuit près de moi, jusqu'à l'aube du jour où ton peuple sauvé, Jésus, chantera ton retour sur ma route.

Thanksgiving for the Word

P: Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke the world into existence, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

C: we give you thanks and praise.

P: By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

C: we give you thanks and praise.

P: Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

C: we give you thanks and praise.

P: O God of justice and love, send your Spirit of truth; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need.

Draw near to all who call on you, O God, and help us to be faithful to your Word. Give us the guidance we need for the days ahead, and at the end bring all the world to your feast through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

C: Amen.

Prayers of the People

P: Confident of your care, O God, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

After each petition P: God of mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude

P: In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you, loving God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Benediction

P: 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 Christ, our redeemer, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. **C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

ELW 774



Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Abbreviations

P: Pastor/Presiding Minister

L: Lector

C: Congregation

ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal

Those serving in worship today

Welcome The Mangano-Rollinson Family

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Presiding Minister Pastor Ross Carmichael

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