

WELCOME

Heather Harriss

CENTERING

When the storms of life are raging,
stand by me.

In the midst of tribulation,
stand by me.

When I've done the best I can and my friends misunderstand,
God who knows all about me,
stand by me.¹

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What a Friend We Have in Jesus
 Jean Kohler, piano

arr. Mark Hayes

†CALL TO WORSHIP

What beauty, what wonder—
we are woven together in the fabric of the cosmos!

Starstuff on our blue marble planet;
one celestial body are we.

Different gifts, different experiences,
the same Holy Love—
 awakening our compassion, fortifying our connection,
shining hope through our lives.

Let us explore the mystery of this Holy Love in this place today!
We have come to worship!²

†HYMN NO. 578

God of Love and God of Power

UNSER HERRSCHER

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess that we doubt your capacity to work through us.

We hold on to fears that we are unworthy to speak your words,
so we stay silent even as your Spirit pulls at our tongues.

We struggle to fathom the wholeness of your claim over us,
so we ignore the light of your love as it emerges in the dark places of our lives.

We seek refuge in temporary towers, and are numb to the grasp of cruelty.

Forgive us.

Help us to trust you, to lean upon you, to speak your word to a weary world
and accept the completeness of your loving claim on our lives.³

(silent reflection)

†ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news:

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

We know this love through Jesus Christ, and by this love, we know that we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!³

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 13

This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Only Faith, Hope and Love Remain

Paul Purdue

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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.

The celebrant gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:

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.

The celebrant continues the thanksgiving.

The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled, and the celebrant concludes:

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.

The celebrant invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:

All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD – SHARING THE CUP

As we celebrate the gift of Holy Communion, everyone is invited.

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Carol Tournquist

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Faithful ones,

let us go from here with conviction, with assurance, with hope!

For even when we can't see it and we struggle to feel it,

Love has always been with us,

the Kingdom of God is alive within us,

and Justice will one day be our home.

May God be with us, today and always,

as we seek to live what we believe.

Amen.⁴

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It is Well With my Soul

arr. Martha Mier

†You are invited to stand as you are able.

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⁴from *enfleshed, Liturgy That Matters*, August 2019

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