



HOLY COMMUNION

The parable of the mustard seed

June 14, 2009 + 10:00 a.m.

Central - in the heart of the city, welcomes all people to celebrate, discover and share the love of Christ

Christ the mustard seed grows into a tree with room for all

The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

*The Holy Spirit gathers
us in unity
on the first day
of the week, the day of
Christ's resurrection*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Allegro" from Concerto in a minor

Antonio Vivaldi

*At the sound of the carillon the assembly stands
and faces the cross as it is carried into the sanctuary during the hymn.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Oh, Sing to the Lord"

(hymn) 822

*The hymn is sung in English.
stanza 1 - all; 2 - women; 3 - all; 4 - men; 5 - all*

GREETING

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

A And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. I Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☩ ...who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

☩ Amen.

God speaks to us in
scripture reading,
preaching,
and song

Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the Lord will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.

The chant used for today's psalm is from an Anglican chant setting by William Crotch; the refrain was set by Mark Sedio.



WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children are invited to come forward; parents are welcome to come with their children.

FIRST READING

The sign of the cedar

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord GOD:
I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.
I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.
²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.
²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD.
I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.
I the LORD have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

Word of God, word of life.

AI Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

The righteous shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon. (92:12)

A Refrain

AI Refrain



It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord.

A It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, O Most High;
to herald your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night;
on the psaltery, and on the lyre,
and to the melody of the harp.
For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD;
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

AI Refrain

A The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
Those who are planted in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God;
they shall still bear fruit in old age;
they shall be green and succulent;
that they may show how upright the LORD is,
my rock, in whom there is no injustice.

AI Refrain

SERMON

“Parables of Confidence”

Pastor Kristen Jacobson

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast”

(hymn) 516

stanzas 2 & 3 in harmony

APOSTLES’ CREED

A We have been made God’s people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

Al **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary.
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
let us pray for the church, those in need,
and all of God’s creation.

after each petition:

God of mercy,

Al **hear our prayer.**

P Receive these our prayers, O God,
and give us all that we need for this day and the days to come.
In Jesus’ name we pray.

Al **Amen.**

MEAL

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Al **And also with you.**

The assembly is invited to share God’s peace with one another.

GATHERING OF GIFTS

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. After the offering is gathered, bread, wine, money, and other gifts are brought forward. The assembly stands as the procession reaches the chancel.

“Allegro” from Concerto in g minor

Antonio Vivaldi

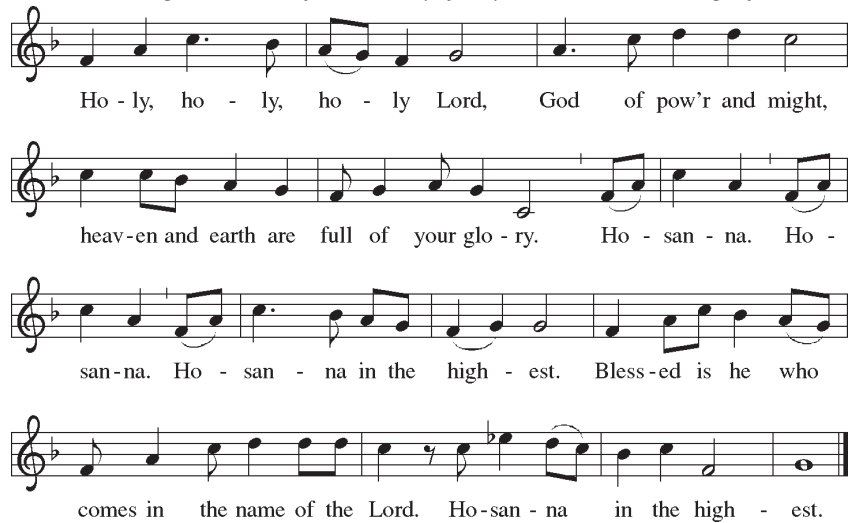
*God feeds us
with the presence
of Jesus Christ*

Offertory Prayer

- A** Let us pray together.
AD God of sun and rain, farm and flower, we praise you for your wonderful creation and your all-sustaining care. Receive these tokens of our gratitude, and may our lives reflect the goodness and love shown in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P** The Lord be with you.
AD And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
AD We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
AD It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving concluding:

Lord's Prayer (1975)

- AD** 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.

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to the Table

Communion

No. 1 from *Twelve Little Duets for Two Violins*, opus 38 Fereol Mazas
"Seed That in Earth Is Dying" (hymn) 330

Prayer after Communion

- P** ...through Jesus Christ our Lord.
AD Amen
silence for reflection



All are invited to receive these gifts of God.

Grape juice and gluten-free bread are available upon request.

Children are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.

Communion at this service is served standing by intinction. Please follow the direction of the ushers to a communion station. Receive the bread and dip it in the chalice of wine.

God blesses and sends us
in mission to the world



*Chancel flowers today
are given in honor of our
mother and grandmother
Marcella Nelson
on her June 14th birthday by
Pastor Mark and Janice
Peterson, Paul,
Daniel, Ben and Jaclyn;
and given in memory of
husband Herb DeGenere on his
June 13th birthday by his wife
Lois DeGenere. If you wish to
donate flowers contact
Gloria Hahn at 952-545-6109.*

SENDING

BLESSING

A Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"On What Has Now Been Sown"

(hymn) 550
stanza 2 in harmony

DISMISSAL

Please face the processional cross for the dismissal.

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

A Thanks be to God.

The carillon sends the assembly into mission.

Please exit the north doors for fellowship on the north plaza.

POSTLUDE

"Psalm XIX" (*The Heavens Declare*)

Benedetto Marcello

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Richard Stegall

seasonal worship team



Large print service folders,
assisted listening devices, and access seating
are available to aid your participation in worship.
Please inquire with an usher.



WELCOME!



Everyone is welcome. As a community of the people of God, the members of Central Lutheran Church are called to welcome all people regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ “there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male or female” (Galatians 3:28). Christ has made us one.

Guests are welcome. We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. We invite guests to complete the “Welcome to Central” card found in the pew racks and leave it with an usher or place it in the offering plate. If you would like more information about Central, please contact us at 612-870-4416, or email info@centrallmpls.org.

Children are welcome at all services. Worship bulletins for children and activity bags are available at sanctuary entrances. If you would prefer to use Central’s nursery (available for children ages four and younger), you will find it up the steps from the information desk at the south entrance (across from the fellowship hall). An usher or greeter will be glad to assist you.

Welcome to the Lord’s Table. All are welcome at the Lord’s Table. Please follow the guidance of the ushers and instructions in the order of service. During communion, ministers will bring bread and wine to persons in designated access seating areas. If you are not in a designated access seating area and desire to commune where you are seated, please notify an usher who will direct communion ministers to come and serve you. Communion may be received in one kind (only bread or only wine) from any station if wheat bread or alcohol presents a health concern. Gluten-free breads and alcohol-free wine are available by request at most liturgies from most communion stations.

We envision becoming a thriving, vibrant model of urban Lutheran ministry for the 21st century. This lofty vision requires us to ask each day if our goals for worship, learning, and service are clearly reaching a diverse neighborhood and city in language and action that reflect the world as well as our heritage.

Sunday worship is broadcast locally on WDGY 740 AM at 11 a.m.; or listen online from anywhere at wdgyradio.com. To sponsor a Sunday morning radio broadcast or refreshments in honor or memory of a loved one or a special occasion, contact Barbara Brown at 612.767-9210.

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