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LOTV Worship with Holy Communion

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All in for Relationship - God doesn't hesitate to enter into the messiness of human relationships, and calls us to do the same.

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Welcoming One Another with Christ's Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Because Lord of the Valley is a welcoming church, we take a moment to share Christ's peace and greet one another, especially if there is someone you haven't met, so that we can worship together in peace and unity.

Confession & Forgiveness

P: We gather in the name of God +,
who created us,
who was born to be with us,
who guides us still.

C: Amen.

P: Good and gracious God,

**C: We have sinned
and fallen short of the good you desire for us and for all creation.
We have used the earth for its bountiful resources,
but sometimes we forget to marvel at its beauty.
We have doubted your ability to provide
and hoarded more than we need.
We have ignored the needs of the vulnerable,
and when you called us to follow you to greater wonders,
we remained where we were and clung to control.
Forgive our sin and our selfishness.
Draw us out of ourselves,
more deeply into your love,
and more fully into a world in need.**

P: God knows our sin before we do
 and meets every confession with abundant grace.
 In Christ we are alive and completely forgiven.
 God's goodness has the final word.
 May this gift of forgiveness renew our faith and lighten our load
 so that we are prepared to care for the world God so loves.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song

"Build Us Up, Lord"

ELW 670

1 Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in
 2 Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our

us a strong foun - da - tion. Lead us to do your
 lives re - flect your glo - ry. Cast a - way all our

ho - ly will; form and shape your new cre - a - tion.
 doubts and fears; help us tell the world your sto - ry.

Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we
 Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us

guide and teach each oth - er, help us to share your love with the
 bear good fruit for you, Lord, give us vi - sion and keep us

world: ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er.
 sure. Grant us faith that's stead - fast and true.

Refrain

Grow - ing in Christ, we plant seeds for the king - dom; we fol - low in
 faith what's be - gun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your
 word to spread the news of your Son!

Greeting

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

C: **And also with you.**

Kyrie

A: *Kyrie eleison* means "Lord have mercy." Let us sing for God's mercy in every part of the world where it is needed, asking that we may be part of bringing God's kingdom "all in" for the sake of God's love for the world.

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: Welcoming God, there is no one whom you have rejected forever. There is nothing we can do to make you close the door to our relationship with you. You are always ready and waiting to befriend us again. In moments when we need it most, help us to notice your presence. Send us out with a keen sense of who the world has rejected, that we might be agents of friendship who welcome them in. Amen.

Scriptures

Reader: Psalm 23 is a song of God being all in for relationship with us. It's often heard as a psalm for individuals, but when God guides an individual through right relationship, it will affect the entire community by guiding us in relationship with one another, as we care for each other, help each other through difficult times, and even seek reconciliation with our enemies. Today let's read Psalm 23 together aloud, hearing it as a promise that God is all in for relationship with us, and an invitation to be all in for relationship with others.

Psalm 23

All:

¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;**

**³ he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.**

**⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

**⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.**

**⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.**

R: The word of God for the people of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

John 9:1-41

¹ As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³ Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶ When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷ saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸ The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹ Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he." ¹⁰ But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹ He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." ¹² They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. ¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸ The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹ and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰ His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, ²¹ but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give

glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.”²⁵ He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”²⁶ They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?”²⁷ He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?”²⁸ Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.”²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.”³⁰ The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes.”³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will.³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind.³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”³⁴ They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”³⁶ He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.”³⁷ Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.”³⁸ He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him.³⁹ Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind.”⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?”⁴¹ Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

R: The word of God for the people of God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Message and Sunday School Dismissal

Sermon

53 **B2** **D#m7** **C#(4)** **B2** **D#m7**
 fought for me. You have been so, so good to me. When I felt no

60 **C#(4)** **B2** **D#m7** **C#(4)** **B2** *D.S. al Coda*
 worth, You paid it all for me. You have been so, so kind to me. And, O, the

TURNAROUND

67 *Coda* **B2** **F#** **D#m7** **C#(4)** **B2** **F#** **D#m7** **C#(4)**
 reck - less love of God. Yeah.

BRIDGE

75 **B2** **F#** **D#m7** **C#(4)**
(1st 2 times - Svbb)
 There's no shad - ow You won't light up, moun - tain You won't

79 **B2** **F#** **D#m7** **C#(4)**
 climb up, com - ing af - ter me. There's no wall You won't kick down, lie You won't

CHORUS

83 **B2** **F#** **F#** **D#m7** **C#(4)** **B2**
 |1, 2, 3 |4
 tear down, com - ing af - ter me. (me.) O, the o - ver - whelm - ing, nev - er - end - ing, reck - less love of God.

89 **F#** **D#m7** **C#(4)** **B2** **F#** **D#m7**
 O, it chas - es me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the nine - ty - nine. I could - n't earn it, I don't de - serve

95 **C#(4)** **B2** **F#** **D#m7** **C#(4)** **B2**
 it, still You give Your - self a - way. O, the o - ver - whelm - ing, nev - er - end - ing, reck - less love of God.

OUTRO

101 **F#** **D#m7** **C#(4)** **B2** **F#** **D#m7** **C#(4)** **B2** **F#**
 Yeah.

Prayers of the People

- A: God of all,
- C: hear our prayer.

MEAL

Offering

Offering Prayer

A: God our provider,
C: **we return to you a portion of all that you have given us.**
Bless and use these gifts,
our hands, our hearts, our ministry,
to care for the world you so love.
Now prepare us to receive you at this table
and again in the world beyond our doors.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: **We lift them to the Lord!**
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy to thank you, O God...

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

Words of Institution

- P: Creator, you made a wondrous world and called it good...
And so we remind each other and the world:
- C: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

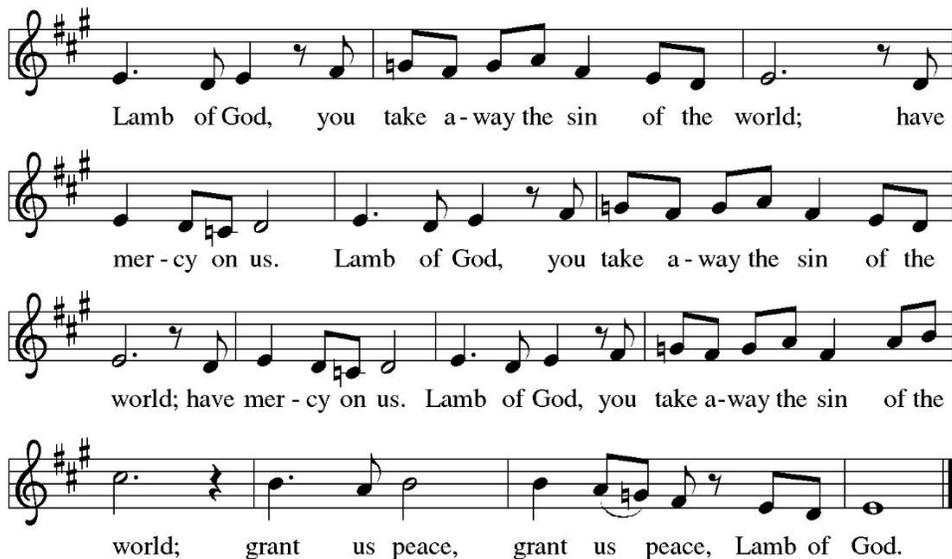
Lord's Prayer

- P: Lord, remember us in your love and teach us to pray.
- C: **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.**

Distribution of Communion

We invite all who come in faith to the Lord's Table as we celebrate Holy Communion in our worship today. For those who prefer, grape juice and gluten free wafers are available, let the server know as you approach. Those not communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Prayer after Communion

- P: May this gift of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C: **Amen.**
- A: Let us pray. Holy God,
C: **you have revealed yourself to us again in the holy mystery of bread and cup. Strengthen us by your presence, draw us closer to one another as the Body of Christ, and send us to reveal you in all our words and ways. Amen.**

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Song

"I Will Follow"

INTRO

♩ = 96 Gm Eb/G Bb/F F

Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay; When You move, I'll move. I will fol - low.

VERSE

5 Gm7 Eb2 Bb F(4) Eb

Oh, oh, oh. 1. All Your ways are good,
2. Light in - to the world,

10 Gm7 F(4) Bb2 F/A Eb Gm7

all Your ways are sure; I will trust in You a - lone. High - er than my sight, high a - bove my life;
Light in - to my life— I will live for You a - lone. You're the One I seek, know - ing I will find

CHORUS

15 F(4) Bb2 F/A Eb F(4) Gm7

I will trust in You a - lone. Where You go, I'll go;
all I need in You a - lone. In You a - lone

20 Eb2 Bb F(4) Gm7

Where You stay, I'll stay; When You move, I'll move. I will fol - low You. Whom You love, I'll love;

INTERLUDE

24 Eb2 Bb F(4) Gm7 Eb2

Last time to Coda

How You serve, I'll serve; If this life I lose, I will fol - low You, yeah. I will fol - low You,

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BRIDGE

29 $B\flat$ F(4) $E\flat$ maj9 $B\flat$ F $E\flat$ maj9 $B\flat$ F

yeah. In You, there's life ev - er - last - ing. In You, there's free - dom for my soul.

35 $E\flat$ maj9 $B\flat$ F $E\flat$ maj9 $B\flat$ F *D.S. al Coda*

In You, there's joy, un - end - ing joy; And I will fol - low.

39 $F(4)$ *Coda*

I will fol - - low.

CHORUS

$Gm7$ $E\flat2$ $B\flat$ F(4)

Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay; When You move, I'll move. I will fol - low You.

ENDING

44 $Gm7$ $E\flat2$ $B\flat$ F(4) $Gm7$

Whom You love, I'll love; How You serve, I'll serve; If this life I lose, I will fol - low You, yeah.

49 $E\flat2$ $B\flat$ F(4) $Gm7$ $E\flat2$ $B\flat$

I will fol - low You, yeah. I will fol - low You, yeah. I will fol - low You, yeah. —

55 F(4)

I will fol - low You, yeah.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God! And we will!**