

Mary, Mother of God Sunday: A Service of Holy Communion

Leader's Guide

GATHERING

Prelude

Douglas J. Chilton (begins at 10:10a)

Welcome

Pastor Dustin (begins at 10:20a)

Confession and Forgiveness

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

A. Amen.

P. Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin. Reconciling God,
**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.**

**We place our hope in ourselves
and rely on our own efforts.**

We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.

We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.

**We fear difference and do not welcome others
as you have welcomed us.**

We sin in thought, word, and deed.

By your grace, forgive us;

through your love, renew us;

and in your Spirit, lead us;

so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

P. Beloved of God,
by the radical abundance of divine mercy
we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus,
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.
Our sins are forgiven.

Let us live now in hope.

For hope does not disappoint,

because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit.

A. Amen.

Gathering Hymn

I Love to Tell the Story 661



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911
Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

Greeting

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

A. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P. Most high God, you know our whole truth, and you give us refuge in the shadow of your wings. Continue to raise up girls and women to serve Christ's church and strengthen all in the vocations to which you call us. And at the last, gather us with Miriam and the saints to dance on the safe side of the sea, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A. **Amen.**

WORD

First Reading

Exodus 15:19-21

P. When the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his chariot drivers went into the sea, the Lord brought back the waters of the sea upon them; but the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground. Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them:
"Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

Musical Meditation

Douglas J. Chilton (roughly 3 minutes)

Gospel Reading

Mark 5:21-43

P. The Gospel according to Saint Mark.

A. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P. When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to

see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

P. This, my siblings in Christ, is the Gospel of our Lord.

A. Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Dustin G. Wright

Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain



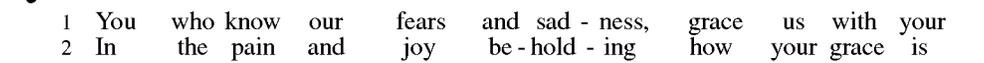
Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



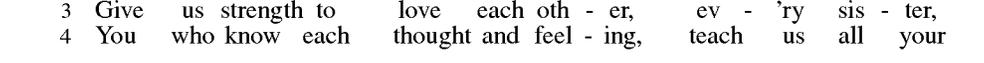
give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your



2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is



3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,

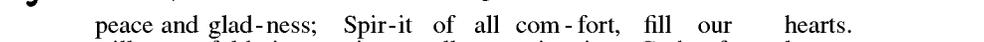


4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

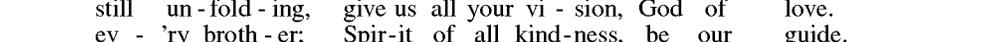
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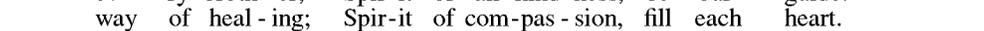
peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.



still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.



ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.



way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

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Prayers of Intercession

P. We ask that you lift up your prayers in the comments section of Facebook Live (or in your hearts) at this time.

- For the women who faithfully serve as bishops, pastors, and deacons; for those first to be ordained and those most recently ordained.
- For laypeople, who do vital work through church ministries of hospitality, outreach, stewardship, property maintenance, teaching, and music.
- For those whose hard work is rarely praised, and whose names are forgotten though their work lives on.

P. Hear us, O God

A. Your mercy is great.

Peace

P. And may the peace of Christ be with you always.

A. And also with you.

P. Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

Announcements

Announcements may be shared at this time.

MEAL

Offering

P. At this time, if you'd like to make an online gift using tithe.ly or via mail to Messiah, feel free to do so.

Mr. Doug plays a very brief musical reflection.

Offering Prayer

P. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have blessed us with our bodies, our minds, our hearts, our communities, and the resources of this earth. Lead us and guide us to use these gifts in accordance with your will, for the sake of the one who is with us to the end, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A. Amen.

Meaning of the Sacrament

The Eucharistic Prayer (RECORDED)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Now lift up your hearts!

We lift them in praise!

O let us give thanks to the Lord!

It is good and it is right

Our joy and our delight, to give God praise!

At all times and in all ways!

Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty to give thanks to you...

...and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name.

**O holy are you Lord! The God of power and might
The angels veil their sight, earth is aflame!
With the glory of your name!**

**Hosanna! Blessed is he! Christ Jesus who is come,
The Lord's anointed one: He comes again!
Hosanna, Lord, Amen!**

Most righteous God, we remember in this Supper...
...together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**Your death, O Christ we proclaim,
Your rising, celebrate!
Your coming we await, to make all things new.
All glory unto you!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray...
...Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

Alleluia, Lord, Amen!

Lord's Prayer

- P. God remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:
A. **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.**

Invitation to Communion

- P. Even when we cannot be physically together, we are one in Christ Jesus united around a common table. Indeed, at this table, Jesus gathers us all together: the humble and the proud, the joyful and the grieving, the pious and the profane, those of strong faith and those who only long for faith, to everyone, without exception. Come siblings in faith, and join in Spirit filled community!

Distribution of the Sacrament

At this time, all may share Holy Communion amongst their families. Doug plays a brief musical reflection.

Post Communion Blessing

P. The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and His precious blood strengthen you, and keep you in God's Grace. Amen.

A. Amen.

Prayer After Communion

AM. Holy and healing God: In this meal, you have given us your very self to eat, and you have made us one in Christ: there is no longer Jew or Greek, slave or free, male and female. As we go forth from this place, take us by the hand and free us from fear, that we might sing your praise with our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A. Amen.

Blessing

P. May the joy of God's freedom cause your spirit to dance;
May the presence of God's peace bring wholeness to your body and mind. May God give you blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe. In the name of God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit.

A. Amen.

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

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Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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Dismissal

P. Go in peace. Christ is with you.

A. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Douglas J. Chilton