GATHERING SONG: Morning Has Broken + ELW 556



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 58:9b-14

A reading from Isaiah:

- ^{9b} If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
- ¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
- then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.
- ¹¹ The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong,
- and you shall be like a watered garden,

like a spring of water

whose waters never fail.

- ¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
 - you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;

you shall be called the repairer of the breach,

the restorer of streets to live in.

- ¹³ If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
- if you call the Sabbath a delight

and the holy day of the Lord honorable;

if you honor it, not going your own ways,

serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;

¹⁴ then you shall take delight in the Lord,

and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;

I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:1-8

- ¹ Bless the Lord, [|] O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's [|] holy name.
- ² Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—
- ³ who forgives | all your sins and heals all | your diseases;
- ⁴ who redeems your life | from the grave and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy;
- ⁵ who satisfies your desires | with good things so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.
- ⁶O Lord, you provide | vindication and justice for all who | are oppressed.
- ⁷You made known your | ways to Moses and your works to the chil- | dren of Israel.
- ⁸ Lord, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

SECOND READING Hebrews 12:18-29

A reading from Hebrews:

¹⁸ You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰ (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵ See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." ²⁷ This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL *Luke 13:10-17*

The holy gospel according to Luke:

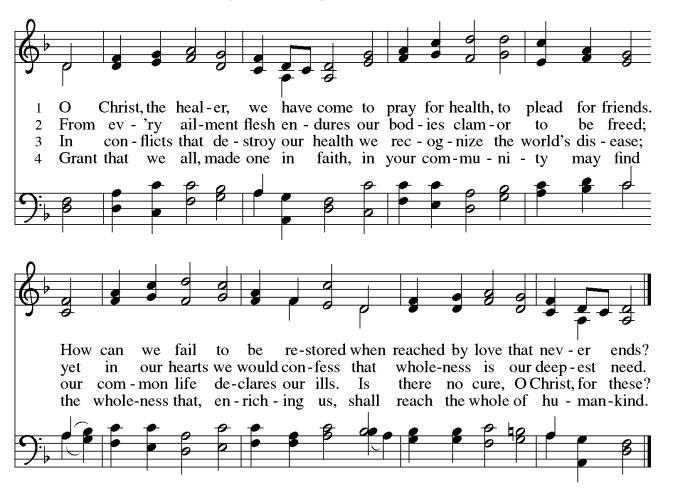
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁰ Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come + ELW 610



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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

You call your church to proclaim liberation and freedom to all. Give wisdom to bishops, synod councils and staff, and congregation leaders (*leaders may be named*) as they pursue a more just and equitable church and society.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

You inspire all creation to sing and bless your holy name. Send healing rains to parched places and relief to flooded lands. Lead us to enact policies to rebuild ruined ecosystems and habitats. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You work vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. Strengthen the resolve of world leaders and local officials in the way of love and mercy, so that all persons may experience abundant life.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

You satisfy your people with good things. In your steadfast love, receive the cries of all who are bent over under the weight of addiction, isolation, and mental or physical illness (*especially*). Manifest your healing presence in their midst.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

You call us to delight in the sabbath. Invigorate worship planners and leaders with creativity to aid this assembly in fresh and faithful prayer and praise. Enable all who gather here to be nourished and renewed.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With (*Bartholomew and*) all your apostles, prophets, and saints, we give thanks and bless your holy name. As they now rest from their labors, guide us by the witness of their lives to pursue your reign, which can never be shaken.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Oh, Happy Day when We Shall Stand + ELW 441



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Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven + ELW 864



Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847; alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927–2005 Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

SENDING SONG O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing + ELW 886



- 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.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872