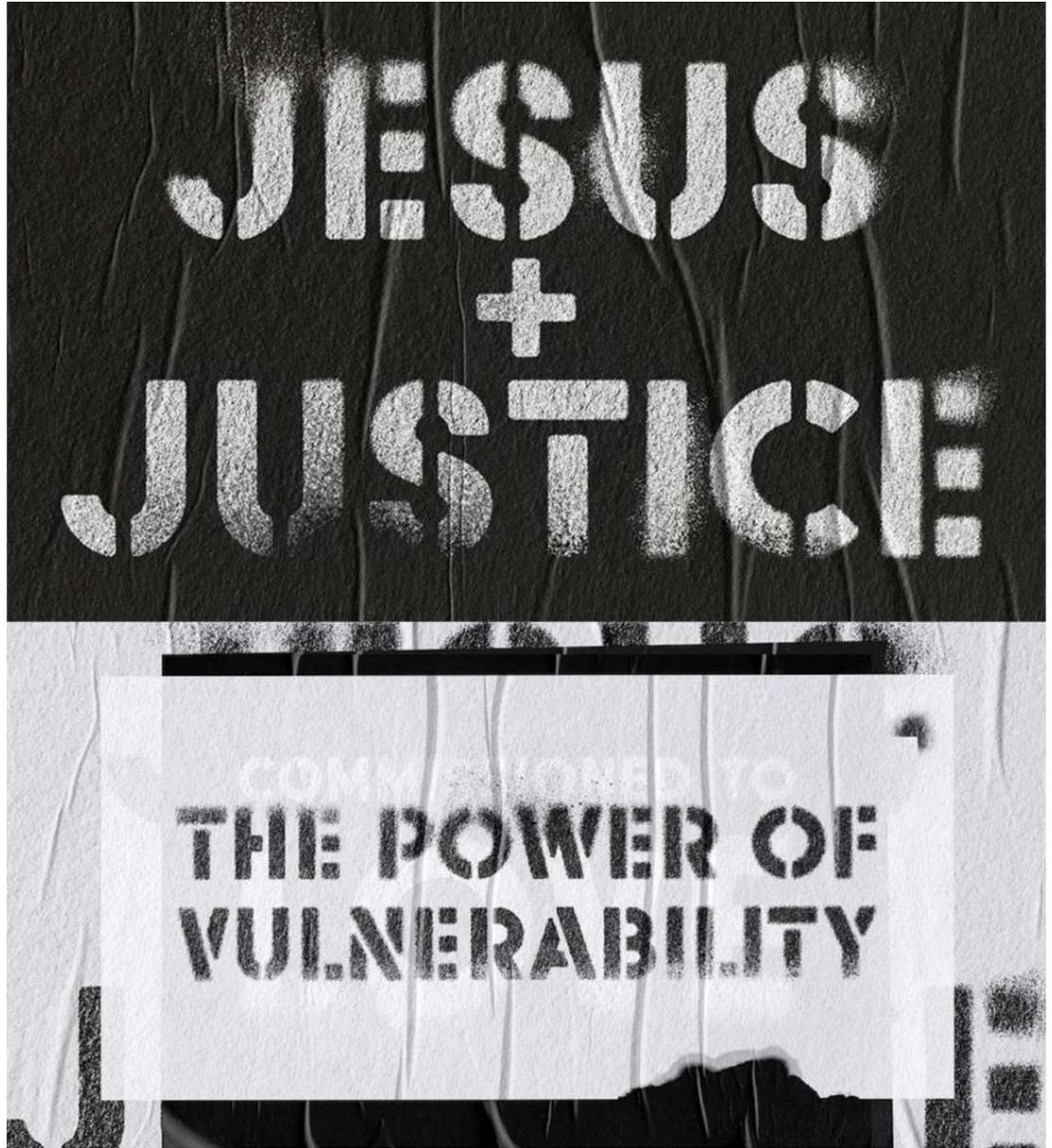


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MONTE STOLTZMAN IN CELEBRATION OF HIS BIRTHDAY AND  
BILLINGS FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE ALSO CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

**A LITURGY OF DOUBT AND HOPE**

Worship in a traditional order drawing on along with words of doubt and hope  
from Scripture, poets, and writers.

**Anthem**

**Behold What Manner of Love**

**Cherub Choir**

**Opening Hymn**

**Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way**

LSB 857



1	Lord,	help	us	walk	Your	ser - vant	way	Wher -
2	You	came	to	earth,	O	Christ,	as	Lord,
3	No	gold - en	scep -	ter	but	a	towel	You
4	You	bid	us	bend	our	hu - man	pride	Nor
5	Lord,	help	us	walk	Your	ser - vant	way	Wher -



ev - er	love	may	lead	And,	bend - ing	low,	for -
pow'r	You	laid	a -	side.	You	lived	Your
place	with - in	the	hands	Of	those	who	seek
count	our - selves	a -	bove	The	low - est	place,	the
ev - er	love	may	lead	And,	bend - ing	low,	for -



get - ting	self,	Each	serve	the	oth - er's	need.
ser - vant - hood;	In	low - li - ness	You	died.		
fol - low	You	And	live	by	Your	com - mands.
mean - est	task	That	waits	the	gift	of
get - ting	self,	Each	serve	the	oth - er's	need.

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## **Invocation**

Jude 1-2,20-22,25

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ:  
May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

C: **To the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority,  
before all time and now and forever. Amen.**

P: We come to be built up in our most holy faith,  
building one another up through the Word of God.  
God the Father calls on us to have compassion on one another:

C: **“Have mercy on those who doubt.”**

P: God the Son calls on us to support one another  
as we wait for His mercy that leads to eternal life:

C: **Jesus is able to keep us from stumbling  
and to present us blameless before the presence of his glory  
with great joy. Amen.**

## **Confession of Sins**

Based on “Emmanuel” by Aaron Niequist

P: Can we just admit together that we’re not fine?

C: **Because I’m not fine, and you’re not fine.**

P: Can we just admit together that we’re afraid?

C: **Because I’m afraid, and you’re afraid.**

P: Can we just admit together that we have doubts?

C: **Because I have doubts, and you have doubts.**

P: Can we just admit together that we’re not free?

C: **Because I’m not free, and I want to be.**

P: If you’re not free, then call out to God with me:

C: **Emmanuel,  
God with us today,  
We humbly call out Your Name:  
Emmanuel,  
As near as our need,  
As close as the air that we breathe,  
Emmanuel.  
Lord, have mercy.**



P: Can we just admit together that we have failed?

C: ***Because I have failed, and you have failed.***

P: Can we just admit that our hands aren't clean?

C: ***And our hearts aren't clean, and they'll never be.***

P: Until we're freed, and mercy sings.

C: ***Emmanuel,***

***God with us today,***

***We desperately cling to Your Name:***

***Emmanuel,***

***As near as our need,***

***As close as the air that we breathe.***

***Emmanuel.***

***Lord, have mercy. Amen.***

***Absolution (Forgiveness)***

*Based on liturgy by Bernie Seter and "Emmanuel" by Aaron Niequist*

P: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners, which means He does not desire your death. But rather He calls you to turn from your wicked ways and find life in the life of Christ. He has had mercy upon you. He graciously forgives your sins through the death and resurrection of Your Lord Jesus Christ. He strengthens you by the power of the Holy Spirit to amend your sinful lives according to His will, and will keep you in His grace until that day when He will take you to be with Him for eternity. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, in His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: ***Amen.***

***Emmanuel,***

***God with us today,***

***In thanksgiving we praise Your Name:***

***Emmanuel,***

***Who came near so we are freed,***

***As close as the Word that we hear.***

***Emmanuel.***

***The Lord has had mercy on us.***

P: Now we can admit together that we've failed,

C: ***Because I am forgiven, and you are forgiven.***

P: Now we can admit together that our hands aren't clean,

C: **Because Jesus made me clean, and He made you clean.**

P: If you're now free, then call out to God with me:

C: **Emmanuel,**

**God with us today,**

**In thanksgiving we praise Your Name:**

**Emmanuel.**

**The Lord has had mercy on us. Amen.**

**Song of Praise**

**Praise The Father Praise The Son**



1. O sov'-reign \_ God, O match-less King— the saints a - dore, the an - gels  
2. These suf - fer — - ings, this pass - ing tide un - der Your wings I will a -



sing, and fall be - fore the throne of grace— to You be - longs the high - est  
-bide, and ev - 'ry en - e - my shall flee; You are my hope and vic - to -



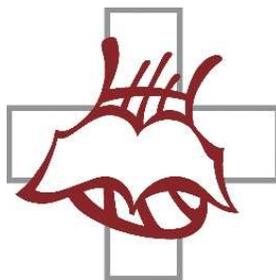
praise. Praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, praise the Spir - it, Three in  
ry.



One; Clothed in pow - er and in grace, the name a - -bove all oth - er names.



names, the name a - bove all oth - er names.



**Collect (Prayer of the Day)**

P: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, You came in humility and weakness to defeat the powers of sin, death, and the devil. You became vulnerable to save Your vulnerable people. May we in humility, weakness, and vulnerability live in such a way as to point to the glory of Kingdom and the hope of eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

**Anthem I Am Covered Over with the Robe of Righteousness Junior Choir**

**Holy Gospel**

**John 13:5–17 (ESV)**

[The night when Jesus was betrayed, as He gathered with His disciples in the Upper Room to celebrate the Passover meal]: <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. <sup>14</sup>If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm Reading**

**Psalm 51:1–12 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.  
<sup>2</sup>Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

<sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.  
<sup>4</sup>Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.  
<sup>5</sup>Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.  
<sup>6</sup>Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,  
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.  
<sup>7</sup>Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
<sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.  
<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.  
<sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
<sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: *Thanks be to God.***

### ***Verses for Lent***

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus, *Hebrews 12:2(ESV)*  
the founder and perfecter of our faith,  
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,  
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. *Ezekiel 34:11, 12b; (ESV)*  
For he was crucified in weakness, but lives by the power of God. *2 Corinthians 13:4*  
For we also are weak in him,  
but in dealing with you we will live with him by the power of God.  
<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, *Philippians 2:5-8*  
<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,  
<sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant,  
being born in the likeness of men.  
<sup>8</sup>And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,  
even death on a cross.

L: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

**C: *as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

**Hymn of the Day**

**Jesus, Greatest at the Table**

LSB 446 sts. 1-2, 4-5



1 Je - sus, great - est at the ta - ble, The al -  
2 Mar - vel how their Lord and teach - er Gent - ly  
4 Can we fath - om such deep mer - cy? Do we  
5 Je - sus gave to His dis - ci - ples A com -



might - y Son of Man, Laid a - side His out - er cloth - ing,  
taught them not to vie As He hum - bly knelt be - fore them,  
see what God has done? Who can grasp this great re - ver - sal:  
mand - ment that was new: "Show My love to one an - oth - er,



Poured some wa - ter in a pan; As the Twelve lay,  
Dust - y feet to wash and dry, By His ten - der  
Love that gives His on - ly Son? Christ, the sin - less  
Do as I have done for you; All the world will



hushed in si - lence, He the ser - vant's task be - gan.  
touch ex - press - ing True com - pas - sion from on high.  
for the sin - ners, For the man - y dies the One.  
know you love Me As you love each oth - er too."

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**Sermon**

**JESUS + JUSTICE...COMMISSIONED TO LOVE**

**John 13:5-17**



**Hymn of Response**

**Just as I Am, without One Plea**

LSB 570, sts. 1,3,5



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy  
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a  
5 Just as I am, Thou wilt re - ceive, Wilt wel - come,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to  
con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -  
par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; Be - cause Thy prom - ise I be -



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

**Confession of Faith (adapted from the Apostles' Creed)**

First Nations Version

Our Father and Creator, the One Above Us All,

made all things in the world above and the earth below.

Jesus, his special born Son,

was fathered by the Holy Spirit

and was born into this world through a virgin named Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, a ruler of the Roman people,

who had him nailed to a tree pole, the cross, where he bled to death.

He was buried and then went down to the world of the dead.

On the third day he came back to life, never to die again.

He returned to his Father in the world above

and sat down at his powerful right hand.

One day he will return to this earth to make the final decision

about the eternity of the living and the dead.

After he went to the world above,

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to us from the Father,

to live in and through us.



There is only one holy and world-wide group of believers in Jesus  
—a Sacred Family called his Church.  
All of the Holy Spirit’s holy people sit together equally in this Family  
and share his Sacred Food at his table.  
He has forgiven us and set us free from all of our broken ways,  
and all who trust in him, even though they cross over to death,  
will be brought back to life again,  
to a life that will never end. Amen.

***Mission Moment:  
National Youth Gathering***



***Remembering and Praying: Two Years of COVID-19***

Two years ago on Friday, March 13, the Governor announced the lockdown for Illinois. Bethel’s leaders and staff immediately made a plan to switch to Livestream worship and shut the building for any group activities. It has been a long two years, but we pause here to remember how the Lord has been with us through this trial and how He continues to guide us in His Gospel mission.

*From an encouragement email to the congregation on March 13, 2020:*

**Why the Church is Faithful Even When Not Gathering for Worship**

Pastor / writer Eugene Cho has these beautiful words of encouragement:

When churches cancel their in person services and go online, it’s not an act of fear or panic. Rather, it’s an act of care - both for the church and for others. For the health care system, for neighbors, and for the vulnerable. This is what it means to be for the common good and to “seek the peace of the city.”

## **Prayer Requests**

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

## **Prayers of the Church**

based on Langston Hughes' poem "Prayer [2]"

P: Gather up  
in the arms of your mercy

**C: The sick, the depraved  
The desperate, the tired,**

P: All the scum  
of our weary city.

\* Jesus reached out to people considered by others to be "scum". We reach out to all people. And we ourselves may even feel like "scum" sometimes. But look at how God responds with love.

**C: In the arms of your mercy.**

P: Gather up

**C: In the arms of your love—**

P: Those who expect

**C: No love from above.**

P: For them—for us—

**C: We pray now.**

Pastor then offers the Prayers of the Church

## **The Lord's Prayer**

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**All: 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.**

## **Benediction (Blessing)**

Colossians 1:19-20

P: God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Jesus Christ, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross. You are reconciled to God the Father, through the work of God the Son, and kept in this faith by God the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

## Chief of Sinners Though I Be

LSB 611 sts. 1-2, 4-5



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His  
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the  
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in  
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,  
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,  
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,  
and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is  
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—  
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the  
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.  
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.  
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.  
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

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