

#### PRELUDE AND OPENING SONG: Here I Am, Lord

 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

#### Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain* Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

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# **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: The Lord who calls us to be his disciples, calls us to be faithful and honest this morning in confessing our sins, before God and one another.

--Silent Reflection--

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P: God of Sacrifice and Salvation:

C: As disciples we are an embarrassment to you and to ourselves. We wear the cross but do not bear the cross. You call us to be your voices in this world and we stay silent. You call us to be your hands in this world and we keep them hidden. We do not deny ourselves and take up our cross and follow you. We do fill ourselves and take up our own cause and go our own way. Forgive us Lord the sins we name. Save us Lord from the sins we try to hide.

P: The One who has called us to take up our cross and follow him, is also the one who carried the cross for us, and who, from the cross, forgave us and all people, not because we were deserving of forgiveness but simply because he loves us and is determined to have a relationship with us. So hear the good news, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Now go forth and forgive one another.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen!

## GREETING

A: Jesus calls us.

C: We hear and answer the call.

A: He calls us to discipleship.

- C: To take up our cross and follow him.
- A: He calls us to come together this day
- C: from near and far, to be his brothers and sisters.
- A: He calls us to this place.
- C: To worship him, and to serve one another!

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Lord God,

C: your Son humbled himself in obedience to your will and gave up his life for us. Transform and renew us within. Help us not to be conformed to this world, but to dedicate ourselves to you, and do what pleases you. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. amen.

# FIRST READING: Romans 12:9-21

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. <sup>14</sup>Bless

those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

- A: Word of God, Word of Life!
- C: Thanks be to God!

# Romanos 12:9-21

<sup>9</sup> El amor debe ser sincero. Aborrezcan el mal; aférrense al bien. <sup>10</sup> Ámense los unos a los otros con amor fraternal, respetándose y honrándose mutuamente. <sup>11</sup> Nunca dejen de ser diligentes; antes bien, sirvan al Señor con el fervor que da el Espíritu. <sup>12</sup> Alégrense en la esperanza, muestren paciencia en el sufrimiento, perseveren en la oración. <sup>13</sup> Ayuden a los hermanos necesitados. Practiquen la hospitalidad. <sup>14</sup> Bendigan a quienes los persigan; bendigan y no maldigan. <sup>15</sup> Alégrense con los que están alegres; lloren con los que lloran. <sup>16</sup> Vivan en armonía los unos con los otros. No sean arrogantes, sino háganse solidarios con los humildes.<sup>[a]</sup> No se crean los únicos que saben. <sup>17</sup> No paguen a nadie mal por mal. Procuren hacer lo bueno delante de todos. <sup>18</sup> Si es posible, y en cuanto dependa de ustedes, vivan en paz con todos. <sup>19</sup> No tomen venganza, hermanos míos, sino dejen el castigo en las manos de Dios, porque está escrito: «Mía es la venganza; yo pagaré»,<sup>[b]</sup> dice el Señor. <sup>20</sup> Antes bien, «Si tu enemigo tiene hambre, dale de comer; si tiene sed, dale de beber. Actuando así, harás que se avergüence de su conducta».<sup>[c] 21</sup> No te dejes vencer por el mal; al contrario, vence el mal con el bien.

# **GOSPEL READING: Matthew 16:21-28**

<sup>21</sup>From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for

their life? <sup>27</sup>"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

# C: Praise to you, O Christ!

# Mateo 16:21-28

<sup>21</sup> Desde entonces comenzó Jesús a advertir a sus discípulos que tenía que ir a Jerusalén y sufrir muchas cosas a manos de los ancianos, de los jefes de los sacerdotes y de los maestros de la ley, y que era necesario que lo mataran y que al tercer día resucitara. <sup>22</sup> Pedro lo llevó aparte y comenzó a reprenderlo: —¡De ninguna manera, Señor! ¡Esto no te sucederá jamás!
<sup>23</sup> Jesús se volvió y le dijo a Pedro: —¡Aléjate de mí, Satanás! Quieres hacerme tropezar; no piensas en las cosas de Dios, sino en las de los hombres.
<sup>24</sup> Luego dijo Jesús a sus discípulos: —Si alguien quiere ser mi discípulo, tiene que negarse a sí mismo, tomar su cruz y seguirme. <sup>25</sup> Porque el que quiera salvar su vida, la perderá; pero el que pierda su vida por mi causa, la encontrará. <sup>26</sup> ¿De qué sirve ganar el mundo entero si se pierde la vida? ¿O qué se puede dar a cambio de la vida? <sup>27</sup> Porque el Hijo del hombre ha de venir en la gloria de su Padre con sus ángeles, y entonces recompensará a cada persona según lo que haya hecho. <sup>28</sup> Les aseguro que algunos de los aquí presentes no sufrirán la muerte sin antes haber visto al Hijo del hombre llegar en su reino.

### SERMON

# "Heavy Lifting"

SPECIAL MUSIC

#### Sometimes by Step Mullins and Strasser Celebration Band and Singers, with David and Kathy Berfield, soloists

APOSTLE'S CREED I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.\* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

# **CREDO APOSTOLICO**

Creo en Dios Padre Todopoderoso, Creador del cielo y de la tierra; y en Jesucristo, su único Hijo, Señor nuestro; que fue concebido del Espíritu Santo, nació de la virgen María, padeció bajo el poder de Poncio Pilatos; fue crucificado, muerto y sepultado; descendió a los infiernos; al tercer día resucitó de entre los muertos; subió al cielo, y está sentado a la diestra de Dios Padre Todopoderoso; y desde allí vendrá al fin del mundo a juzgar a los vivos y a los muertos. Creo en el Espíritu Santo, la Santa Iglesia Catolica, la comunión de los santos, el perdón de los pecados, la resurrección de la carne y la vida perdurable. Amén.

# THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear and answer our prayer.

### THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

### THE OFFERING

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

A: We thank you, Lord God,

C: that your Son gave up his life for our sake. Lead us who are his followers to take up our cross and follow him. Help us to give of ourselves and all we have in your service. Amen.

### **CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this in remembrance of me.

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. 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. Amen.

# PADRE NUESTRO

Padre nuestro, que estas en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre; Venga a nos tu reino; hágase tu voluntad, así en la tierra como en el cielo; El pan nuestro de cada día, dánoslo hoy; y perdónanos nuestras deudas así como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores; y no nos dejes caer en la tentación; mas líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la gloria, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

# THE MEAL

# PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

P: Merciful God,

C: You call us to follow; to turn away from our selfish interests, and to take up our cross and follow after you, even when the path is heading in a direction we would never have chosen for ourselves. Teach us to follow without fear, knowing that you are always with us, helping us bear the cross. Amen.

# **BLSSING AND SENDING**

P: Go now and follow Jesus in the way of the cross.

Rejoice in hope, hold fast to what is good, persevere in prayer. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. As far as is possible, live peaceably with all.

P: And may God hear your cries and deliver you; May Christ Jesus repay you with fullness of life; And may the Holy Spirit be with you always nourishing you in love and hope. C: Amen.

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#### CLOSING SONG

Will You Come and Follow Me	ELW 798
Verse 1	
"Will you come and follow me	Verse 4
if I but call your name?	"Will you lov
Will you go where you don't know	if I but call y
and never be the same?	Will you que
Will you let my love be shown,	and never b
will you let my name be known	

will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

### Verse 2

"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?

# Verse 3

"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

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you love the you you hide ut call your name? ou quell the fear inside never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

# Verse 5

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me. Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949; Text © 1987 Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

### DISMISSAL

A: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: In the name of Christ. Amen.