Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, ELCA

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Welcome to worship at Prince of Peace! This is a pro-participation, anti-perfectionism worship service. Our ushers are ready guides and your pew neighbor a willing help.

May this time and space be a holy encounter.

Bold print indicates response from all the people

Gathering

Prelude *Angelus* Norman Cocker

Welcome

***Confession & Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn** *Sing a New World into Being*

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Sing a New World into Being

Mary Louise Bringle

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*Prayer of the Day

Lord of the feast, **you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Word

First Reading — Philippians 4:1-9

1 My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown,
stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.
3 Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they
have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement
and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your
gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious
about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with
thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of
God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your
minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is
commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of
praise, think about these things. 9 As for the things that you have learned
and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of
peace will be with you.

*Gospel Reading — Matthew 22:1-14

1 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 2 "The kingdom of
heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his
son. 3 He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding
banquet, but they would not come. 4 Again he sent other slaves, saying,
'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my
oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready;
come to the wedding banquet.' 5 But they made light of it and went away,
one to his farm, another to his business, 6 while the rest seized his slaves,
mistreated them, and killed them. 7 The king was enraged. He sent his
troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. 8 Then he said to
his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. 9 Go
therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the
wedding banquet.' 10 Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered
all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled

with guests.

11 "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there
who was not wearing a wedding robe, 12 and he said to him, 'Friend, how
did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless.
13 Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw
him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of
teeth.' 14 For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Kid's Sermon Veronica Robb

Sermon "*An Invitation to Celebrate Love***"** Rev. Veronica Ota

***Hymn of the Day** *All Are Welcome* *(next page)*

*Prayers of the People

P: Hear us, O God, **C: Your mercy is great.**

The Passing of the Peace & Offering

We celebrate the gift of God-with-us as we offer to one another greetings of peace via handshake, hug or wave. Please practice consent when passing the peace by asking if someone wishes to be hugged or touched. This respects everyone's sensitivities and helps make worship more comfortable for all.

Your offerings help support the many ministries of this congregation. You may place offering in the plates at the back of the church; If you wish to give your offering electronically, please scan this image. Thank you!

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

All Are Welcome

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The Meal

Holy Communion is by invitation of Jesus Christ. All people who desire to experience the grace of God are welcomed regardless of age, race, faith, creed, ethnicity, sexual orientations, gender expression, political party, or physical ability. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may also come to altar with your arms crossed to indicate that you would like to receive a blessing instead..

*Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed…

*Lord's Prayer

You are invited to pray in the style and language most familiar to you.

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.

Welcome to Communion

*Communion is one of two sacraments in our ELCA Lutheran tradition. A sacred-moment combines God's promises with a tangible object. At this table you can receive the grace, goodness, and strength of Christ. And remember…**All** are welcome.*

Communion Music *Trio* Norman Cocker

Anthem *"A Spectrum of Love" (based on "Somewhere Over the Rainbow")*
Harold Arlen & Daniel Hughes

The Sending

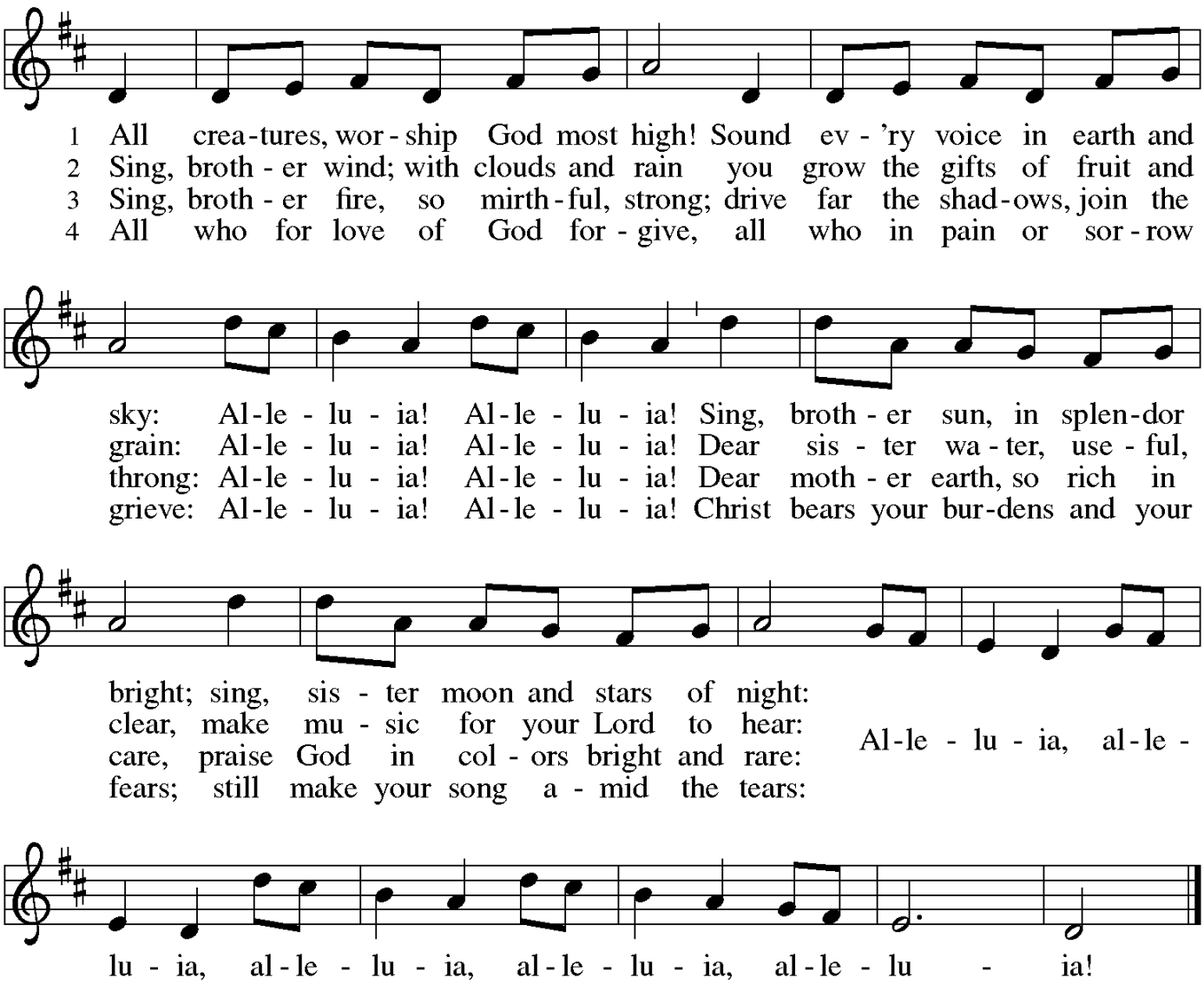
Announcements

*Blessing

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**
The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**
The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

***Hymn** *All Creatures Worship God Most High* *(next page)*

All Creatures, Worship God Most High!



Dismissal

P: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Pæan* Norman Cocker

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