

LECTIONARY 14

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The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

Prelude on *We Shall Overcome*

Adolphus Hailstork

Dr. Anthony T. Leach

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Ⓟ The Sun of righteousness shall rise with shining beams of healing.

Let us gather under the wings of God's mercy.

Gracious God,

☪ **we acknowledge that we are sinners and we confess our sins—
those known to us that burden our hearts, and those unknown to us
but seen by you. We know that before you nothing remains hidden,
and in you everything is revealed. Free us from the slavery of sin;
liberate us from the bondage of guilt; work in us that which is pleasing
in your sight; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Ⓟ From the house of David, God raised up a mighty Savior.

☪ **Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who comes to set us free.**

Ⓟ Remembering the covenant, God delivered us from our enemies.

☪ **Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who comes to set us free.**

Ⓟ Before God we are holy and righteous, free to worship without fear.

☪ **Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who comes to set us free.**

Ⓟ With a heart full of mercy and compassion, God saves us and forgives us
all our sins. Christ, the dawn from on high, shines upon us, and by the light of
the Holy Spirit guides our feet into the way of peace.

☪ **Amen**

GATHERING HYMN: 841 Life Every Voice and Sing

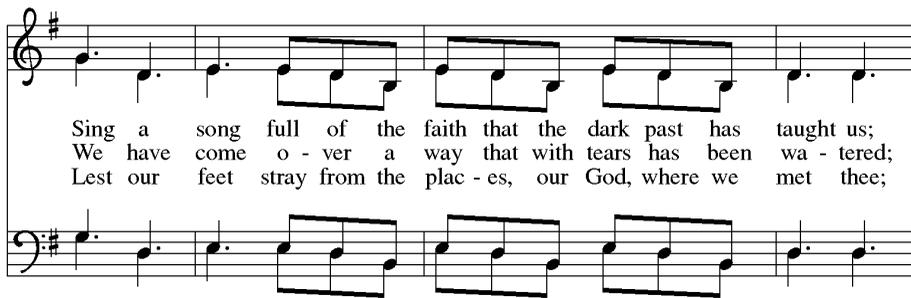
LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

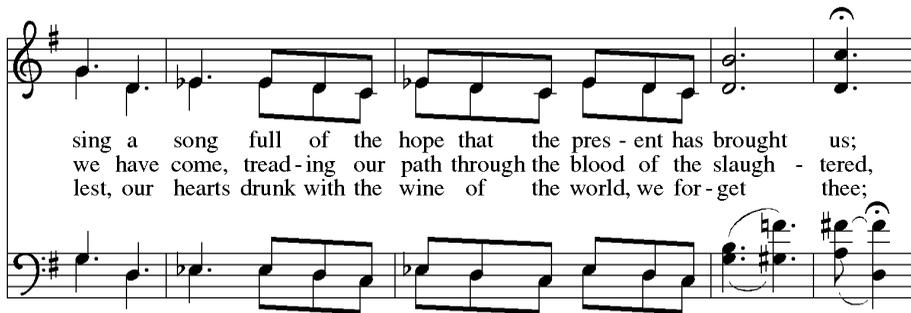
ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

GREETING

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

C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

723 Canticle of the Turning—Stanza 1

STAR OF COUNTY DOWN



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as "prisoners of hope."

After the reading:

A Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a

Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.

After the reading:

- A** Word of God, word of life.
- C** Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: 726 Light Dawns on a Weary World

TEMPLE OF PEACE



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



Refrain

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: TEMPLE OF PEACE, William P. Rowan, b. 1951

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come 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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- A** Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world. We pray for the church. Sustain us as we share your word. Embrace us as we struggle to find our common ground. Lift up leaders with powerful and prophetic voices. Free us from stagnant faith. We pray for Christ Episcopal and Fr. John; for Hope Lutheran and Pr. Mary; for St. Daniel's Lutheran and Pr. Bob; for Trinity's staff – Pr. Alan, Deaconess Deborah, Karen, Peter, Matt, Rachel, Dave and Dee; and for Common Ground, Pr. Tom and Emily. Hear us, O God.
- C** **Your mercy is great.**
- A** We pray for the well-being of creation. Protect the air, water, and land from abuse and pollution. Free us from apathy in our care of creation and direct us toward sustainable living. Hear us, O God.
- C** **Your mercy is great.**

A We pray for all nations, especially the United States as we celebrate our birth as a nation. Support leaders in developing just policies and guide difficult conversations. Lead us to expansive love for our neighbor, and allow us to build respectful relationships with one another, that we may all grow toward the ideals of liberty and justice for all. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A We pray for all in need. For all who are tired, despairing, oppressed, or sick. We remember Karl, Betty, Tom, Grete, Cindy, Josh, Richard, David, Ina, and all who have been exposed to or infected by Covid-19. Take their yoke upon you and ease their burdens. Give your consolation and free us from all that keeps us bound. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A We pray for this congregation and the ministry we share, especially for our members Lorraine; Ronald; Russ & Linda; Jonathan, Stacie & Nathan; and Katie. Shine in this place that we might notice the ways your love transforms our lives. . Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A We give thanks for those who have died in faith. Welcome them into your eternal rest and comfort us in our grief until we are joined with them in new life. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

PEACE

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☑ And also with you.

OFFERING MEDITATION

ANTHEM

Bring Peace to Earth Again

Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr. and Perry Nelson

Amy Stewart-Himes, soloist

Where armies scourge the countryside,
and people flee in fear,
where sirens scream through flaming nights,
and death is ever near:

O God of mercy, hear our prayer:
bring peace to earth again!

Where anger festers in the heart,
and strikes with cruel hand;
where violence stalks the troubled streets,
and terror haunts the land:

O God of mercy, hear our prayer:
bring peace to earth again!

Where homes are torn by bitter strife,
and love dissolves in blame;
where walls you meant for shelt'ring care
hide deeds of hurt and shame:

O God of mercy, hear our prayer:

12 bring peace to earth again!

O God, whose heart compassionate
bears ev'ry human pain,
redeem this violent, wounding world
till gentleness shall reign.
O God of mercy, hear our prayer:
bring peace to earth again!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

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THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

- A** O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.
- G** Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

- G** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen

BLESSING

¶ Neither death, nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

© Amen

SENDING HYMN: 887 This Is My Song

FINLANDIA

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 my - self I give you; let your will be done.

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on We Shall Overcome

Carl Haywood

Dr. Anthony T. Leach



Musicians: Dr. Anthony T. Leach, David Himes and Amy Stewart-Himes

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