

A Service of Lament



The Lihu'e Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hawai'i

Ka Hale Pule 'O Na Lahui Apau . . .

Church Of All Peoples . . .

. . . Hele Pu Ma'kou me Iesu Kristo

. . . Walking Together With Christ

May 25, 2022

6:30pm

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Order of Worship



**Gathering Lament*

- P How long, O Lord?
- C How long must we bear up this pain in our soul and have sorrow in our hearts all the day long?**
- P Consider and answer us, O Lord, our God
- C We are exhausted and tired and angry and weary**
- P How much longer must we wait?
- C How much longer must we endure?**
- P To you we turn, for you are our hope
- C In you our soul trusts**
- P We will trust in the steadfast love of the Lord
- C We trust in the name of the Lord, our rock and firm foundation**

Public Lament

(At this time you may come to the mic to lament and share. The pastor, before you speak will say, "Hear us, O God". And when you are finished speaking please close with, "Hear us, O God". You may also write on your post-it a lament and come up and place it on the cross as a symbolic act of taking our cries to the only place big enough to receive it.)

- P With the victims of Uvalde, we cry out
 Across our nation and in our world, the innocent suffer
 Our thoughts and prayers achieve us little
 O God, are you good?
 O God, are you there?
 We struggle to make sense of this tragedy and see a way forward
- The assembly is invited to voice public laments aloud or in silence.*
- P Hear us, O God
- C Hear us, O God**

- P Hear these words, receive our cry
- C Come Lord Jesus. Tend to the broken, comfort those who are destroyed**
- P Amen.

Song of Response

Litany and Prayer

This song is in Holden Evening Prayer. The leader will sing the following verses and you will respond by singing, "God of mercy, hold us in love."

- 1 In peace, in peace, we pray to you
- 2 For peace and salvation, we pray to you
- 3 For peace between nations, for peace between peoples
- 4 For we who are gathered and lament before you
- 5 For all who are hurting and all who are in pain
- 6 For all those who govern, that justice might guide them
- 7 For all who are serving the victims in Texas
- 8 Grant help, hope, and healing to all of the families
- 9 Be with all of the children and bring them your comfort
- 10 For all of the victims who rest in your mercy

First Reading

Isaiah 40:6-11

⁶A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. ⁷The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. ⁸The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. ⁹Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your

voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" ¹⁰See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Psalms 13

¹How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me ²How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me? ³Consider and answer me, O LORD my God! Give light to my

eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death, ⁴and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed"; my foes will rejoice because I am shaken. ⁵But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. ⁶I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Lights of Remembrance

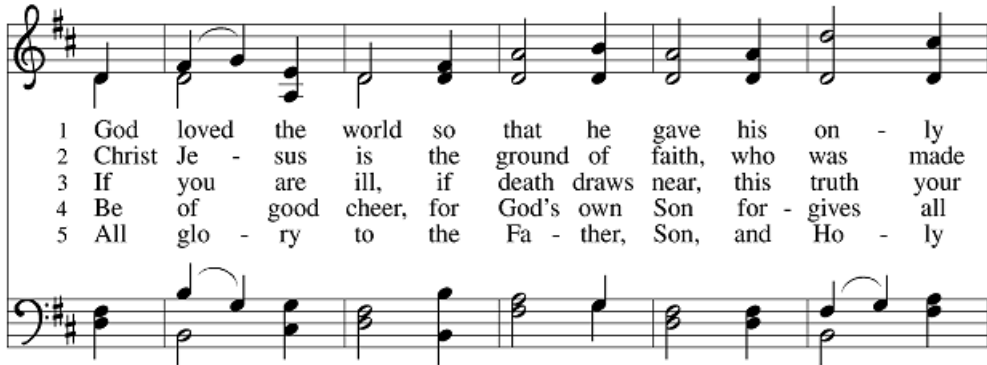
(At this time, we will hold a moment of silence to acknowledge and remember those who have died and all who are suffering. Then, we will read the names of those we know and light a candle in their memory.)

P We read aloud the names of those who were murdered...

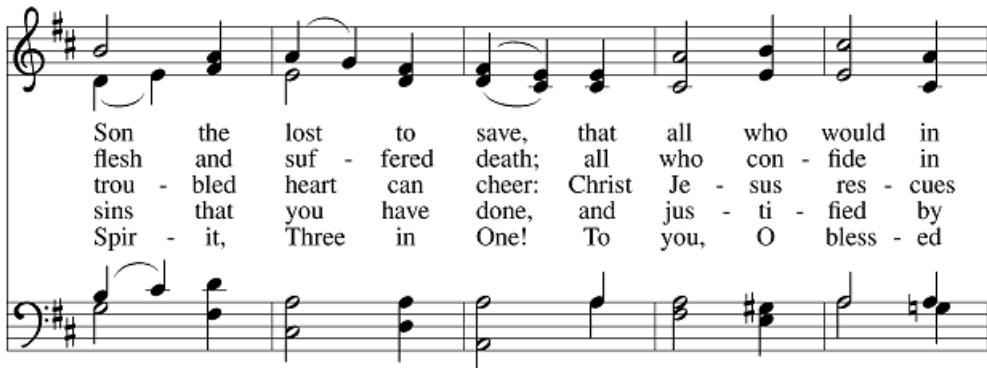
A candle is lit on the altar as each name is read

*Song of Remembrance

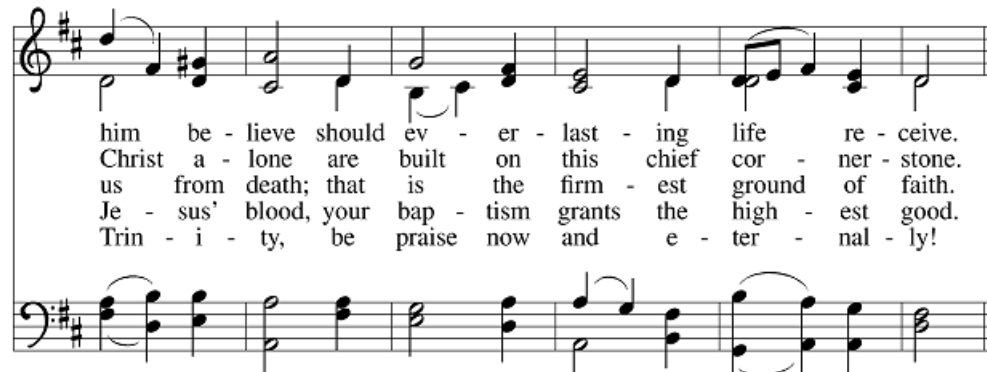
God Loved the World



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
 3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all
 5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
 sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
 Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Third Reading

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needs. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may

give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Word of Response

Communal Response

P What are we to do, O Lord, God of our Salvation?

C **We are angry. We are hurt. We are sick and tired of being sick and tired of having to watch our children and innocent members of our nation die by the hands of gunman**

P What are we to do with all that we feel and all that we hold?

C **We give this to you. We take our pain, we take our anguish, and we bring it to the only place big enough to receive it**

P Lord in your mercy,

C **Do not simply receive our prayer. Change our hearts. Work in our minds. Come into our communities and help us to let go of the values, norms, and practices that have created this tragedy**

P Lord in your mercy,

C **Hear *this* prayer**

**The Holy Preparation and Contemplatio*

P The body and blood of Christ are given to us and given for us. It is a sacrament. It is a tangible sign of grace that we can touch and we can taste. And we can come boldly to receive it in our time of need. In the body and in the blood we are reminded that it is okay to not be okay for Christ is our strength. He is our hope. He is our help. And we come boldly before God's throne to receive this grace in our time of need.

A moment of silence is offered so we may prepare our hands and hearts to receive God's grace on this day of need

P Holy God,

C We need you. Our hearts ache in the wake this of violence. We need your grace to carry us forward. To teach us, to lead, to guide us, and to help us heal and find a way forward.

**The Words of Institution*

We invite you forward to receive communion. We also invite you to stay in your seat and receive communion via the communion cups. Communion will first be served to those at the altar. Then, communion will be received for those who remain in their seats.

**The Lord's Prayer*

P Let us pray the prayer our Lord taught us to pray...

C 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.



Invitation to Communion

It's okay to not be okay. Come and receive God's grace for this time of need.

Distribution at the Altar

We invite you to join us in song with our communion hymns. If you are not coming forward to receive communion, please wait until the end of the distribution and the sacraments will be distributed for those remaining in their seats.

Distribution from the Pew

We invite you to join us in receiving a socially-distanced communion from your pews. The sacraments have been prepared and are ready to be received! Come! Eat and drink!

**The Blessing*

P God, the Author of Life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✚ heal you and move you to do justice.

C **Amen.**

**The Prayer After Communion*

P We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives we might bring your help, hope, and healing to a hurting world.

C **Amen.**

**The Benediction*

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace in the name of Makua, ✚ Keiki Kane, and Uhane Hemolele.

C **Amen.**

Sending SongAmazing Grace*

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.

Dismissal

P Go with God's peace. Continue to mourn and lament and grieve. May Christ meet you and give you life along the way.

C **We go in peace to bring help, hope, and healing**