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GOD OF JUSTICE, LOVE, AND MERCY
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Ed Willmington: Music director
Laura Harbert: homily
Jenn Graffius/Jennifer Ackerman/Todd Johnson: liturgists

PRELUDE

Welcome (verbal welcome with invitation to kneel or pray silently)

Holy Spirit

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Solo:

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close
No thing can compare You're our living hope
Your Presence

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone
In Your Presence Lord

Holy Spirit You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord
(Your Presence Lord)

All:

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Call to Worship

Jennifer Ackerman, Jenn Graffius, Todd Johnson

LEADER (Jenn): (Quietly)
Holy Spirit, we welcome you into our hearts and minds this day. Speak to us each moment we pray...
(More up!)
And as the people of God, let us stand together, offering ourselves to God in praise.

Leader (Todd): Your church gathers, Lord,

All: **in Michigan and Kenya,
in China and to the ends of the earth.**

Leader (Jennifer): Your church gathers, Lord,

All: **in city and country, in suburbs and slums,**

Leader (Jenn): in sanctuaries and buildings,

All: **under trees and by streams of water.**

Leader (Todd): Your people gather to praise you, Lord,

All: **in Spanish, Korean, and in English,**

Leader (Jennifer): with organ and guitar and drum,

All: **with voices of young and old,**

Leader (Jenn): with song and with silence,

All: **with dance and with prayer.**

Leader (Todd): Your people praise you, Lord,

All: **for hope in the midst of despair,**

Leader (Jennifer): for strength in times of weakness,

All: **for justice in situations of oppression,**

Leader (Jenn): for courage in the face of fear,

All: **for life in the midst of death.**

Leader (Todd): We are the people who call you Lord.

All: Let everything that breathes, praise you Lord!

God of Justice, Love, and Mercy

God of justice, love, and mercy,
Pour your wisdom on our souls;
By your all-sustaining power
Keep our spirits strong and whole.
Lift our eyes to see your vision
Of a world in urgent need;
Grant us courage, then, to follow.
Bringing comfort with each deed.

God of justice, love, and mercy,
With compassion let us care;
As we come in humble weakness,
May your strength be ours to share.
Press our hearts to know the struggle
Of the ones we cannot see;
Brothers, sisters, all who suffer,
May our kindness set them free.

God of justice, love and mercy,
Send us out and make us bold.
As we strive for your high calling,
Let our hands your mercies hold.
You have blessed us with abundance,
Gifts to share with those in need;

Scripture Lesson

Jennifer Ackerman

Isaiah 58:1-7 (CEB)

Shout loudly; don't hold back;
raise your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their crime,
to the house of Jacob their sins.
They seek me day after day,
desiring knowledge of my ways
like a nation that acted righteously,
that didn't abandon their God.
They ask me for righteous judgments,
wanting to be close to God.
"Why do we fast and you don't see;
why afflict ourselves and you don't notice?"

Yet on your fast day you do whatever you want,
and oppress all your workers.
You quarrel and brawl, and then you fast;
you hit each other violently with your fists.
You shouldn't fast as you are doing today
if you want to make your voice heard on high.
Is this the kind of fast I choose,
a day of self-affliction,
of bending one's head like a reed
and of lying down in mourning clothing and ashes?
Is this what you call a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?
Isn't this the fast I choose:
releasing wicked restraints, untying the ropes of a yoke,
setting free the mistreated,
and breaking every yoke?
Isn't it sharing your bread with the hungry
and bringing the homeless poor into your house,
covering the naked when you see them,
and not hiding from your own family?

Homily

Laura Harbert

(Woe Are We!...We need the mercy of God – personally and in the world)

This Is My Father's World...with slides

Silence (brief)

Mercy (sung a few times to teach it)

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Walter Brueggemann "Prayers for a Privileged People"

Jenn Graffius

Mercy, mercy,
Have mercy on us,
Mercy, mercy,
Have mercy on us.

Mercy, mercy,
Have mercy on us,
Mercy, mercy,
Have mercy on us.

Mercy (mercy), mercy (mercy)
Have mercy on us;

Mercy (mercy), mercy (mercy)
Have mercy on us.

Mercy (mercy), mercy (mercy)
Have mercy on us;
Mercy (mercy), mercy (mercy)
Have mercy on us.

Leader (Jenn):
We pray, as often as we meet,
that we might “perfectly love you.”
Indeed, we have been commanded from the beginning,
to love you with all our hearts and
all our souls and
all our minds and
all our strength.

Mercy (mercy), mercy (mercy)
Have mercy on us;
Mercy (mercy), mercy (mercy)
Have mercy on us.

Mercy (mercy), mercy (mercy)
Have mercy on us;
Mercy (mercy), mercy (mercy)
Have mercy on us.

Leader (Jenn):
But we confess...
we love you imperfectly;
we love you with a divided heart,
with a thousand other loves
that are more compelling,
with reservation and qualification,
and passion withheld and
devotion impaired.

Mercy (mercy), mercy (mercy)
Have mercy on us;
Mercy (mercy), mercy (mercy)
Have mercy on us.

Mercy (mercy), mercy (mercy)
Have mercy on us;
Mercy (mercy), mercy (mercy)
Have mercy on us.

Leader (Jenn):
Lead us past our shabby compromises
and our cheap devotion;
lead us into singleness of vision
and purity of heart,
that we may will one thing,
and answer back in love to your great love to us.
We pray through the Lord Jesus who loved you
Singularly, perfectly, fully—to the end. Amen.

Mercy (mercy), mercy (mercy)
Have mercy on us;
Mercy (mercy), mercy (mercy)
Have mercy on us.

Mercy (mercy), mercy (mercy)
Have mercy on us;
Mercy (mercy), mercy (mercy)
Have mercy on us.

Kyrie...with prayers in Spanish, Korean, English
Kyrie eleison,
Christe eleison.
Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison,
Christe eleison.
Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy.

Oh, grant us forgiveness,
Oh, grant us peace.
Oh, grant us forgiveness,
Oh, grant us peace.

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Oh, grant us forgiveness,
Oh, grant us peace.

Kyrie eleison,
Christe eleison.
Lord, have mercy,
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Leader (Todd):

Most merciful and loving God,
We confess that we have sinned against you.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have let fear harden our hearts
And, in doing so, we have been
Blinded to deny dignity to those who are different;
Blinded to recognize prejudice in others, but never in ourselves;
Blinded to ignore how racism has manifested itself in many forms in varying degree
in our church, in our community, and in our society;
And blinded to not see each other equally, as you see us.
O God, forgive us;
Hear our prayer and grant us humility, courage, and strength,
To delight in your will, walk in your ways, and stand for justice and peace together.
In the name of Jesus we pray.
Amen.

Kyrie eleison,
Christe eleison.
Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy.

Leader (Rosa):

Te rogamos, oh Dios, para que en esta hora en que la liberación es tomada por muchas voces de nuestro mundo, la Iglesia también clame y grite por liberación pero no en un tono de odio ni de venganza ni de lucha de clases, razas, generos y etnias, lo cual no nos construye. Ayudanos, oh Dios, a luchar contra el terror, la mala voluntad y el odio. Ayudanos a decirle a oprimidos, quienes sufren, marginados, discriminados e invisibilizados de nuestra sociedad: ¡amen a Dios! Que al que ama a Dios hasta esas opresiones se convierten en bien. Y a los opresores, vengan a Dios. (Adapted from Monseigneur Oscar Romero's homily "A Las Madres de los Desaparecidos", 1 december, 1977).

*In a time when many voices in the world cry out for liberation,
We implore you, oh God, let the Church also call for liberation
But not in the tone of hatred or revenge
Or class, race, genre, ethnic struggle, which does not edify.
Help us, oh God, conquer terror, evil intent, and hatred.
Help us, oh God, speak to those suffering, exploited, marginalized,
Discriminated against, and invisible in our societies: Love God!
For those who love God even their oppressions can turn into good.
And to the oppressor, let your church say: turn to God.*

Kyrie eleison,
Christe eleison.

Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy.

Leader (Julie):

사랑과 자비의 하나님,

당신께 우리의 죄악을 고백합니다.

우리는 당신을 온 마음을 다해 사랑하지 않았습니다.

우리는 이웃들을 내 몸과 같이 사랑하지 않았습니다.

우리는 두려움이 자신의 마음을 주장하게 해서, 우리와 다른 자들의 존엄성을 부인 했습니다.

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인종차별이 여러 모양으로, 여러 방법으로 교회와 커뮤니티와 사회에 만연한 것을 부인했습니다.

당신이 우리를 바라보는 것처럼, 다른 자들을 공평하게 바라보는 것을 부인했습니다.

오 주여, 우리를 용서하여 주시옵소서.

우리의 기도를 들어주셔서, 겸손과 용기와 능력을 허락하시고, 당신의 뜻을 즐거워 하고, 당신의 길을 걸으며, 정의와 평화를 위해 힘쓰는 자들이 되게 하시옵소서.

예수 그리스도 이름으로 기도하옵나이다.

아멘.

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We have let fear harden our hearts
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Assurance of Pardon

Leader (Todd):
Friends, hear the good news,
the love of God revealed in Jesus
forgives us, heals us and sets us free
to rebuild, restore, and raise up foundations for new generations.
In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

(INVITED TO STAND)

Response of Praise

Leader (Jennifer): Praise the Lord, my heart!
My whole life, give praise.
Let me sing to God
as long as I live.

People: We praise you, God of love.

Leader (Todd): The Lord keeps faith forever,
giving food to the hungry,
justice to the poor,
freedom to the captives.

People: We praise you, God of justice.

Leader (Jenn): The Lord opens blind eyes
and straightens the bent,

comforting widows and orphans,
protecting the stranger.
The Lord loves the just
but blocks the path of the wicked.

People: We praise you, God of mercy.

Leader(Jennifer, Jenn, Todd):Zion, praise the Lord!
Your God reigns forever,
from generation to generation.

**All: Hallelujah to the God of Justice, Love and Mercy!
Hallelujah!**

How Great Thou Art (strings, multiple languages)
O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

주님의 높고 위대하심을
(Joo nim eh nohp go wee dae ha shim eul)
내 영혼이
(Nae Young hon-ee,)
찬양하네
(Chan yahng ha neh;)
주님의 높고 위대하심을

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내 영혼이
(Nae yong hon ee)
찬양하네
(Chan yahng ha neh)

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Mi corazón entona la canción,
Cuan grande es Él,
Cuan grande es Él.

Mi corazón entona la canción,
Cuan grande es Él,
Cuan grande es Él.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!"

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
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Benediction

Laura Harbert

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Gifts to share with those in need;