

Roll Down Justice

**RECONCILING IN CHRIST
SUNDAY**

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

**WORSHIP WITH
HOLY COMMUNION**

10:00 a.m.



**ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH
ALBUQUERQUE, NM**



Welcome and Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

As we begin our worship, we are mindful that as we gather here, we are on the historic lands of the Tiwa and Piro peoples.

May we honor the people of this land.

May we remember that the oppression of Native peoples is not a relic of the past but continues today.

Through God's Spirit, we repent and walk forward together, changing systems that discriminate as we live into authentic diversity and healing.

Confession & Forgiveness

God of boundless compassion, help us to admit that we have been wrong.

Give us the word the world cannot.

Tell us again that you believe in us so we can love ourselves as you do.

Amen.

We proclaim publicly the ways we have rejected God's love and God's image of us.

For historical acts of injustice and oppression perpetuated against indigenous communities, and Black, Japanese, and Chinese communities in this abundant land of the First Nations,

Forgive us, merciful God.

For the times we have failed to recognize racism and bigotry in ourselves, in our church, and in our society, and the times we have failed to take action;

For complicity in systems of privilege and power based on race or nationality, sexual orientation or gender identity

Forgive us, compassionate God.

Grant us courage never to let a racist joke or bigoted comment pass in our hearing, but to dare to insist on equitable treatment of all persons and groups, including ourselves, if oppressed, even at the risk of being unpopular or misunderstood.

We beseech you, God of justice.

Grant us patience to endure periods without action, persistence in resisting the evil of oppression, and faithfulness in working toward racial and social justice among your people, in the church, and in the world.

We beseech you, God of hope.

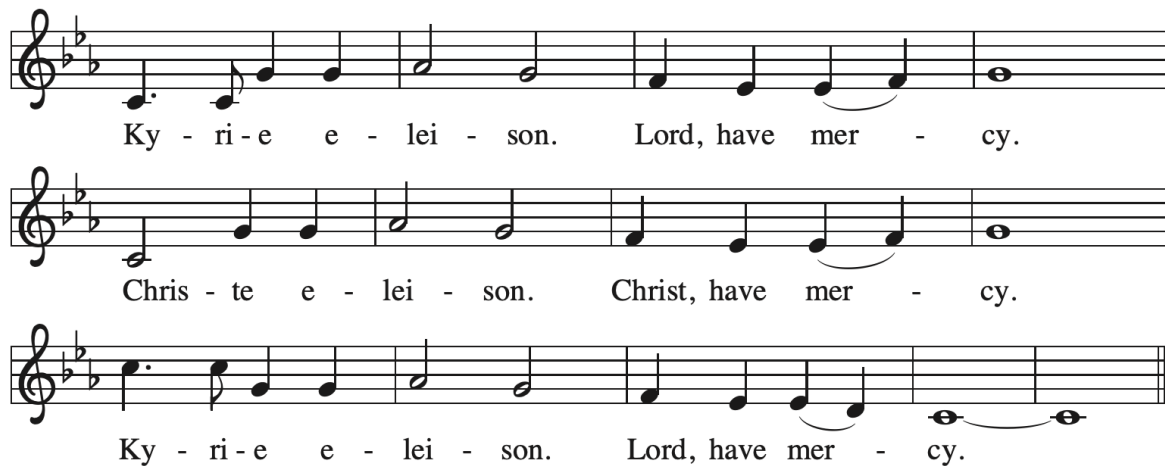
Siblings in Christ,
the truth is that God loves you deeply and without end.
This forgiveness is a gift; we don't do this on our own.
The Holy Spirit accompanies us on this journey of reconciliation in Christ.
Know and believe you are forgiven,
and that you have been made whole in the name of the Creator,
and of the Redeemer, ✠ and the Sanctifier,
Amen.

Gathering Hymn

All Are Welcome ~ ELW 641

Greeting

The grace of the One who redeemed and redeems us from binaries,
the love, mercy, and justice of the One who created all beyond our wildest dreams and
called it all GOOD,
and the wisdom of the One who challenges us to go and do likewise be with you all.
And also with you



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
 yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

Prayer of the Day

Holy and Living God, we open to you this day. May peace flow and justice roll down like an ever-flowing stream. Open our eyes and help us to see that no one is outside your love; outside our love. Remind us that we are not alone thanks to your abiding presence and the ministry of Reconciling congregations and ministries; through Jesus Christ, the free gift of grace. Amen

First Reading

Amos 5:21-24

from the Inclusive Bible Translation

I despise and reject your feasts! I am not appeased by your solemn assemblies!
When you offer me burnt offerings, I reject your oblations, and refuse to look at your
sacrifices of fattened cattle!

Spare me the racket of your chanting! Relieve me of the strumming of your harps!
Instead, let justice flow like a river, and righteousness flow like an unfailing stream.

Word of God, word of life

Thanks be to God**Second Reading**

Romans 8: 31-39

Please read responsively; from the Inclusive Bible Translation

What should be our response? Simply this: “If God is for us, who can be against us?”
Since God did not spare the Only Begotten but gave Christ up for the sake of us all, we
may be certain, after such a gift, that God will freely give us everything. Who will bring a
charge against God’s chosen ones? Since God is the One who justifies, who has the
power to condemn?

**Only Christ Jesus, who died—or rather, was raised—and sits at the right hand of
God, and who now intercedes for us!**

What will separate us from the love of Christ? Trouble? Calamity? Persecution? Hunger?
Nakedness? Danger? Violence? As scripture says, “For your sake, we’re being killed all day
long; we’re looked upon as sheep to be slaughtered.” Yet in all this, we are more than
conquerors because of God who has loved us.

**For I am certain that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither
the present nor the future, neither heights nor depths—nor anything else in all
creation—will be able to separate us from the love of God that comes to us in
Christ Jesus, our Savior.**

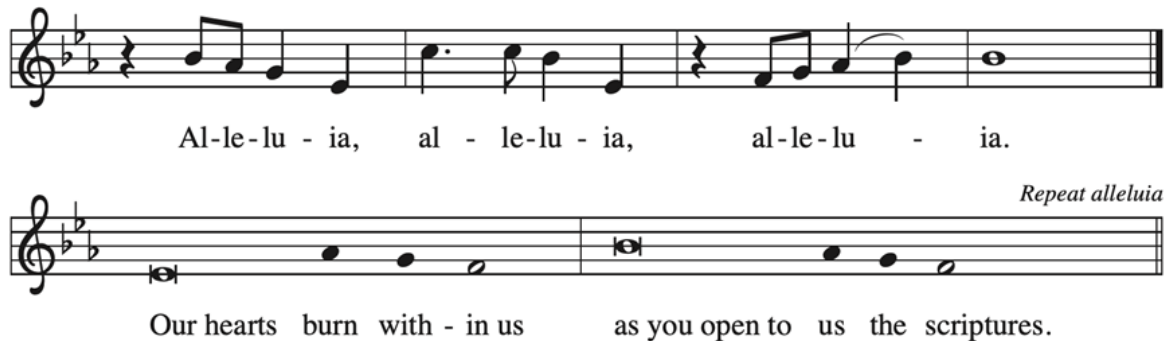
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Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

Read from the First Nations Version



The holy gospel according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord

As soon as they left the gathering house, they went to the home of One Who Hears (Simon) and his brother Stands with Courage (Andrew). He Takes Over (James) and He Shows Goodwill (John) were with them. The wife of One Who Hears (Simon) was there. Her mother was sick in bed with a bad fever, so they asked Creator Sets Free (Jesus) to help her. He went and stood by her, took her by the hand, and lifted her up. The fever left her and she was healed. Then with a glad heart she went to prepare a meal for them.

Later that day, when the sun was going down, many sick people were brought to him, along with those who were tormented by evil spirits. The whole village had gathered outside the door. He healed many with different illnesses and set others free from evil spirits, but he did not permit the spirits to speak, for they knew who he was.

Early the next morning, before the sunrise, he left and found a quiet, out of the way place to be alone and pray. One Who Hears (Simon) and the others found him and said, "Everyone is looking for you!"

"It's time to go to the other villages and tell the good story," Creator Sets Fee said to them, "For that is what I came to do." So he traveled about all the territory of Circle of Nations (Galilee). He taught in their gathering houses and forced out many evil spirits.

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ**Sermon**

Pastor Meredyth Jones

Hymn of the Day*I Dream of a Church ~ from Justice Roll Down, by Mark Miller*

Creed

I believe in God, eternal, almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of all, the Only Begotten One;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
lived and loved among us,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried,
who descended into hell,
and on the third day rose from the dead.

Jesus, our Savior, ascended into heaven,
sits at the right hand of the loving God,
and 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 dead,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

Prayers

*As each portion of the prayers concludes the congregation responds, **Hear our prayer.***

Sharing the Peace

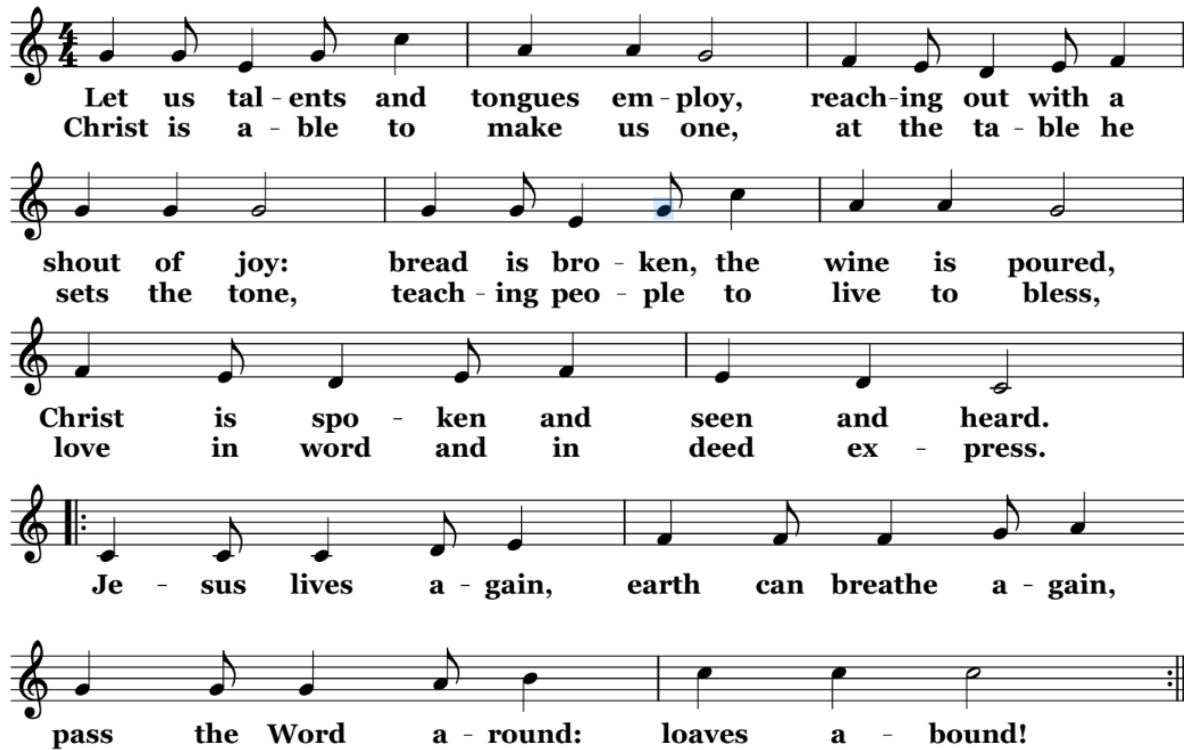
The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. Some may wish to shake hands, bump elbows, or simply nod to one another with the greeting; please be sensitive to varying preferences as we share the peace of Christ in preparation for Holy Communion.

Musical Offering

Roll Down, Justice! ~ Mark A. Miller

Offertory Hymn



Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he
shout of joy: bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured,
sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
love in word and in deed ex - press.
Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain,
pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Offering Prayer

For the gift of unconditional love,

we give thanks.

For the way in which these offerings will become gifts of love embodied,

we give thanks.

For the gift of this community bound and working together,

we give thanks.

The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to our God.

Let us give thanks to the One who cherishes and nourishes us.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is good to cry out for the waters of justice to roll down, showering grace on the earth,
watering it with God's will for love-soaked humanity since creation began.

For God continues to stand with and for all peoples.

And so we sing with all the company of heaven:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and

God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy, just, and merciful God...

Take and drink this cup, for forgiveness of sin and restoration of wholeness,
in remembrance of me.

We proclaim this truth:

Death is part of life.

Christ has died.

But death will not have the last word.

Christ has risen!

And suffering will end.

Christ will come again –

– and again and again, every time suffering is alleviated,
comfort is given, food is offered, hope is restored.

Holy God, pour out your Holy Spirit on this body gathered here

and on our union with each other and with these gifts of bread and cup.
May we become your body for the sake of a world
where justice rolls down like an ever-flowing stream.

All praise to God, Creator of Love!

All praise to Jesus, Love Incarnate!

All praise to Spirit, Love In Action!

The Lord's Prayer

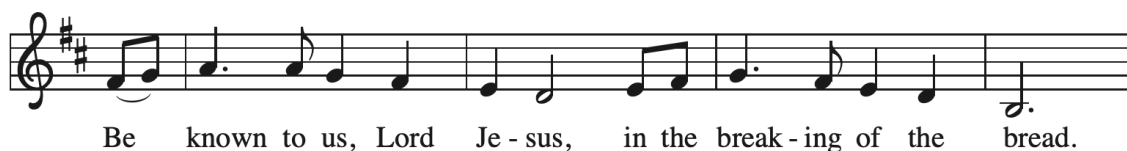
Our Creator in heaven,
Let your name be sanctified
Let your realm come
Let your will happen in heaven
and also upon earth.
Give to us today our nourishment that is necessary for life
And forgive us our debts
as we forgive our debtors.
Do not ever carry us into testing situations
But rescue us from the evil one.
For yours is the kin-dom,
the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

These are the gifts of God, given for you, the people of God. Come, now, to the table of justice and mercy. Everyone is welcome at the table of God.

Holy Communion

You are beloved of God, and this meal is for you. Come forward to the altar rail and stand or kneel to receive communion. The bread is gluten-free and there is wine or grape juice. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest.





Communion Hymn

Build a Longer Table ~ ACS 1062

Blessing after Communion

May you deeply trust the nourishment provided to us by our Savior Jesus Christ, and may it urge you forward, with renewed strength and life, to be God's love in, to, and for the world. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray, God, we give thanks for the opportunity to serve and be served by all those you place in our paths. Take our thanks and make it action.

Take your rolling, love-soaked justice and drench us with the desire and capacity to bring it more fully into every single thing we do.

Because you give us the courage, you give us the freedom, you call us to walk in the ways of your Son, the Christ, the redeemer, in this world with your Spirit by our side.

We honor this call and give thanks. **Amen.**

Benediction

May the outrageous welcome of our Creator accept and love us for who we are;
may the incarnation of the Word touch and hold us close;
may the dancing flicker of the rainbow Spirit help us risk ourselves for love;
and the blessing of God be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

Let Streams of Living Justice ~ ELW 710

Dismissal

Go now in wholeness to love and work for the justice of God.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Symphony No. 1: Final ~ Louis Vierne

MISSION STATEMENT

As God's forgiven people:

- + We welcome all in Christ's love.
- + We grow together in faith and life.
- + We go out to love and serve others.



All Saints is a Reconciling in Christ community, which means we intentionally welcome people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex.



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Deadline for Submitting Articles:
Items for the weekly announcements - 1:00 pm Wednesday
Articles for the monthly Newsletter - 20th of each month.

Please send your articles to the All Saints Church office at office@allsaintsabq.org