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Prayer: Dirk

Song Leaders/liturgists: Judi, Luke

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Drums: Luke

**WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY: *“PLENTY FOR ALL”***

**WE BEGIN OUR WORSHIP**

**Welcome**

**God’s Greeting**

**All: Amen**

**Song: God is Here Today, LU 522**

**God is here today;**

**as certain as the air I breathe,**

**as certain as the morning sun that rises,**

**as certain when I sing you’ll hear my song.**

**Song: Be Still for the Presence, LU 532: 1**

**Be still for the presence of the Lord**

**The Holy One is here**

**Come bow before Him now**

**With reverence and fear**

**In Him no sin is found**

**We stand on holy ground**

**Be still for the presence of the Lord**

**The Holy One is here**

**Call to Worship** (Luke)

One: Let us focus on God’s presence**.**

**All: In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst …**

One: Come worship a God who feeds the hungry**.**

**All: In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed …**

One: Come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice**.**

**All: In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumours of war …**

One: Come worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for the world**.**

**All: In the midst of a world of spiritual emptiness …**

One: Come worship a God who gives life meaning**.**

**All: Come, let us worship the Lord, whose grace and love know no end!**

**Song: Be Still for the Presence, LU 532: 2, 3**

**Be still for the glory of the Lord**

**Is shining all around**

**He burns with holy fire**

**With splendor He is crowned**

**How awesome is the sight**

**Our radiant King of light**

**Be still for the glory of the Lord**

**Is shining all around**

**Be still for the power of the Lord**

**Is moving in this place**

**He comes to cleanse and heal**

**To minister His grace**

**No work too hard for Him**

**In faith receive from Him**

**Be still for the power of the Lord**

**Is moving in this place**

**Gathering Prayer** (Judi)

God of power and might, help us to recognize the imprint of your love and mercy in our lives. Enable us to listen clearly to your words of hope and comfort. Encourage us to go into your world serving others and bringing your message of mercy and healing. In Jesus’ name, we pray. AMEN.

**Song: Jesus, We Are Here, LU 520: 1, 2, 3**

**Jesus, we are here;**

**Jesus, we are here;**

**Jesus, we are here;**

**we are here for you.**

**Father, we are here;**

**Father, we are here;**

**Father, we are here;**

**we are here for you.**

**Spirit, we are here;**

**Spirit, we are here;**

**Spirit, we are here;**

**we are here for you.**

**PRAYER LITANY FOR THE END OF HUNGER AND DEPRIVATION**

(Judi) One: Let us pray for the poor, hungry, and neglected all over the world,

that their cries for daily bread may inspire

works of compassion and mercy

among those to whom much has been given**.**

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

(Luke) One: Let us pray for the farmers

with limited or marginal land throughout the world,

for those who lack access to water and other resources,

and for the light of research and support services

to shine in the lives of all God's people**.**

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

(Judi) One: Let us pray for an end to the divisions and inequalities

that scar God's creation,

particularly the barriers to freedom

faced by God's children throughout the world because of gender;

that all who have been formed in God's image

might have equality in pursuit of the blessings of creation**.**

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

(Mark) One: Let us pray for the health of women, children,

and families around the world,

especially for an end to maternal and child mortality,

that in building healthy families,

all God’s people may be empowered

to strengthen their communities

and repair the breaches which divide nations and peoples**.**

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

(Judi) One: Let us pray for an end to pandemic disease throughout the world,

particularly those exacerbated by lack of nutritious food and outright hunger;

that plagues of death may no longer fuel poverty, destabilize nations,

and inhibit reconciliation and restoration throughout the world**.**

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

(Luke) One: Let us pray for an end to the waste and desecration of God's creation,

for access to the fruits of creation to be shared equally among all people,

and for communities and nations to find sustenance

in the fruits of the earth and the water God has given us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

(Mark) One: Let us pray for all nations and people

who already enjoy the abundance of creation and the blessings of prosperity,

that their hearts may be lifted up to the needs of the poor and afflicted,

and partnerships between rich and poor for the reconciliation of the world

may flourish and grow.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer. Amen**

*~ posted on the National Catholic Rural Life Conference website***.**

**Song: Come Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table; LU 300: 1, 2, 3, 4**

**“Come now, you blessed; eat at my table,”**

**said Jesus Christ to the righteous above.**

**“When I was hungry, thirsty and homeless,**

**sick and in prison, you showed me your love.”**

**When did we see you hungry or thirsty?**

**When were you homeless, a stranger alone?**

**When did we see you sick or in prison?**

**What have we done that you call us your own?**

**“When you gave bread to earth’s hungry children,**

**when you gave shelter to war’s refugees,**

**when you remembered those most forgotten,**

**you cared for me in the smallest of these.”**

**Christ, when we see you out on life’s roadways,**

**looking to us in the faces of need,**

**then may we know you, welcome, and show you**

**love that is faithful in word and in deed.**

**Prayers of the People** (*please conclude the prayer with a prayer of illumination for the readings of scripture and message.)*

**WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD**

**Scripture: 2 Kings 7:1-11 (NIV)**

Elisha replied, “*Hear the word of the Lord. This is what the Lord says: About this time tomorrow, a seahof the finest flour will sell for a shekeland two seahsof barley for a shekel at the gate of Samaria*.” The officer on whose arm the king was leaning said to the man of God, “*Look, even if the Lord should open the floodgates of the heavens, could this happen?*” “You will see it with your own eyes,” answered Elisha, “*but you will not eat any of it!”*

**The Siege Lifted**

Now there were four men with leprosyat the entrance of the city gate. They said to each other, “*Why stay here until we die?* *If we say, ‘We’ll go into the city’—the famine is there, and we will die. And if we stay here, we will die. So let’s go over to the camp of the Arameans and surrender. If they spare us, we live; if they kill us, then we die.”*

At dusk they got up and went to the camp of the Arameans. When they reached the edge of the camp, no one was there,for the Lord had caused the Arameans to hear the sound of chariots and horses and a great army, so that they said to one another, “*Look, the king of Israel has hired the Hittite and Egyptian kings to attack us!”* So they got up and fled in the dusk and abandoned their tents and their horses and donkeys. They left the camp as it was and ran for their lives.

The men who had leprosy reached the edge of the camp, entered one of the tents and ate and drank. Then they took silver, gold and clothes, and went off and hid them. They returned and entered another tent and took some things from it and hid them also.

Then they said to each other, “*What we’re doing is not right. This is a day of good news and we are keeping it to ourselves. If we wait until daylight, punishment will overtake us. Let’s go at once and report this to the royal palace.”*

So they went and called out to the city gatekeepers and told them, “*We went into the Aramean camp and no one was there—not a sound of anyone—only tethered horses and donkeys, and the tents left just as they were*.” The gatekeepers shouted the news, and it was reported within the palace.

**Message: “Plenty for All”**

**WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER AND HOPE FOR A NEW WORLD**

**Offering—World Renew**

**Song: See My Hands and Feet, LU 929: 1, 2**

**Touch that soothes and heals the hurting,**

**hands that break a loaf of bread;**

**steps that walk beside the weary,**

**bearing burdens in their stead:**

***Refrain***

**See my hands and feet, said Jesus,**

**love arisen from the grave.**

**Be my hands and feet, said Jesus,**

**live as ones I died to save.**

**Feed the hungry, clothe the naked,**

**visit ones in need of care,**

**give the homeless warmth and shelter:**

**Christ will find a welcome there.**

**Refrain**

**See my hands and feet, said Jesus,**

**love arisen from the grave.**

**Be my hands and feet, said Jesus,**

**live as ones I died to save.**

**We Dare to Dream**

(Judi) We dare to dream of a world

in which hunger is unknown:

where scarcity is an illusion,

and everyone has a place at the table.

(Luke) We dare to dream of a world

in which generosity is the norm:

where greed finds no foothold,

and there is more than enough for all.

(Judi) We dare to dream of a world

in which love rules:

where compassion is the first response,

and there is no place for bigotry**.**

**All: We dare to dream.**

**We dare to pray.**

**We dare to believe.**

***~ from Hunger for Justice: posted on the Canadian Foodgrains Bank website*.**

**Song: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service, LU 928: 4**

**Called through worship to your service,**

**forth in your dear name we go,**

**to the child, the youth, the aged,**

**love in living deeds to show.**

**Hope and health, goodwill and comfort,**

**counsel, aid, and peace we give,**

**that your servants, Lord, in freedom**

**may your mercy know, and live.**

**SENT TO SERVE**

**God Blesses Us**

As you have been loved – love.

As you have been welcomed – welcome.

As you have been fed – feed.

As you have received – give.

And may the boundless love of God,

the grace of Jesus Christ,

and the presence of the Holy Spirit

be always with you**.**

And all God’s people said: Alleluia! Amen

**Song: Let Justice Flow Down, LU 295: 1, 2**

***Refrain***

**Let justice flow down, down like a river,**

**down to the valleys where the helpless cry.**

**Let righteousness flow through us forever,**

**lead us to the stream that will never run dry.**

**Flow to the mouths of the hungry;**

**flow to the hands of the poor.**

**Flow to the hearts of the orphans,**

**heal the wounds of war.**

***Refrain***

**Let justice flow down, down like a river,**

**down to the valleys where the helpless cry.**

**Let righteousness flow through us forever,**

**lead us to the stream that will never run dry.**

**Flow to the streets of the homeless,**

**finding no place they can go.**

**Flow to the cells of the prisoners**

**acing each day alone.**

***Refrain***

**Let justice flow down, down like a river,**

**down to the valleys where the helpless cry.**

**Let righteousness flow through us forever,**

**lead us to the stream that will never run dry.**

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