



**Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Progressive in Approach:
Christ-like in Action!**

**Online Worship: August 9, 2020
Matthew 14:22-83 - 1 Kings 19:9-18
Taking Jesus Seriously?**

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Welcome:

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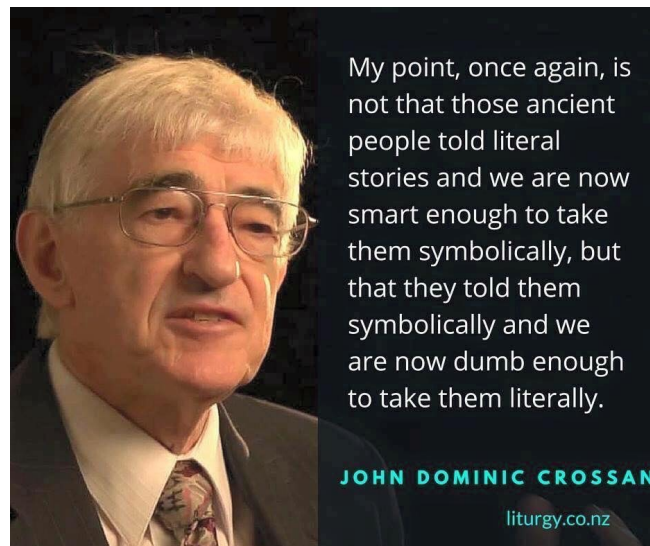
We worship as we live, in the midst of the LOVE
which IS the DIVINE MYSTERY we call God.
Our LOVER, BELOVED, and LOVE ITSELF. Amen.

Prelude:

Prelude Op. 2. No.2 by Aleksandr Scriabin
photos by Wayne Dawe

Invocation:

The grace of CHRIST who rises in every act of kindness,
the LOVE which IS God
and the power of the HOLY SPIRIT is with you all.
Thanks be to all that IS HOLY.



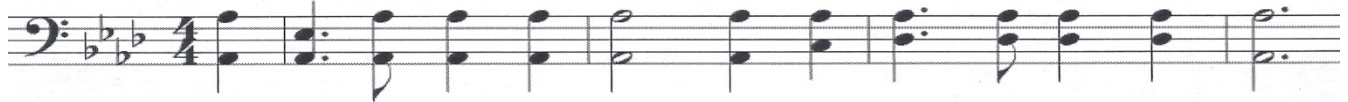
My point, once again, is
not that those ancient
people told literal
stories and we are now
smart enough to take
them symbolically, but
that they told them
symbolically and we
are now dumb enough
to take them literally.

JOHN DOMINIC CROSSAN

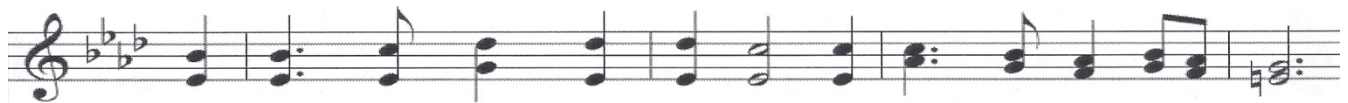
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1. We come to tell our sto - ries, our sa - cred truth im - part;
2. O Sis - ter - Broth - er Spir - it, with - in us and a - bove,
3. O Sis - ter - Broth - er Spir - it, we hear Your gen - tle call



O Sis - ter - Broth - er Spir - it, in - spire our minds and hearts.
re - veal - ing through our sto - ries Your ev - er - last - ing love,
to share our sa - cred sto - ries, that lib - er - ate us all.



We weave our lives with sto - ries; a tap - es - try un - folds,
em - power us through our sto - ries to claim our voic - es strong,
Our stor - ies join to - geth - er to show a wid - er view,



with scenes of pain and glo - ry, in - spir - ing young and old.
to speak for peace and jus - tice, to sing cre - a - tion's song.
a vi - sion for our jour - ney, a rev - e - la - tion new.



We come to share our sto - ries, our strug - gles and our glo - ries,



our life - re - new - ing sto - ries, the Ho - ly Spir - it's gifts.



Prayer of the Day:

As storms rage all around us, let us breathe deeply of the SPIRIT of the ONE who IS LOVE. Let us open ourselves to the power of LOVE which nourishes, grounds and sustains all life. Let LOVE be our guide, our strength, and our joy. We pray trusting LOVE to work in, with, through, and beyond us to calm the raging storms and bring the peace through justice.

We pray to the ONE who is Beyond the Beyond and Beyond that also, and yet still whispers within our very selves. May the ONE who IS continue to speak to us now and always. Amen.

Hebrew Scriptures: 1 Kings 19:9-18

There Elijah went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of YHWH came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah? Elijah replied, "I have been very zealous for YHWH God Omnipotent. The people of Israel have abandoned your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death by the sword. I am the only one left, and now they're trying to kill me too."

God said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of YHWH, for YHWH is about to pass by."

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountain apart and shattered the rocks by YHWH's power – but YHWH was not in the whirlwind. After the wind there was an earthquake – but YHWH was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire – but YHWH was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. (in Hebrew: a Bath Qol - the Daughter of a Sound)

When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Acclamation: ***One In Whom We Live***

Kristopher E. Lindquist

One in whom we live, One in whom we move,
One in whom we have our be-ing, One the Life in All.

Text inspired by Epimenides, 6th c. BCE (in Acts 17:27-29)

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Gospel:

Matthew 14:23-33

And five thousand families were fed. Jesus insisted that the disciples get into the boat and precede him to the other side. Having sent the crowds away, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray, remaining there alone as night fell.

Meanwhile the boat, already a thousand yards from shore, was being tossed about in the waves, which had been raised by the fierce winds. At about three in the morning, Jesus came walking toward them on the lake. When the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water, they were terrified. "It is a ghost!" they said and in their fear, they began to cry out.

Jesus hastened to reassure them: "Don't worry, it's me! Don't be afraid!"

Peter spoke up and said, "If it is really you, tell me to come to you across the water." "Come!" Jesus said.

So Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was, he became frightened. He began to sink, and cried out, "Save me!"

Jesus immediately stretched out his hand and caught Peter. "You of so little faith!" Jesus said to him. "Why did you doubt?"

Once they had climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat showed great reverence, declaring to Jesus, "You are indeed God's own!"

Reflection: **If we are to take Jesus' teachings seriously,
we must look beneath the surface!**

Song of the Day

This Path We Walk

TUNE: O WALY WALY, WORDS: S. Curtis Tufts

**This path we walk, through joy and tears,
a living Way of faith and fears,
through each step's risk, each sorrow's pain,
when walked in LOVE, we'll rise again.**

**These gifts we bring, this light we hold,
our songs of grace, our stories told,
remain un-done, told just in part,
till shared in LOVE, and known by heart.**

**When life is shared, together bound,
God's richest gifts, together found;
together walk the Spirit's Way
when LOVE's the guide, we shall not stray.**

Interpretation of the Prayer Jesus taught...

**LOVING PRESENCE, luminous in all creation,
hallowed be your name.
Thy Kin-dom come.
May we reflect on earth the yielding perfection of the heavens.
Help us to receive an illumined measure from the earth this day.
Forgive us when we trespass against others,
human and other-than-human,
as we forgive others who trespass against us.
Keep us on the path of wisdom
when we are tempted to take the selfish path.
May it be your rule we follow, your power we exercise,
and your radiance that allures.
May this be the truth that guides our lives,
the ground from which our future will grow,
until we meet again. Amen.**

If Darwin Prayed, by Bruce Sanguin (Fall, 2010)
Lord's Prayer: translation from Aramaic by Bruce Sanguin.

Blessing

**Listen, the Bath Qol
to the daughter of a sound.
Listen to the wisdom which lives and breathes
in, with, through and beyond us,
so that together we can walk upon the water,
and quell the raging storms.
So, that all can live in the peace
which heals, nourishes, grounds and sustains all life.
Let it be so.
In the name of the ONE who is our
CREATOR, CHRIST and SPIRIT, ONE. Amen.**

Announcements: Zoom Coffee-time Check-in – Sunday August 16 at 11:30am
***Look for the link in your email or send us an email and we will
send the link holycrosslutheran@rogers.com***

Sending:
**GO IN PEACE.
Be LOVE in the world.
Thanks be to all that is holy!**

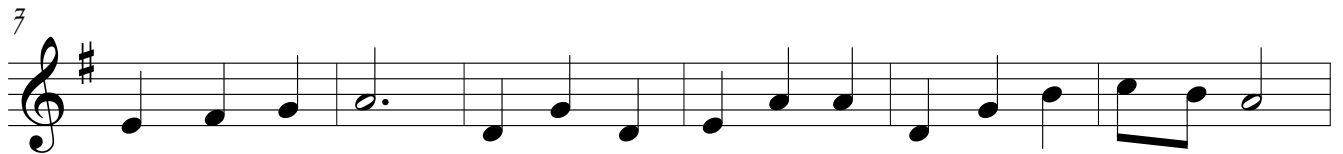
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Limitless LOVE

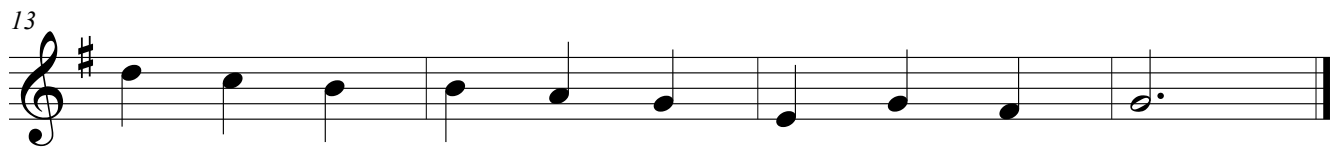
by Joyce Marshall



1. God of in - fi - ni - ty, God of hu - man - i - ty, Giv - er, Cre - a - tor, your
2. Give us the faith that your pres - ence is ev - ery - where as it has been with your
5. God un - i - vers - al and God of the per - son - al, Source of all wis - dom, Sus -



like - ness we seek: faith, hope and char - i - ty blend - ed in un - i - ty,
saints through the years: faith that moves moun - tains, en - cour - ag - ing, streng - then - ing,
tain - er and Friend, Spi - rit in - tang - i - ble, in - comp - re - hens - i - ble,



guid - ing our act - ions, the words that we speak.
bind - ing to - geth - er, dis - pel - ling our fears.
Love with - out lim - it and Life with - out end.

Postlude

Arietta by Edvard Grieg

photos by Wayne Dawe



Gather with us! ONLINE
Sundays @ 10:45am
We are reviving the early Christian practice of "Home Church."
Updated for these challenging times:
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Opening ourselves
to the MYSTERY
which is God
who IS LOVE

OFFERINGS:

There are several ways to ensure that we are able to continue meeting our commitments.

You can mail in your offerings:

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
1035 Wayne Drive
Newmarket, On. L3Y 2W9

You can sign up to our Preauthorized Remittance Program PAR
contact our Treasurer Sharon Smyth who will guide you

You can go to Holy Cross' **CanadaHelps** page to donate just follow the link:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/36983>

E-transfer

You can now transfer funds via email to:
holy.cross.donations@rogers.com

CARE TEAM:

We are doing our best to connect with our HC Family. We are grateful that at the moment we have more volunteers than we need. This will serve us well in the coming weeks. Soon, we will be creating a phone chain to ensure that we all stay connected. If you need help, or simply a conversation, **PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE** to leave a voicemail on the church phone: 905-898-1682 – we are checking these messages 3 times a day. So, someone will get back to you ASAP.

You can also call Pastor Dawn directly on her cellphone 905-868-0897.

Join us Sunday August 16th - 11:30am
for a Zoom Catch-up
Bring your coffee and we'll chat!