

## **Nancy Elizabeth Miller Raabe**

Nancy Raabe has been pastor at Atonement Lutheran Church in Beloit since May 2016. Previously she was an Associate in Ministry at Luther Memorial Church in Madison in women's and senior ministries. Before that she served as organist, choir director, and handbell director in congregations in Columbus, Ohio and Cambridge, Wisconsin.

Nancy graduated from Pomona College in music, *Phi Beta Kappa*. She completed doctoral coursework and exams in musicology at Brandeis University. She holds two master's degrees in theology from Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio. She completed her preparation for ordination at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa.

Nancy's books have been published by Morningstar Music, Concordia Publishing, and Lutheran University Press. Her organ, piano, vocal, choral, and liturgical music has been published by Augsburg, Hope, Concordia, Morningstar, Northwestern, and Choristers Guild. Her devotional writing has appeared in *Bread for the Day*, *Christ in Our Home*, and *The Word in Season*.

Nancy has been a featured speaker at theology and worship conferences at Valparaiso University, Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Concordia University Chicago, and Shenandoah University, and for ELCA's Southern Ohio Synod and South-Central Synod of Wisconsin. She was the founding editor of *In Tempo*, a publication of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians devoted to the practice of church music.

Prior to her service to the church, Nancy was a classical music critic for daily newspapers in Boston, Milwaukee, and Birmingham. Her articles on music have appeared in *The New York Times* and other national publications, and her monthly column "Faith and Culture" ran in the *Beloit Daily News*.

Nancy's parents were Charles and Mary Miller. Her husband William is an author and retired business professor. Their adult children are Margaret, a graduate of the College of Wooster and The Ohio State University, and Martin, a graduate of St. Olaf College. Margaret and Martin reside in Philadelphia and Minneapolis, respectively.

Nancy has been called by Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Marshall, Wisconsin, and begins serving there tomorrow.

## **Service of Holy Communion and Ordination of Nancy Elizabeth Miller Raabe to the ministry of Word and Sacrament**



**Saturday, January 13 at 1:00 PM  
Atonement Lutheran Church  
901 Harrison Ave.  
Beloit, Wisconsin**

## Thanksgiving

### *For spiritual mentors*

Walter Bouman (1929-2005), professor, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio

William Raabe, husband

Richard Phillips, organist and choirmaster, Advent Episcopal School, Birmingham, Alabama

Lisa Dahill, associate professor, California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, California

Bruce Bengtson, director of music, Luther Memorial Church, Madison

Jack Finney, Christ Lutheran Church, Stoughton

### *For support and encouragement*

Bishop Mary Froiland, South-Central Synod of Wisconsin

Rev. Charles Larson, Nancy's internship supervisor

Suelyn Swiggum, Luther Memorial Church, Madison

Members of the South Rock County Conference and pastors' text study group, Jack Way,  
Luther Valley Lutheran Church, Dean

Pattye Gilmour, Atonement Lutheran Church

David Rounds, Atonement Lutheran Church

*All are warmly invited to a light reception following the service  
in the Klingberg Chapel, down the hall from the sanctuary.*

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### Those serving today

Presider: Bishop Mary Froiland, South-Central Synod of Wisconsin

Preacher: Reverend Charles Larson, member, Lake Edge Lutheran Church, Madison

Assisting Minister: Martin Raabe, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Organist: Deacon Linda Kempke, First Lutheran Church, Lorain, Ohio

Cantor: Marawa Stanley, Atonement Lutheran Church

Presenters: Tiffany Chadwick and Mary Grossman, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Marshall

Readers:

Bekah Engstrand, Westwood Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Paula Raabe, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Skokie, Illinois

Giving of the stole: William Raabe

Charges:

David Raabe, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Skokie, Illinois

Judith Braham, Luther Memorial Church, Madison

Patricia Devins, Atonement Lutheran Church, Beloit

Deacon Judith Nolde, Triangle Community, Madison

### GATHERING

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.  
**Amen.**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water is poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.  
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.  
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.  
To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie

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Glory to God

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-13

<sup>10</sup>For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

<sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

<sup>12</sup>For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

<sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the briar shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Blessing

SENDING HYMN:

LET THE WHOLE CREATION CRY



1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"  
2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,  
3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"  
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.  
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;  
Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;  
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.  
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"  
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

4. Sing to God with hearts ablaze!  
Heaven's dome resounds with praise!  
Father-, Son- and Spirit-led,  
By God's mercy we are fed.  
God is love, forgiveness free,  
Undeserving though we be.  
Three in one, for thee we long,  
Be our poem, prayer and song! (Nancy M. Raabe, © 2009)

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### Preface

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY

### LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## LAMB OF GOD

Hymns during the distribution:

*Now the Silence*

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*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

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*Be Thou My Vision*

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## Psalm 65

*Cantor sings refrain, assembly repeats. Verses: Cantor, light; assembly, bold.*

Refrain: All N. Raabe

You crown the year with your good - ness, and your  
paths o - ver - flow with plen - ty.

<sup>1</sup>You are to be praised, O | God, in Zion;  
to you shall vows | be fulfilled.

<sup>2</sup>**To you, the one | who answers prayer,  
to you all | flesh shall come.**

<sup>3</sup>Our sins are strong- | er than we are,  
but you blot out | our transgressions.

<sup>4</sup>**Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your | courts to dwell there!  
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness | of your temple. R**

<sup>5</sup>Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of | our salvation,  
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans | far away.

<sup>6</sup>**You make firm the mountains | by your power;  
you are girded a- | bout with might.**

<sup>7</sup>You still the roaring | of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor | of the peoples.

<sup>8</sup>**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your | marvelous signs;  
you make the dawn and the dusk to | sing for joy. R**

<sup>9</sup>You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God  
is | full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide | for the earth.

<sup>10</sup>**You drench the furrows and smooth | out the ridges;  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and | bless its increase.**

<sup>11</sup>You crown the year | with your goodness,  
and your paths over- | flow with plenty.

<sup>12</sup>May the fields of the wilderness be | rich for grazing,  
and the hills be | clothed with joy.

<sup>13</sup>May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak them- | selves  
with grain;  
let them shout for | joy and sing. R

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15: 51-58**

<sup>51</sup>Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, <sup>52</sup>in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. <sup>53</sup>For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup>When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

"Death has been swallowed up in victory."

<sup>55</sup>"Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?"

<sup>56</sup>The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup>But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>58</sup>Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

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The holy gospel according to John, the first chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: John 1:35-51**

<sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup>He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon

*The assembly stands.*

**Acclamation by the Assembly**

*The ministers and the ordinand face the assembly.*

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

Will you, assembled as the people of God and speaking for the whole church, receive Nancy as a messenger of Jesus Christ, sent by God to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard her as a servant of Christ?

**We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Will you pray for her,  
help and honor her for her work's sake,  
and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

**We will, and we ask God to help us.**

*The presiding minister presents the newly ordained to the assembly.*

Let it be acclaimed that Nancy Elizabeth Miller Raabe is a called and ordained minister in the church of Christ. She has Christ's authority to preach the word of God and administer the sacraments, serving God's people as together we bear God's creative and redeeming love to all the world.

**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.*

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The assembly shares the peace.*

**MEAL**

**OFFERING**     *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song as I Journey*     **Setting by David Cherwien**  
*Today's offering will be directed to Caritas Community Resource Center in Beloit.*

**OFFERTORY**

**TAKE MY LIFE, THAT I MAY BE**

**ELW 583**

Hear the words of the apostles: "Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called." (1 Timothy 6:11-12)

And again: "In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching.....always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully." (2 Timothy 4:1-2, 5)

And again: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you guardians, to feed the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son." (Acts 20:28)

And again: "Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy." (1 Corinthians 4:1-2)

*The presiding minister continues.*

Nancy, care for God's people, bear their burdens,  
and do not betray their confidence.

So discipline yourself in life and teaching that you preserve the truth,  
giving no occasion for false security or illusory hope.

Witness faithfully in word and deed to all people.

Give and receive comfort as you serve within the church.

And be of good courage, for God has called you,  
and your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

**Blessing**

*The presiding minister continues.*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will,  
working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight;  
through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

**Amen.**

Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Rev. Charles Larson

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

***THE SON OF GOD, OUR CHRIST***

**ELW 584**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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 body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## RITE OF ORDINATION

### Introduction

### Presentation

*The assembly stands. The candidate for ordination gathers with presenters and participating ministers before the assembly.*

*The ordinand is presented to the presiding minister and to the assembly.*

I present for ordination to the ministry of word and sacrament Nancy Elizabeth Miller Raabe, who has been prepared, examined, and approved for this ministry, and who has been called by the church to this ministry through Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Marshall, Wisconsin.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The presenters move aside, and the assembly is seated.*

### Address and Questions

*The presiding minister addresses the ordinand.*

All baptized Christians are called to share in Christ's ministry of love and service in the world, to the glory of God and for the sake of the human family and the whole creation. According to apostolic usage you are now to be entrusted with the office of word and sacrament in the one holy catholic church by the laying on of hands and by prayer.

We praise you that, having ascended into heaven, Christ pours out his gifts abundantly on the church, making some apostles, some prophets, some pastors and teachers, to equip your people for their work of ministry for building up the body of Christ.

*The presiding minister lays both hands on the head of the ordinand. Other ordained pastors who are participating in the laying on of hands place one hand on the ordinand.*

*Following a time of silent prayer, the presiding minister continues, praying for the ordinand.*

Eternal God, through your Son, Jesus Christ,  
pour out your Holy Spirit upon Nancy  
and fill her with the gifts of grace for the ministry of word and sacrament.  
Bless her proclamation of your word and administration of your sacraments,  
so that your church may be gathered for praise and strengthened for service.  
Make her a faithful pastor, patient teacher, and wise counselor.  
Grant that in all things she may serve without reproach,  
that your people may be renewed and your name be glorified in the church;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

### Giving of a Stole

*The ordinand remains kneeling. A stole is placed over the ordinand's shoulders.*

Receive this stole as a sign of your work, and live in obedience to the Lord Jesus, serving his people and remembering his promise: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (*Matthew 11:28-30*)

### Charge

*The ordinand stands. The following scripture passages are addressed to the ordinand.*



**hear our prayer.**

For Nancy's family,  
that they support and participate in Nancy's vocation,  
and that they be strengthened in their own forms of ministry:

God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For the glorious company of all the saints,  
those who have died in faith and those who live in certain hope, we praise you.  
That their witness may give us courage until the day of Jesus Christ:

God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers.*

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

**HYMN OF INVOCATION      COME, HOLY GHOST, GOD AND LORD**

**ELW 395**

*Following the hymn, the ordinand kneels.*

**Thanksgiving**

*The presiding minister leads the assembly in giving thanks.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
we bless you for your infinite love in Christ our Lord,  
in whom we have redemption and forgiveness of sins  
according to the riches of his grace.

We thank you that by his death your Son overcame death,  
and that, raised by your mighty power, he gives us new life.

*A reading from John:* Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (*John 20:21-23*)

*A reading from Matthew:* Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."  
(*Matthew 28:18-20*)

*A reading from First Corinthians:* I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.  
(*1 Corinthians 11:23-26*)

*The presiding minister questions the ordinand.*

Before almighty God, to whom you must give account,  
and in the presence of this assembly, I ask:

Will you assume this office,  
believing that the church's call is God's call  
to the ministry of word and sacrament?

*The ordinand responds:*

I will, and I ask God to help me.

The church in which you are to be ordained confesses that the holy scriptures are the word of God and are the norm of its faith and life. We accept, teach, and confess the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds.

We also acknowledge the Lutheran confessions as true witnesses and faithful expositions of the holy scriptures. Will you therefore preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures and these creeds and confessions?

*The ordinand responds:*

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace? Will you pray for God's people, nourish them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

*The ordinand responds:*

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you give faithful witness in the world,  
that God's love may be known in all that you do?

*The ordinand responds:*

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things,  
graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

*The assembly responds: Amen.*

### **Prayers of Intercession**

*The assembly stands for the prayers of intercession.*

*The assisting minister invites the assembly into prayer.*

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,  
let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

For the holy catholic church,  
that, filled with your love,  
it may hunger for truth and thirst after righteousness:  
God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For all members of the church,  
that they may serve you in true and godly lives:  
God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For Nancy, called to be a pastor in the church,

that, sustained by your Holy Spirit,  
she may carry out this ministry with joy and a spirit of bold trust,  
serve your people, build up your church, and glorify your name:  
God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For all pastors; for all deacons, deaconesses, diaconal ministers, and associates in ministry;  
for Elizabeth, our presiding bishop; for Mary, our synodical bishop; for Steven, our assistant  
to the bishop;  
that, together with all those responsible for the care and nurture of your people, they may  
support one another in serving Christ:  
God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For the peace of the church,  
that our divisions may be overcome,  
so that, united in Christ, we may serve the world  
and bear witness to the good news:  
God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For the nations of the world and their leaders,  
that they may work for justice  
and promote the dignity and freedom of every person:  
God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For the whole creation,  
that everything you have made may fulfill your purpose  
and that we may exercise care for your diverse gifts:  
God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, the lonely, the forgotten, and all who suffer;  
for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger,  
that they may be relieved and protected:  
God of mercy,