

Worship Plan for Sunday, October 14, 2018

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to worship!
God is here!

Wherever we're from, whatever we've done.
God welcomes us!

Come, hear what God says to us.
God speaks to us!

The Lord is in this place.
Come, let us worship the Lord!

NOW THE FEAST

Now the Feast and Celebration (ELW 167)

LITANY OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Often, loving God,
We feel lost and alone.
We blame others for not caring about us.
We complain when things don't go our way.
And we forget that you are always with us.

Forgive us when we put things ahead of you,
or choose our own path over following you.
And help us to trust your ways above our own.
Amen.

Jesus understands how impossible our lives can feel,
yet he assures us that "for God, all things are possible."
So know, friends, that no matter what has happened in your life,
no matter how many times you have walked away,
God loves you fully, forgives you completely,
and continues to call you to new life, in + Jesus' name.
Thanks be to God! 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of the cross and live in newness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

CHOIR ANTHEM

(The first reading is read by the lay assistant)

THE FIRST LESSON: Job 23:1-9, 16-17

A reading from the book of Job.

Then Job answered: ²“Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning.

³Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling!

⁴I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments.

⁵I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me.

⁶Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me.

⁷There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.

⁸“If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him;

⁹on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;

I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.

¹⁶God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me;

¹⁷If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!

The reading may be concluded:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 4:12-16

A reading from Hebrews.

²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The reading may be concluded:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(The gospel is read by the pastor)

GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31

The gospel is announced:

The holy gospel according to St. Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.

¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'"

²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth."

²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"

²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!

²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?"

²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you."

²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news,

³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.

³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending (ELW 678)

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 to the dead.**

**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.**

PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

OFFERTORY

A Story For All People (vs 4)

*(The pastor reads the introduction and the ending,
the lay assistant reads indented petitions.)*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Longing for God's will to be fulfilled among us, we pray persistently for the church, for the world, and for all people in need.

Almighty God, you are holy and righteous. Cut our hearts open by your living word. Break down our pride and self-assurance, and transform us by your gentle mercy. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We ask that you bless the workers who are clearing fields to prepare for the barren season to come, and bring the harvest of your creation to completion. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray that you will exercise and establish justice in courtrooms, prisons, and neighborhoods, and guide those who manage wealth to do so with compassion. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Pour out your favor on those who are afflicted and feeling far removed from you, *especially...*

...and others for whom we now pray, either aloud or in silence now.

Please send companions to all these people so they can show them that you are near. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Build up relationships among people of different beliefs and backgrounds. Use the cooperation between this congregation and our community to reveal your goodness. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Gather us with all the saints made righteous in the death and resurrection of Christ. Through him give us all the gifts of your kingdom, and life eternal. Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

O God of justice and love,

we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and bring all the world to your feast.

For, in the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying;

“Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying;

“This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit; in our gathering; within this meal; and among your people throughout the world; even as we pray in the words of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION

(The prayer after communion is read by the lay assistant)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy and compassionate God,
in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous.
May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness,
that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

Amen.

BLESSING

As we leave this place now, let us go, daring to do great things for God!
Let us dare to take the risks to love, to live, to forgive,
and to welcome each other in God's love.
And may the power and gentleness of Christ go with us all.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven (ELW 864) vs. 1, 2, 4

(The dismissal is given by the lay assistant)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the Good News.

Thanks be to God!