**Worship Plan for Sunday, October 21, 2018**

**SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Creator God, who made the whole earth, be present to us now.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul. My God, you are very great!**

O God, you ride on the wings of the wind

And you bless us with your presence.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul. My God, you are very great!**

Speak to us, O God, Creator and Provider.

**Let us hear your voice and feel your presence as we worship.**

**NOW THE FEAST** *Now the Feast and Celebration (ELW 167)*

**LITANY OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Loving God,

**Each person is special to you. You love us all.**

**But sometimes we want to be first,**

**We want to be the one you love most.**

**Forgive us when we forget that you love us all unconditionally,**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

Jesus Christ gave his life for all the world, and for you.

In Jesus’ death and resurrection, you are forgiven, and your neighbor is forgiven.

In Jesus’ death and resurrection, you are made new, and all the world is made new.

Jesus life-giving love is for you, no matter what.

**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**

God of grace and glory,

We come to you this day surrounded by your beautiful creation.

Open us to experience the love and gentleness that is all around us,

Despite all that might seek to drown it out.

Help us to find the goodness in other and to promote your love

That offers hope and new life to all.

**Amen**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*The first reading is read by the lay assistant)*

**THE first lesson**:  Job 38: 1-7

A reading from the book of Job.

38Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: 2“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

3Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

4“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.

5Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?

6On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone 7when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

*The reading may be concluded:*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE Second lesson**:  **Hebrews 5:1-10**

A reading from Hebrews.

5Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.

2He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness;

3and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people.

4And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

5So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”;

6as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

7In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

8Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; 9and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him,

10having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

*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 10:35-45**

*The gospel is announced.*

The holy gospel according to St. Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

5James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.”

36And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” 37And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.”

38But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?”

39They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized;

40but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

41When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John.

42So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them.

43But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant,

44and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. 45For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

*The gospel concludes:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *O Christ, What Can It Mean to Us? (ELW 431, vs. 1, 2, 4)*

**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.

Holy One, open lines of communication within your church, enabling us to listen to each person’s voice and to life up each person’s unique gifts for your sake.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Fill creation from mountain peaks to the deepest valleys with your invigorating Spirit. Give strength and provision to animals preparing for colder weather.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Grant your Spirit of humility to those who hold authority. Direct political leaders to live in service to their citizens, and turn our eyes and hearts toward our neighbors.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Guard and protect the ones who call to you out of despair, illness, or injury, *especially….*

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

Deliver them from their struggles into havens where they find healing and friendship.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Beat the pain of people denied justice and experiencing violence. Bring your peaceful rule into the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Prepare a seat for all the saints in your holy realm. Bring us all into a righteous reality where honor is given to the lowly and where we all share in the life you give.

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**

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another,   
in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify   
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**Sending Song** *Lord, You Give the Great Commission (ELW 579) vs. 1, 3, 5*

*(The dismissal is given by the lay assistant)*

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the Good News.  
**Thanks be to God!**

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