**Worship Plan for Sunday, November 18, 2018**

**SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP –**

As we trust in the dawning of a new day, so we trust in God.

**Thank you, God, for the gift of this day.**

God gathers us now into a community sharing faith.

**Thank you, God, for the gift of this sacred place to worship you.**

God meets us here.

**Thanks be to God!**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE, NOW THE FEAST** *Now the Feast and Celebration (ELW 167)*

**LITANY OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

We are sorry, loving God, for the times that we have not lived our lives as people of your hope and promise.

We confess that our relationships have suffered when our thoughts, words, and deeds have not been reflections of the grace that we have received from you.

When things seem to be collapsing around us,

**Strengthen our faith in you, O God**

We are sorry, loving God, for building temples that will not last.

We confess that too often we have put our trust in the gods of the world.

We confess that too often we have judged our own worth and the worth of others by possessions and income levels.

When things seem to be collapsing around us,

**Strengthen our faith in you, O God**

Clean us up, loving God. Dust us off and renew us in your grace.

Strengthen us to embrace the new covenant that is ours through Christ.

Increase our patience to live as people of hope and promise.

When we come to you in confession,

**Strengthen our faith in you, O God**

Sisters and brothers, we are dearly loved by God in our strength and in our weakness. All that our sorrowing spirits need from God is offered through the grace of Jesus Christ. In Jesus’ death and resurrection, you are forgiven and made new. Now go and live as children of promise and hope.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, you are never reluctant to make us uncomfortable as you call us to be your light in the broken places we live. Your call is to grow and expand our vision and to live out your healing law of love. We are grateful, for you are with us always, and ready to give us the courage to open our hearts and the strength to respond by working together to build a world of justice and mercy. We open our hearts to you to hear your word and accept it and live it out. Thank you, for empowering us through the Holy Spirit to do your will. **Amen.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*The first reading is read by the lay assistant)***THE first lesson**:  1 Samuel 1:4-20

A reading from the book of the first book of Samuel:

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; 5but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. 6Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. 7So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. 8Her husband Elkanah said to her, “Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?”

9After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. 10She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. 11She made this vow: “O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.” 12As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. 13Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. 14So Eli said to her, “How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.” 15But Hannah answered, “No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. 16Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.” 17Then Eli answered, “Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.” 18And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your sight.”

Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

19They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. 20In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, “I have asked him of the Lord.”

*The reading may be concluded:*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE Second lesson**:  **Hebrews 10:11-14; 19-25**

A reading from Hebrews.

11And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. 12But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” 13and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” 14For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

19Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, 20by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), 21and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. 24And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, 25not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

*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 13:1-8**

*The gospel is announced.*

The holy gospel according to St. Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

3As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” 2Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

3When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 4“Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” 5Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. 6Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. 7When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. 8For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.

*The gospel concludes:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 358, vs 1, 3 5**

**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**

With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

O God, preserve your church from empty piety. Stir up our will to act with mercy and compassion. Keep our bishops, pastors, teachers, and all who proclaim your good news strong in faith. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, you made the church through the working of the Holy Spirit, and you provide the assurance of faith through your Son. Guide us in our proclamation of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

You created all things and said your creation was good. Protect land and water from harm, cause all living things to thrive, and raise up stewards for the well-being of creation.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

You desire peace for the whole world. Provide refuge for those in harm’s way. Bring an end to war, and instill in political leaders the love for all that comes from you.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

You reveal your compassion through caregivers, advocates, and medical professionals. Heal the sick, deliver the suffering, bind up the broken hearted, provide shelter for the homeless and food for the hungry. We pray *especially for….*

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

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

You bless us in our coming and going, our waking and sleeping, and in our daily work. Make our love and good deeds a reflection of the freedom you give us in Christ Jesus.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

You grant us everlasting life. Through the witness of your saints who now rest in the Lord, inspire us in our lives of faithful service.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, that we commend to you this day, trusting in your abundant mercy, through 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 - the worship resources did not include a blessing**God calls us to give the best we have.

As we serve, let us dare to serve with all that we are.

As we love, let us dare to love with our whole being.

As we care, let our caring be genuine.

And now, may the loving God surround and sustain us in all we say and do.

**Amen.**

**Sending Song  ELW 805**

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

**DISMISSAL**

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

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