**Worship Plan for Sunday, March 3, 2019**

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,   
who creates us and forms us,  
who redeems us and calls us,  
who unites us and sends us.  
**Amen.**

Gathered in God’s presence, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Mighty and loving God,

**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.  
We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ.   
In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us.   
Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts,   
and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love.   
Amen.**

Hear the voice of Jesus;  
“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives.”   
In the name of + Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you,   
your sins are forgiven, and you are released.   
The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever. **Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *This is the Feast (ELW p. 169)*

**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**

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity. Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

**Amen.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM** *This is my Beloved Son*

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

**The lesson** Exodus 34:29-35

*A reading from the book of Exodus.*

9Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.

30When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him.

31But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them.

32Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. 3

3When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face;

34but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded,

35the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

*The reading may be concluded:*Word of God, word of life.**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand to welcome the Gospel.*   
**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Alleluia (ELW p. 171)*

*(The gospel is read by the pastor)***THE GOSPEL** Luke 9:28-36

The holy gospel according to St. Luke.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

28Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray.

29And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. 30Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him.

31They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

32Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

33Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah” —not knowing what he said.

34While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud.

35Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” 36When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

*The gospel concludes:*The gospel of the Lord.**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDEN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Come, Beloved of the Master (ELW 306), vs 1, 2, 4, 5*

**SERMON**

**PEACE**

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

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

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, The world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church. Open us to listen to your word and to do your will. Direct us in paths of faithful service that reflect your love.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the earth, your beloved creation and our fragile home; for mountains and prairies, cities and wilderness. Renew places we have neglected or misused. Where natural disasters have altered the land, help us to honor nature’s healing.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the nations. Shine the light of truth into world relationships hindered by mistrust or misunderstanding. Bring freedom and stability to all nations. Shelter those who have been displaced by war, famine, or natural disaster.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those in need. Free those who struggle with shame or guilt. Bring clarity to those whose judgment is clouded by fear. Comfort those who grieve, and heal the sick…especially....

Lord, in your mercy. **hear our prayer.**

For this assembly. Deepen our faith and understanding. Guide our ministries of hospitality and outreach. Renew us in the baptismal promise to care for others and the world you have made.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With thanksgiving we remember those who have died. Inspire us by their example and bring us with them into the eternal light of your presence.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.   
**Amen.**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Almighty Lord, we praise your shining light, your glowing grace.  
From before the earth’s foundation, you loved us and promised us life forever.  
Within the earth’s deep sadness, we laud your great and glorious might.  
Despite our tears and sinning, we sing of the gladness of your mercy.

We praise your Son, our Morning Star, Christ, our diamond bright and treasure dead.  
,He is our living Savior who has ransomed us in love.  
He keeps us yours and fails us never- today, tomorrow, and forever.

On the night before his great salvation,   
He 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 in 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 in remembrance of me.

With joy we tell our story.   
**Alleluia!**

We call for your Spirit on us and this meal.   
Refresh our souls with this heavenly food, the body and blood of your Son.   
Nourish us as branches of your tree,  
and enlighten us with your undying flame.

We sing out to the Father, we ring out to the Son, we exult in the Spirit.  
Transport us in our yearning, and be for us the end and the beginning,   
our purest pleasure, our victorious crown, and never-ending love.  
And so we pray and praise.  
**Amen, amen, amen, amen!**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us.

**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**

Come. Be filled with the light and life of Jesus, our Lord.  
 **Thanks be to God.**

**COMMUNION**

Distribution Songs

Lamb of God (ELW p. 174)  
 O, Jesus, I Have Promised (ELW 810)

How Good, Lord, to be Here (ELW 315)

*(The prayer after communion is read by the lay assistant)***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O Morning Star, fair and bright,  
You have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure.   
Go with us now – today, tomorrow, every day – that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING**

The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path;   
and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,   
be upon you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

**Sending Song** *Arise, Your Light Has Come (ELW 314, Vs 1, 2, 4)*

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

**DISMISSAL**Go in peace. Be light for the world.  
**Thanks be to God!**