

Worship Plan for Sunday, February 9, 2020, 5th Sunday after Epiphany

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over
the waters.

Amen.

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of
Christ crucified and risen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God who searches and knows us,

**you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way.
we have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over
mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what
shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation
in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved of God,

you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God,
poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.

Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child; + your sins are forgiven.

Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Dearest Jesus, At Your Word

ELW 520

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

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we
accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we
ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord. **Amen.**

(The reading is read by the lay assistant)

THE FIRST LESSON

DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20

A reading from Deuteronomy.

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The reading may be concluded:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from First Corinthians

3And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

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

Matthew 5:21-37

The holy gospel according to Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. ³¹“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Be Thou My Vision

(ELW 793)

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting that God hears us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Shepherding God, you protect and guide us with your word. Lead your church into ever closer relationship with you, that we might better know your commands, hold fast to your decrees, and live in your law.

Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

God of the cosmos, heaven and earth bear witness to the splendor of all you have created. Bless the ground, trees, waterways, and skies with abundant life. Restore synergy between humankind and the natural world, that we may live in harmony with the world you have made.

Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

God of peace, you show solidarity with all who suffer. Bring an end to violence, war, discrimination, and all other forms of deadly hate, that we may experience your love through the power of justice.

Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

God of hope, you provide bountifully for all people. Use our lives to alleviate global injustice and eliminate poverty, that all benefit from the abundant gifts you pour out for your people.

Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

God of growth, you nurture this community. Cultivate in us a spirit of service to one another, and bless us in the ministry we share.

Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

God of our ancestors, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob, and Leah and Rachel, we give you thanks for our forebears in the faith who now rest in your eternal grace and love.

Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

Confident that you are able to accomplish more than we even dare to ask, we bring these prayers before you, believing in your saving grace revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

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

HYMN OF PRAISE

P. 169 – ELW

(This is the Feast)

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

On the night 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 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.

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)

Faith of Our Fathers

(ELW 812)

Take My Life, That I May Be

(ELW 685)

(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

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you

The Lord shine on you with grace and mercy

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Please turn to your neighbor and share this blessing with him or her:

May the Light of Christ....

Shine through us!

(those 2 lines are displayed on the screen to remind people)

SENDING SONG

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

(ELW 808)

(The dismissal is given by the lay assistant)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be light for the world.

Thanks be to God!