**June 2, 2019**

**SHARING OF CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed by the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water,  
The rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.  
**AMEN.**

Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

*Silence*

God of grace and glory,  
**You have brought us through the night of sin  
Into the light of Jesus’ resurrection.  
Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin.  
Make us alive in Christ, O God.**

**Make us new as you make all things new.  
Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace,  
And restore us to living in your holiness,  
Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.  
Amen.**

Rejoice with all creation around God’s throne!  
The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride.  
Jesus Christ loves you and + frees you from your sins by his blood.  
To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG** *This is the Feast (ELW p. 140)*

**GREETING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
 **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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.**

*The assembly is seated.*  
**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise that, amid all the changes of the world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**First Reading:** Acts 16:16-34

A reading from Acts….

16One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling.

17While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.”

18She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

19But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities.

20When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews

21and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.”

22The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods.

23After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely.

24Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

25About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

26Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened.

27When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped.

28But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.”

29The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.

30Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

31They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

32They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

33At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay.

34He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.  
  
Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING:** Revelation 22:12-21

A reading from the book of Revelation.

12“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work.

13I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

14Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

15Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

16“It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

17 The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let everyone who hears say, “Come.” And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

18I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book;

19if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away that person’s share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

20The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! 21The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand to welcome the Gospel.***\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 142)**

*(The gospel is read by the pastor)***THE GOSPEL: John 17:20-26**

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

20“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word,

21that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

22The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one,

23I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

24Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

25“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me.

26I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

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

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Thine the Amen (ELW 826, vs. 1, 4, 5)*

**SERMON**

**CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,   
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand   
of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church,   
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
And the life of the world to come.   
Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of the risen Christ, be with you always. **And also with you!**

*Please take a moment to greet one another with a sign of peace.*

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

Trusting God’s promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Bless diversity in worship and ministry across all nations and cultures. Unite us in Christ and keep us faithful in our calling to show your love to the world.   
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Pour out over all the earth the water of life as a gift. Wash the wounds of creation and restore all living things to wholeness. Protect ocean habitats, river ecosystems and wetlands.  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Give a spirit of collaboration to leaders of the nations, so that all people know safety, security, and dignity. Heal victims of torture and liberate those who are wrongfully imprisoned or detained.  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Come quickly to the aid of your people. Give wisdom and the gift of calm to military, prison, hospital, and hospice chaplains who stand as signs of your abiding presence. Refresh all who thirst for love, hope, or healing. *Especially….*   
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Let your word fill our hearts and our homes. Bless all who teach us the faith: pastors, and deacons, Sunday school and confirmation teachers, public theologians, mentors, curriculum writers and publishers.   
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Hold all the saints in the grace of the Lord Jesus. Sustain weary souls with the promise that the morning star is coming soon to lead us into light.  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God.   
Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.  
**Amen.**

*(please stand as you are able)* **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy, living, and loving God,  
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,  
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,  
and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us,  
healed the sick, fed the hungry,  
and with a love stronger than death,   
gave his life for others.

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, therefore,  
his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,  
we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:  
carry us in your arms from death to life,  
that we may live as your chosen ones,  
clothed in the righteousness of Christ  
who taught us to pray…

**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**

Jesus Christ, risen from the dead,  
gives everyone a place at the table.   
**Alleluia! Thanks be to God.**

**COMMUNION**

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

We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us  
Bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal.  
Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Blessing**

The blessing of the Lord God Almighty,  
The blessing of + Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
And the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth  
Be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

Please turn to your neighbor and offer this blessing to one another.  
**In the love of Jesus, we are one.**

**Sending Song** *Sent Forth by God’s Blessing (ELW 547)*

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

Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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