**May 12, 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.*  
**MOTHER’S DAY BLESSING**

**YOUTH CHOIR ANTHEM** The Lord god almighty reigns

**First Reading:** Acts 9:36-43

A reading from Acts….

36Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. 37At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. 38Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” 39So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. 40Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. 41He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. 42This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. 43Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING:** Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from Revelation…

9After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!” 11And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

13Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” 14I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. 16They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; 17for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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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 10:22-30

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

22At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, 23and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. 24So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” 25Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; 26but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. 27My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. 28I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. 29What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. 30The Father and I are one.”

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

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *The King of Love My Shepherd Is (ELW 502) vs. 1, 2, 6*

**SERMON**

**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.*

Shine your light through this and every congregation. Reveal to us the light of your salvation in places of hopelessness and decay. Anoint us and make us overflow with goodness and mercy.   
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for gentle rains that nourish green pastures and rejuvenate rivers and streams. Provide clean water for thirsty people, animals, and crops. Heal places suffering destruction caused by floods, storms, and mudslides.  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Empower authorities to be faithful shepherds who lead nations in pathways of righteousness and peace. Disrupt and deter the work of terrorists, religious and political extremists, and all who would choose the way of violence over the way of mercy.

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

Give strength and perseverance to those facing struggles of hunger or thirst, unemployment or homelessness, chronic illness or anxiety … *especially.* Be our never-failing voice of comfort through all the trials of this life.   
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Raise up faithful women as witnesses to your strength and compassion. Bless mothers and all who offer mothering care. Protect victims of sexism, abuse, and gender-based violence.   
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Salvation belongs to you, O God. You promise to wipe away every tear. Give us the assurance that all who live and die in you will rest forever beside the river of life.

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.**

**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 wife 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 AND OFFERING**

**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.**

**Sending Song** *Crown Him with Many Crowns (ELW 855) vs. 1, 4, 5*

*(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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