**May 19, 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 Lord God, you teach us that, without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love that, made alive by your spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**ADULT CHOIR ANTHEM** Holy spirit living breath of god

**First Reading:** Acts 11:1-18

A reading from Acts….

11Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. 2So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, 3saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” 4Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 5“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. 6As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. 7I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ 8But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ 9But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ 10This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. 11At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. 12The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. 13He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; 14he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ 15And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. 16And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ 17If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” 18When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

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

**SECOND READING:** Revelation 21:1-6

A reading from Revelation…

21Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; 4he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” 5And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” 6Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Word of God, word of life.  
**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 13:31-35

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

31When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 33Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ 34I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty (ELW 777, vs. 1, 2, 6)*

**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.*

Send your Holy Spirit upon your church. Awaken in us renewed commitment to our baptismal promises: to build community, to worship together, to share our faith, to serve others, and to work for justice and peace.   
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Forgive us for the ways we have caused creation to suffer. Inspire creativity as we explore new ways of reducing our consumption of the earth’s resources. Restore forests and waterways. Replenish the habitats of all endangered and threatened species.  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Call all nations to the repentance that leads to life. Empower legislators to craft laws reflecting your commandments to love and serve. Bless police officers, firefighters, paramedics, and first responders who put themselves at risk to care for others.

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

Make your home among us and shelter us from storms of death, mourning, crying, and pain. Draw near to those who weep and to those who are lonely. Restore health and wholeness to those who suffer. *Especially….*   
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give you thanks for those who carry out the ministry of hospitality: greeters, ushers, those who make coffee and bake cookies, all who welcome newcomers and care for children, and all who extend a hand of peace to neighbors.   
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You promise new life for all the faithful departed. Renew us in faith and hope until the day death is no more, when you will dwell with us in the new heaven and earth.

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** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (ELW 631, v. 1, 3, 4)*

*(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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