**May 5, 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**

Let us pray.  
Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lod, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen**

**adult choir anthem** *Simon, Son of John Dan Schutte*

**First Reading:** Acts 9:1-6

A reading from Acts….

**9** Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest

2and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

3Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. 4He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?”

5He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. 6But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.”

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

**SECOND READING:** Revelation 5:11-14

A reading from Revelation…

11Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, 12singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea,   
and all that is in them, singing, “To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

14And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

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 21:1-19

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

**21** After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way.

2Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples.

3Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

4Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. 5Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.”

6He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.

7That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea.

8But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

9When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. 10Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.”

11So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn.

12Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord.

13Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. 14This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

15When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.”

16A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.”

17He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.

18Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.”

19(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

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

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *With High Delight Let Us Unite (ELW 368)*

**SERMON**

**CREED**

**I believe in God,   
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,   
God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived   
by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died,   
and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand   
of the Father, and he will come   
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. 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.*

You call your disciples to follow the way of the cross by their words and works of love. Make your church a place of welcome and empathy for all people.   
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Every creature in heaven and on earth sings your praise. Give us deep appreciation for the vibrant diversity of creation – flowers and streams, animals and bugs, sunsets and stormy skies. Herp us to conserve the beauty around us.   
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Come to the aid of those who are persecuted, oppressed, or imprisoned by hostile governments. Walk with refugees and immigrants as they seek safe homes. Raise up leaders who are generous and hospitable to migrant families.   
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bring relief to bodies weary with pain or sickness. Bless doctors, nurses, hospice workers, home health care providers, therapists, social workers, and all caregivers who demonstrate your love in acts of healing and tenderness toward those in need …*Especially….*   
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You feed us at your holy table and send us out to feed others. Bless those who fish, bake, and cook; restaurant servers, grocery store workers, and food panty volunteers. Open our eyes to your grace present in every meal we share.   
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

All honor and glory and blessing belong to you. We praise you for the faith of the saints. Be near us as we await the day when we will feast with the risen Christ forever.   
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** *Christ Is Alive!  Let Christians Sing**(ELW 389)  
 vs. 1, 2, 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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