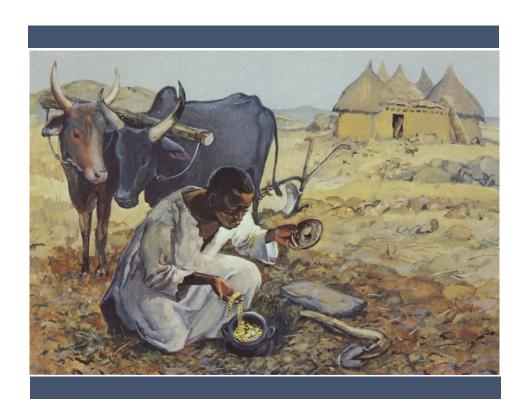
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Welcome to All in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord!

## Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

#### Welcome & Announcements

## **Confession & Forgiveness**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the  $\pm$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen** 

P: Lord Jesus, you show us the Father's love and grace. Lord, have mercy. **C: We confess our failure to love others as you love us. Lord, have mercy.** 

P: Lord Jesus, you defeated death and give life to all who keep your word. Christ, have mercy. **C: We confess that we ignore your word and miss out on abundant life. Christ, have mercy.** 

P: Lord Jesus, you pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, with gifts for the good of all. Lord, have mercy. **C: Forgive us when we do not use our gifts and forget the needs of others. Lord, have mercy.** 

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **C: Amen** 

#### **Apostolic Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.** 





Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. . . . Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.** 

## The Liturgy of the Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

## First Reading — 1 Kings 3:5-12

#### A reading from 1 Kings

<sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, "You have shown

great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. 7And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" 10lt pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. 11God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, 12 now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

P: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.** 

#### Psalm 119:129-136

- <sup>129</sup>Your de- ' crees are wonderful; therefore I obey them with ' all my heart.
- When your word goes forth it gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.
- <sup>131</sup>I open my mouth and pant; I long for your commandments.
- <sup>132</sup>Turn to 'me in mercy,as you always do to those who 'love your name.
- <sup>133</sup>Steady my footsteps ' in your word; let no iniquity have dominion ' over me.
- <sup>134</sup>Rescue me from those who oppress me, and I will keep your commandments.
- <sup>135</sup>Let your countenance shine up-<sup>1</sup> on your servant and teach <sup>1</sup> me your statutes.
- My eyes shed 'streams of tears, because people do not 'keep your law.

## Second Reading — Romans 8:26-39

## A reading from Romans

<sup>26</sup>The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

<sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

<sup>26</sup>We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

<sup>26</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that

he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. "What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? "Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. 35Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? \*\*As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conguerors through him who loved us. \*\*For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.** 

## Gospel Acclamation #611a

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

The cantor will sing the alleluia once alone and then the congregation repeats it.



Alleluia. Many will come from 'east and west\* and will eat in the king-'dom of heaven. Alleluia. [Matt. 8:11]

#### Holy Gospel — Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew. **C: Glory to you, O Lord**.

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; <sup>32</sup> it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." <sup>33</sup>He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." <sup>44</sup> "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup> "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup> on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. <sup>47</sup> "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>46</sup> when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into

baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>51</sup>"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

P: The gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

#### The Message

The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.







Text: Irish 8th-10th cent.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt Music: SLANE, Irish tune

#### **Apostles' Creed**

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

#### Prayers of the Church

P: Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers to the Father for the church, the world, and all people in need.

#### A brief silence.

P: Almighty God, equip bishops, pastors, deacons, and all who teach your Word to proclaim that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Form confirmands and catechumens into disciples. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great** 

P: Safeguard the environment, clean polluted rivers and lakes, preserve the mighty tree and the tiny mustard seed, and send advocates for sustainable practices. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great** 

P: Instill in all who govern, the ability to discern between good and evil, free those who are oppressed, and protect those facing danger.

Promote peace across the world and in our towns and neighborhoods. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.** 

P: Protect those fleeing from war, shelter any who are in poverty, clothe the naked, soothe all who grieve, and heal the sick especially........
Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great** 

P: Give strength and eager faith to this congregation. Grant safety to travelers and refreshment and safety for children attending summer camps or community programs. Give direction to anyone experiencing life transitions. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great** 

P: Eternal God, accept our thanks for your saints who now rest from their labors. Inspire us by their witness to treasure the gospel, and continually nourish us with your grace as we live in the hope of our resurrection. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great** 

P: Into your hands, O Father, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior. **C: Amen.** 

#### **Peace**

Because of Jesus' death and resurrection. God does not hold our sins against us. This is true peace, Like Jesus with his disciples, pastor shares the word of reconciliation from God to us.

We share Christ's forgiving and reconciling love with one another, binding ourselves to one another as community. As we are at peace with God, so we are also at peace with one another.

**Thanksgiving** We respond to God's abundant grace and mercy

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## Thanksgiving For the Word

P: O God of abundant life, we give thanks to you that you give us life through your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ. Open our ears, minds, and hearts to abide in your Word as branches abide in Christ the Vine, so that the fruit we bear in our lives might give you glory and lead others to experience your love. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **C: Amen.** 

## The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us how to pray.

C: 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.

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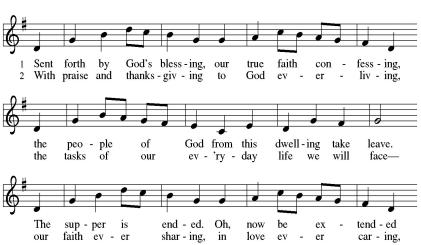
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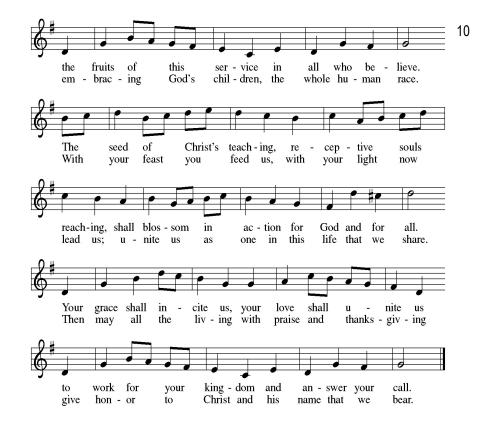
#### Benediction

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.** 

## Closing Hymn #547 ELW







Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.
Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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#### **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.** 

#### **Postlude**

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Memorial Service — Jennifer A. Olson — at St. Peter's Lutheran Saturday, August 12, 9:30 AM — Visitation 10:00 AM — Service Following the service, a luncheon will be served in the social hall.

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