

Bulletin for Confirmation Sunday, May 2, 2021

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Prelude/ Call to Worship ***Thank you Lord*** by Dani Lemieux and Adam Syed

Resurrection Acclamation

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

Welcome and Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

Kyrie

Tree of Life Liturgy

WL: In peace let us pray to the Lord

**C: Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy,
Mercy on us all.**

***WL: For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,
for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.***

**C: Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy,
Mercy on us all.**

***WL: For your people here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your
Word, let us pray to the Lord.***

**C: Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy,
Mercy on us all.**

***WL: Help save and defend us,
O Lord. Amen.***

Hymn of Praise

Tree of Life Liturgy

Refrain

**This is the feast, this is the feast,
this is the feast of vict'ry for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

**1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his. (*Refrain*)**

**2 Sing with all the people of God
and join in the hymn of all creation;
Blessing, honor, glory and might
to God and the Lamb forever and ever. (*Refrain*)**

**3 For the Lamb who was slain
has begun his reign.
Alleluia, alleluia.
Amen. (*Refrain*)**

Prayer of the Day

WL: *Let us pray.*

C: Lord of all,

In Jesus you have made us all sisters and brothers in Christ. There is no distinction between Gentile and Jew. There is no separation that can remove any from fellowship in Christ's community. Blind us to our differences so that in unity we may proclaim your truth to all, for the sake of Jesus Christ in whom there is harmony and peace. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE, PREACHING AND SONG

First Lesson **Acts 8: 26-39**

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

Children's Sermon

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia Tree of Life

**Alleluia, Alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go?
For you have the words, you have the words,
the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Gospel **Luke 24: 36-47**

(Before) **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

(After) **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Pastor Amanda Olson de Castillo

Hymn of the Day

Baptized and Set Free (ELW #453)

**1 We are people created,
chosen by God.
Then we're washed, ever gently,
in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more.
Jesus opened the door
to a fountain bringing healing,
and wholeness and more.**

**2 We are fed and we're nourished,
filled and refreshed.
Then our hunger returns and
again we are blessed.
For whatever the need,
God is greater indeed:
endless ocean, always deeper
than all of our need.**

**3 We are nourished by water,
all living things,
and by life that the Spirit
abundantly brings.
As we journey toward home,
may your presence be known:
precious river, ever-flowing,
now carry us home.**

**4 Now with praise and thanksgiving,
we join the song.
All are welcome! We gather
to sing loud and strong.
Not enslaved, but set free!
From now on, all will be
one in Jesus, one in water,
baptized and set free!**

Affirmation of Baptism:

WL: These young men and women have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism.

**Ava Kathryn Parkhurst
William Robert Halaas**

WL: Dear brothers & sisters in Christ, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and God's mission in the world. In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ receives you and makes you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, you learn from God's loving Word the purpose for you and all creation. You are nourished at God's holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

WL: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

**Do you recognize that there is sin in this world and that it separates us from God?
Are you willing to reject that and turn to the ways of God in all things?**

Confirmands: I will with God's help.

WL: Do you believe in God the Father?

**Confirmands: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

WL: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**Confirmands: 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.**

WL: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Confirmands: 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

THE PRAYERS

WL: God, give us a life and a heart willing to serve you so that we care for others and place love above all things.

ALL: Give us ears to listen to your direction and the ability to hear those who cry out for our help. Show us when and where we need to serve.

WL: Help us to see with the eyes of true saints, seeing the work that needs to be done and where we must serve. Give us hands that share. . . hands that hold. . . hands that build.

ALL: Help us to step forward with the feet of those who are confident in your saving grace.

WL: Help us to tread carefully where nature abides, and guide us in helping to restore the earth and its resources.

ALL: Help us use our words to speak the truth and share the good news of Jesus Christ and uplift others.

WL: Bless these young people who today affirm your gift of baptism.
Strengthen them in faith, guide them in service, draw them always into a community of faith, and use them to
care for all the world by working for justice and peace.

ALL: Give us a heart of compassion and move us to share your blessings with all in need. Amen.

WL: You have public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

To live among God's faithful people,
To hear God's Word and share in God's holy supper,
To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
To serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus,
And to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

WL: Let us pray.

A moment of silence for reflection...

WL: Gracious God, we give you thanks for your servants and the strength you have given them to affirm the covenant established at their baptism. Perfect the good work that you have begun in them. Keep them faithful to the promises they make today. Increase in them your gifts of grace and a spirit of wisdom and understanding. We thank you for their family and friends and this community of faith that has nurtured them. Give us wisdom and hope in our common journey we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

WL: Creator God, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Ava and William the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm *his/her* faith, guide *his/her* life, empower *him/her* in *his/her* serving, give *him/her* patience in suffering and bring *him/her* to everlasting life.

Confirmands: Amen

Presentation of Crosses

David Anderson, Council President

Sharing a Sign of Christ's Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always! **C: And also with you!**

GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST

Offeratory

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray,

C: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sending Music

Here is Bread (ELW #483)

Verse 1

**Here is bread,
here is wine,
Christ is with us,
he is with us.
Break the bread,
taste the wine,
Christ is with us here.**

Refrain

**In this bread
there is healing,
in this cup
is life forever.**

In this moment,
by the Spirit,
Christ is with us here.

Verse 2

Here is grace,
here is peace,
Christ is with us,
he is with us.
Know the grace,
find his peace,
feast on Jesus here. *(Refrain)*

Verse 3

Here we are,
joined in one,
Christ is with us,
he is with us.
We'll proclaim,
till he comes,
Jesus crucified. *(Refrain)*

Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

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.

Distribution

Lamb of God (Tree of Life Liturgy)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.
Have mercy on us.
(Repeat)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.
Grant us your peace.
Grant us your peace.**

Post Communion Blessing

P: The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

P: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD

Blessing

P: 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.

Sending

P: Alleluia. Go in peace. Share the good news that Christ has risen!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

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