Pentecost 5, 2021, Order of Worship

Announcements, Concerns, Joys, Graduate Recognition

Call to Worship, Psalm 30 (read responsively)

I will exalt you, Lord, for you lifted me out of the depths;

You did not let my enemies gloat over me.

Lord my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me.

You brought me up from the realm of the dead; you spared me from going down to the pit.

Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people; praise his holy name.

For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime.

Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning.

When I felt secure, I said, "I will never be shaken."

Lord, when you favored me, you made my royal mountain stand firm;

But when you hid your face I was dismayed.

To you, Lord, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy:

"What is gained if I am silenced, if I go down to the pit?

Will the dust praise you? Will it proclaim your faithfulness?

Hear, Lord, and be merciful to me; Lord, be my help."

You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

That my heart may sing your praises and not be silent.

Lord my God, I will praise you forever.

*Confession and Forgiveness (from Sundays & Seasons, 2020 Augsburg Fortress, p. 198)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin: God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God, *in* Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. *By* Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. *Through* Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

*Gathering Hymn O God of Mercy, God of Light (public domain) LBW 425, ELW 714, HP 1769

O God of mercy, God of Light, in love and mercy infinite; Teach us, as ever in your sight, to live our lives in you. You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost world might hear your call; Oh, hear us lest we stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.

In sickness, sorrow, want, or care, each other's burdens help us share; May we, where help is needed, there give help as though to you.

*The Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Amen.

*Prayer of the Day Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

<u>A reading from Lamentations, the 3rd chapter (3:22-26, 33)</u> Lamentations was written by Jeremiah. Today's text declares a deep trust that God will not leave them forever. [After each reading the response is, "The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**]

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia! Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage was considered ritually unclean and treated as an outcast. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and to bring life out of death (Sundays & Seasons, 2020, p. 216, Augsburg Fortress).

*Gospel Mark 5:21-43

Before the gospel: *Glory to you, O Lord!*After the gospel: *Praise to you, O Christ!*

<u>Sermon</u>

*Hymn of the Day Great Is Thy Faithfulness (CCLI 706169) ELW 733, HP 54

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be. Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed thy hand hath provided;

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today & bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. Refrain

*The Apostles' Creed

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.

*The Prayers of the Church (from Sundays & Seasons, 2020, p. 216, Augsburg Fortress) (Response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "hear our prayer.")

Let us come before the triune God in prayer. God of hope, the ministry of your church extends across borders, from nearby neighbors to far and distant countries. Walk with all those who labor eagerly in service of the gospel, that through your good news all people might experience transformation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the air we breathe, the water we drink, the land that provides our food. Guard all species of plants and animals from harsh changes in climate, and empower us to protect all that you have made. Lord . . .

Righteous God, we pray for nations and their leaders. Give them a spirit of compassion and steer them towards a fair distribution of resources, so that none among us would have too much or too little. Lord . . .

God of healing, your touch has the power to make us whole. We pray for those suffering from physical or mental illness. Embrace those who are sick, and surround them with your unwavering presence. Lord . . .

God of the Church, we pray for this assembly and for all who are gathered together in worship. Revive our spirits, renew our relationships, and rekindle our faith, that we might experience resurrection in this community. Lord . . .

God of the ages, we give thanks for the faithful ancestors whose lives have pointed us towards you. Envelop us in your love, that we may be reunited with one another in the last days. Lord,

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace, through Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray, saying *Our Father, who art*

*Benediction

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

*Sending Hymn Oh, for a Thousand Tongues (public domain) LBW 558, ELW 886, HP 216

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sin my great Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,

To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.

The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease,
Sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life and health and peace.

*Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ! Thanks be to God!