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## **Welcome**

### **Opening Hymn**

### **All Are Welcome ELW 641**

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions (refrain)

(refrain) All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus; (refrain)

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat; a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us; (refrain)

Let us a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger; (refrain)

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter; (refrain)

### **Greeting**

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

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Bountiful God, **you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **Children's Message**

#### **First Reading**

**Acts 16:9-15**

<sup>9</sup>During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup>When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. <sup>11</sup>We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup>On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup>A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart

to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

## Psalm

## Psalm 67

<sup>1</sup>May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us. <sup>2</sup>**Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

<sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>4</sup>**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

<sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>6</sup>**The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.**

<sup>7</sup>May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

## Second Reading

## Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

<sup>10</sup>And in the spirit one of the angels carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

<sup>22</sup>I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup>Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. <sup>22:1</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, Alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord; alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

## **Gospel**

**John 14:23-29**

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. <sup>25</sup>"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

## **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day**

### **Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness WOV 684**

(refrain) Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free.  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep, then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep; and over the eons you called to each thing;  
Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings. (refrain)

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand and you goaded your people with a law and a land; and when they were blinded with idols and lies;  
Then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. (refrain)

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill, then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still; and down in the city you called once again, when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. (refrain)

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes. From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams; our women see visions, our men clear their eyes. With bold new decisions your people arise. (refrain)

**Peace**

**Offering**

**Doxology**

**Offering Prayer**

Merciful God, **our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Use them for your glory and strengthen us in the risen Christ. Amen.**

**First Communion Celebration**

**Words of Institution**

On the night...remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Communion Distribution**

**Post Communion Prayer**

We give you thanks, generous God, **for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Benediction**

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn**

## **You Satisfy the Hungry Heart WOV 711**

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat  
Come give to us, O Saving Lord, the Bread of Life to eat

As when the shepherd calls his sheep they know and heed his voice  
So when you call your family Lord they follow and rejoice (refrain)

With joyful lips, we sing to you our praise and gratitude  
That you should count us worthy Lord to share this Heavenly food (refrain)

Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured?  
Does not one cup, one loaf declare our Oneness in the Lord? (refrain)

The mystery of your presence Lord no mortal tongue can tell who all the world  
cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell. (refrain)

You give yourself to us O Lord; then selfless let us be, to serve each other in your  
name in truth and charity. (refrain)

## **Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. Tell what God has done. **Thanks be to God!**