

GOD GATHERS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Prelude: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

arr. John Carter

Welcome and Call to Worship:

L: *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord + Jesus Christ, by whose Spirit we have been reborn to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Christ is risen!*

P: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Gathering Song: “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

ELW #392 (1-3)

Prayer of Celebration and Lament for Mother’s Day

As a community,
we take time today to pause and give thanks for the gift of mothers.

Shining a light on the gift, shadows fall, and we acknowledge the shadows, too.

We celebrate and give thanks, each of us, for our mother.
The woman who carried us in her womb, gave birth to us, brought us into life.

**We lament, each of us, separation from our mother at different times,
through conflict, distance of place, death.
We lament, seek to forgive and be forgiven.**

We celebrate and give thanks, each of us,
for those who have been as mothers to us;
our aunts and pseudo-aunts, big sisters, friends, mentors and teachers.
The women who have nurtured, taught, encouraged, shaped us with love.

**We lament, each of us, the women who have caused us pain,
who have abandoned or neglected us,
mistakenly or intentionally caused us harm.
We lament the hurt we have caused to women,
our friends, colleagues, neighbors, sisters, aunts and mothers.
We lament, seek to forgive and be forgiven.**

We celebrate and give thanks, together,
for the women in our communities.
That women and men are different invites us into partnership,
invites us to share the burdens and the joys of life.
For the many strengths of women, their gifts of peace-making,
nurture, education, entrepreneurship, healing, wisdom,
creativity, endurance, collaboration, physicality –
and so much more, we are grateful.

**We lament, together, that women are still discounted
because they are women, in our culture and in others.
That the difference between women and men is seen as threatening,
a power struggle, a competition or a hierarchy, is not, we know,
your dream for us. We lament, seek to forgive and be forgiven.**

We celebrate, those of us who are mothers and grandmothers,
the joy and privilege it is to collaborate with you in the creation of life.
We give thanks for our children, their uniqueness,
the delight we find in watching and helping them grow.

**We lament, those of us who are not mothers and want to be,
or who are mothers of children who have died.
We lament, and have no words for our grief.**

We celebrate, we give thanks, for you, our mothering God,
whose wings enfold us like those of a mother hen,
who gives birth to all that lives,
who loves fiercely, protectively, and with great delight.
We celebrate what we know of you as like a mother.

**We lament our turning from you and causing you pain,
our rejection of your gifts of life and love in so many ways.
We seek your forgiveness again and again.**

Again and again, God welcomes us home,
as a mother welcomes her children.

**Again and again, God celebrates us, God's children,
and delights in watching and helping us grow.**

Come, now, under the wings of God;
come, now, into the warmth of Love.
You are forgiven. You are loved.
Precious child of your Mothering God. **Amen.**

*~ written by Reverend Sarah Agnew. Posted on **sarah tells stories**.<http://sarah tells stories.blogspot.ca/2015/05/for-mothers-day.html?spref=tw>*

Hymn of Praise: “Now the Feast and Celebration”
Emma Vogel, violin and Katherine Eisele, flute

ELW #167

Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Gracious and glorious God,

P: you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Choir Anthem (8:45): “For the Beauty of the Earth”

John Rutter

Preschool Sprouts Special Music (11:00)

Sharing of the Peace

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

P: And also with you.

(Worshippers are invited to greet one another with “Peace be with you.”)

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN THE WORD

The Lesson: 1 John 5:9-13 New Testament P. 214

God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.



Gospel Acclamation

Emma Vogel, violin and Katherine Eisele, flute



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we



go? You have the words of e - ter - nal



life. Al - le - lu - ia!

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The Gospel: John 17:6-19

New Testament Pg. 97

In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death. This gospel reports the words of Jesus' prayer, a prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.



The Message: "The Word for the World"
Pastor Jeff Eisele

Hymn of the Day: "Christ Is Alive"

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Reception of New Partners

Bruce, Allison, Brooklyn, & Beckett Abels

Tony Burke, Stacey Loen, & Ava Burke

Josh Colwell

Amber, Jimmy, Devin, Maddux, & Griffey May

Gary & Deb Stapelman

L: Gathered together by God's Spirit, we confess our faith in Jesus Christ and what we believe as God's Church...

All: I believe in God the Father, the 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.

Leader: *You have made public profession of your faith. I now invite you to declare your intention to live your life as a disciple of Jesus Christ with this community of faith, according to our mission, vision and values:*

All: I will pray, read the Scriptures, worship, and relate to others in small group gatherings in order to grow in my relationship with Jesus Christ, because following Jesus is a lifelong, growing experience.

I will discern and develop my own call, gifts, and abilities, and use them to benefit others as part of the Body of Christ in the world.

I will reach out with love and grace to neighbors in this city and throughout the world, without regard to race, beliefs, gender, age, lifestyle or anything else, because all people matter to God.

I will prayerfully seek direction for myself and my church from the Holy Spirit, who is continually at work in us to inspire Christ-like living and enable creative and innovative serving.

I make these commitments, trusting in the grace and mercy of Christ to guide me and to uphold me when I fail.

Each new partner will remain at the front of our worship area as Spirit of Joy leaders come forward to lay hands on and pray for them with the congregation.

Prayers of the Church

(As each of the prayers concludes, *Lord, in your mercy*, the congregation will respond, **Hear our prayer.**)

Opportunities to Offer Our Time and Tithes for Mission and Ministry

Offering: “Let Us Break Bread Together”

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

GOD COMES TO US IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Great Thanksgiving

L: *The Lord be with you.*

P: **And also with you.**

L: *Lift up your hearts.*

P: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

P: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The 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.

The Communion

All persons seeking the forgiveness of sins and a renewed relationship with Jesus Christ are invited to meet the Risen Christ by eating and drinking at our table. You may choose from red wine or white grape juice in our tray of cups. Young children are invited forward to receive a blessing.



Communion Music:

“Here is Bread”

ELW #483

“One Bread, One Body”

ELW #496

“A Mighty Fortress”

ELW #504

The Communion Blessing

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

The Blessing

Sending Song: “Praise to You, O God of Mercy”

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Emma Vogel, violin and Katherine Eisele, flute

The Dismissal

L: *Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.*

P: **Thanks be to God.**