

## Facebook Live Worship Outline

*Pentecost 15 - 13 September 2020*

### GATHERING

**GATHERING HYMN**    **EV LW #867**    *In Thee is Gladness*

- 1 In thee is gladness amid all sadness,  
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.  
By thee are given the gifts of heaven,  
thou the true redeemer art.  
Our souls thou wakest;  
our bonds thou breakest.  
Who trusts thee surely has built securely  
and stands forever: Alleluia!  
Our hearts are pining  
to see thy shining,  
dying or living, to thee are cleaving;  
naught can us sever: Alleluia!
  
- 2 Jesus is ours! We fear no powers,  
not of earth or sin or death.  
He sees and blesses in worst distresses;  
he can change them with a breath.  
Wherefore the story  
tell of his glory  
with hearts and voices; all heav'n rejoices  
in him forever: Alleluia!  
We shout for gladness,  
triumph o'er sadness,  
love him and praise him and still shall raise him  
glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

### 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.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

- P: Give praise to God!
- C: Praise the Lord, for it is God who saves . . .**
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- P: It is God who forgives . . .
- C: It is God who delivers . . .**

**All: Give thanks and praise to the Lord!**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God who is our strength, you have protected us from those who would seek to oppress us. You have shielded us from those who would seek to destroy the good gifts you have put in us. Your love and power never fail. Thanks and praise to you, our safety and our stronghold. We exalt you, O God, majestic in holiness, for there is none like you.

C: **Amen**

## WORD

### FIRST READING

*This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us. Reading from Paul's Letter to the church in Rome, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter:*

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Romans 14:1-12

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words. **Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL

*When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God. This is the Holy Gospel according to Matthew:*

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made.

So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Matthew 18: 21-35

P: The Gospel of the Lord

#### **SERMON**

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**EVLW # 359**

*Where Charity and Love Prevail*

- 1 Where charity and love prevail,  
there God is ever found;  
brought here together by Christ's love,  
by love we thus are bound.
- 2 With grateful joy and holy fear,  
God's charity we learn;  
let us with heart and mind and soul  
now love God in return.
- 3 Let us recall that in our midst  
dwells Christ, God's holy Son;  
as members of each body joined,  
in him we are made one.
- 4 Let strife among us be unknown;  
let all contentions cease.  
Be God's the glory that we seek;  
be his our only peace.

5 Let us forgive each other's faults  
as we our own confess,  
that we may love each other well  
in Christian gentleness.

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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

*The presiding minister may introduce the Creed.*

**P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of the apostles' creed as printed in the worship guide.**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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 INTERCESSION**

**P: Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need, responding to each petition with the words "receive our prayer."**

God of open arms, make Christians into signs of your gracious welcome, to both members and newcomers, whether meeting physically or digitally. Strengthen faith and nurture new ventures for education and growth. Bless bishops, pastors, and deacons for their work in this unprecedented time.

*A brief silence.*

O God, you are full of compassion;

**receive our prayer.**

God of lands and seas, continue your care for your creation. Where human selfishness has brought ruin and destruction, we ask you to heal and renew your earth. Preserve the lands from fire and storm. Protect the sources of food that your creatures need for life.

*A brief silence.*

O God, you are full of compassion;  
**receive our prayer.**

God of justice, lead the nations away from the ways of violence. Guide the United Nations and other organizations that seek reconciliation across national borders. Show families, neighbourhoods, and nations how to welcome diversity while sharing common ground.

*A brief silence..*

O God, you are full of compassion;  
**receive our prayer.**

God of our homeland, visit the American cities that are addressing local racism and Canadian communities addressing indigenous injustice. Stand with both protesters and police, that civil society may be preserved and improved. Bring both healing and justice to our land.

*A brief silence.*

O God, you are full of compassion;  
**receive our prayer.**

God of the sufferers, visit prisons and care homes with health and hope. Free victims of human trafficking and forced labour. Deliver all who are bound by debt. Feed all who hunger and provide safety to migrants. Protect firefighters and first responders. Heal the sick, especially those we name here before you: we pray for Ferolyn, Jordan, Pat, Carol, Beryl, Barb, Elethia, Pat and for all those we name aloud or quietly in our hearts.

*A brief silence.*

O God, you are full of compassion;  
**receive our prayer.**

God of goodness, once more we beg for a way through the pandemic. Comfort the afflicted. Support medical workers. Prepare a vaccine.

*A brief silence.*

O God, you are full of compassion;  
**receive our prayer.**

God of tender power, we live to you. Hear now, we pray, the desires of our hearts.

*A longer period of silence.*

O God, you are full of compassion;  
**receive our prayer.**

Whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. We thank you for those who have led us in the faith, especially those we commemorate this week: John Chrysostom, bishop Cyprian, Hildegard of Bingen, and Dag Hammarskjöld. Hold us with them in your everlasting love.

*A brief silence.*

O God, you are full of compassion;  
**receive our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

**C: Amen**

**PEACE**

## **MEAL**

*We now enter that portion of our service that is the Eucharist or Holy Communion. I invite you to have your wine and bread ready and let's begin with prayer.*

P: 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. Feed us again at this table for service in your name, in the strength of the risen Christ. Amen.

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through Our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**C Amen**

P: And now as our Saviour Jesus has taught us we are bold to pray:.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## Blessing

P: Walk in the strength and confidence that God guides your feet.  
Therefore, live for God - show mercy and love one another.

May the God who protects and defends  
keep you in safety, mercy, and love.  
In the name of the Father, ✝ and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

## SENDING SONG

EvLW #665

*Rise, Shine, You People!*

- 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered  
our human story; God in him is centered.  
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,  
with grace unbounded.
- 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;  
he brings us freedom, light and life and healing.  
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,  
now are forgiven.
- 3 Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,  
your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.  
To all the world go out and tell the story  
of Jesus' glory.
- 4 Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us.  
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.  
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation  
God's new creation.

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## Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you!  
C: **Thanks be to God.**