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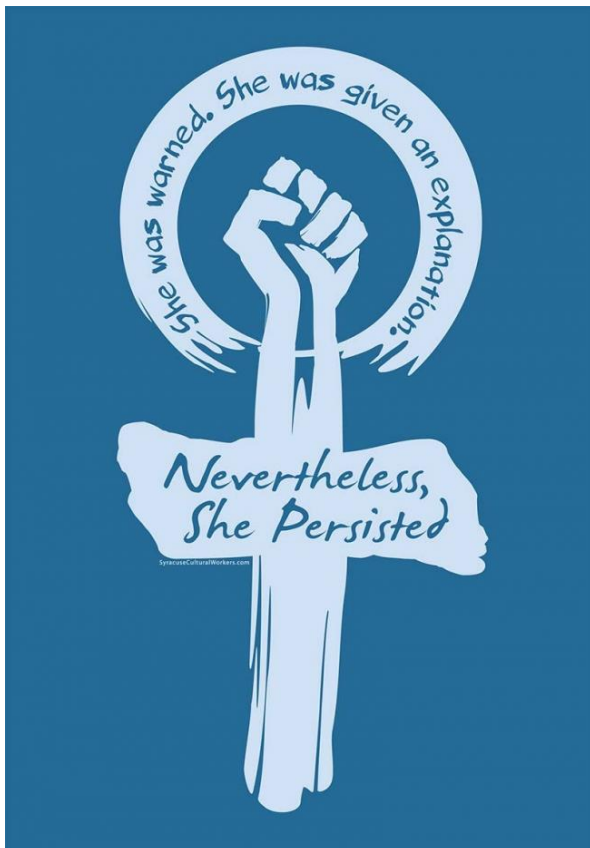
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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

(everyone joins in with the text in **BOLD**)



Gathering: All Are Welcome

**1. 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
: All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

2. 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:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

4. Let us build 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:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

5. 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:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

GREETING

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

The grace and peace of the Living God: Creator;
Jesus, and Spirit, is with each of you! **And also with you!**

INTRODUCTION AND PENITENTIAL RITE

Today, our scriptures proclaim that "God's house shall be
called a house of prayer for all peoples." With words like
these, Isaiah's vision helped to shape the ministry of Jesus,

whose life and teachings opened the doors of the covenant to all people. After his death and resurrection, his apostles preached the implications of God's inclusive love, a process of discovery of which we ourselves are the heirs. As we begin our worship, let us ask for God's spirit to broaden our hearts, to make this house, and all of the church a place of welcome.

Lord Jesus,
you were approached for healing by an outsider:
Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus,
you had compassion on her, despite the pleas of others:
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you call on us to have compassion on others:
Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

Know that our Merciful God has already forgiven us
and cleansed us of our sins.

We need only accept this forgiveness + in the name of the
Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN**

GLORIA (sung)

Gloria, glory! Gloria, glory! Gloria, Excelsis Deo, Deo!

VS 1 Sing to the Lord a new song.

You are Lord God almighty, King of all love.

**Almighty God our Creator, we give you glory,
we praise your name.**

VS 2 Jesus Christ. Lord Most High. Son of God.

**Lamb of God. You who take away our sin
and sit at God's right hand.**

VS 3 You alone are holy. You alone are Lord.

**God most high with the Spirit, the glory of God,
Lord Most High!**



OPENING PRAYER

**Loving God, we often do not understand your ways.
When our lives are full of distress and trouble,
send us your Spirit
that we may be like the Canaanite woman,
full of faith, wit and persistence, never giving up:
indeed forcing Jesus to bring his light and love
into our lives. We ask this in his name,
confident that you will hear us. AMEN**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?**

**The Lord is my life, my life's refuge;
of whom should I be afraid? The Lord is my light.**

2nd Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Give the glory and the honor to the Lord!

The Lord is with you. **And also with you.**

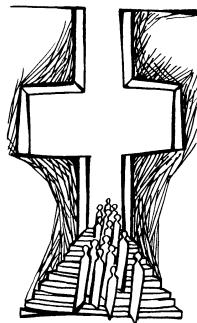
A reading from the holy + Gospel according to.....

Glorify to you, Lord.

The Gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Praise to you Jesus Christ!

DIALOGUE HOMILY



PROFESSION OF FAITH (A creed from the United Church of Canada, 1980)

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus,
crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others,
no matter who they are.

*For the church, that we may be a people open to all and
rejecting none, we pray: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*For those who show support and compassion to others
at great personal or political cost, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

*For those whose hearts and minds are closed to people
they deem different or unworthy, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

For what else shall we pray?

For all these spoken prayers
and for all those unspoken in our hearts, we pray:

Great and inclusive God, you tell us that you are a God for all people. Help us to believe that this includes not only us, but also those for whom we have little regard. Empower us to stand with those considered unworthy, no matter what the cost may be. We pray in the name of Jesus, whose embrace was wide and deep. AMEN

Preparation: We Are Called

Come! Live in the light!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

**We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God!**

Refrain: **We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly, we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.**

Come! Open your heart!

Show your mercy to all those in fear!

**We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so all hatred and blindness will be no more! Refrain**

Come! Sing a new song!

Sing of the great day when all will be one!

**God will reign and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love! Refrain**

SIGN OF PEACE

Jesus you said to your friends, I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Grant that all of God's children may enjoy the peace and unity of your reign where you live forever and ever. **AMEN**

The peace of Jesus is with each of you! **And also with you!**

Let us offer each other a sign of peace and then join together around the Table of the Lord.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

(Presider lifts paten with bread into hands and says:)

Blessed are you, God of all Creation, through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made, it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God forever!

(Wine and water are poured into the chalice. Presider says:)

By the mystery of this water and wine
may we come to share in the divinity of Christ,
who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

(Presider takes chalice and says:)

Blessed are you, God of all Creation, through your goodness we
have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become for us our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God forever!

As we prepare to break this bread and share this cup we
remember those who journey with us. For those who travel the
way of the Hindus, those who follow the path of Buddha, for our
sisters and brothers of Islam, for Native peoples everywhere,
for the Jewish people from whom we come, for all Christians
and for all others who walk the way of faith..

**Holy God, accept this offering,
for the praise and glory of Your name,
for our good and the good of all Your people.**

Christ lived and died for love.
Let us remember him with this feast.

**All who seek God and are drawn to Christ
are welcome at God's table.**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**All-Embracing God,
accept our sacrifice as a holy exchange of gifts.
By offering what you have given us
may we receive the gift of yourself. AMEN**

PREFACE

The Lord is with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Eternal God, Creator of all, it is right that we give you praise and
glory as we come in thanksgiving, for you are the one God, living
and true. Source of life, you have blessed all creation in love and
in joy. You never cease to call us to a new and more abundant
life.

You invite us to trust in your mercy for you are always ready to forgive us and to gift us with peace when we forgive, too. You ask us to serve the family of God by opening our hearts to the fullness of your Holy Spirit and to proclaim the power of your love.

In wonder and gratitude, we join our voices with the choirs of angels and saints who have gone before us, as we sing together:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord! **Holy, holy, holy, Lord!**

God of power and might! **God of power and might!**

Hosanna in the highest!

Heaven and earth are full! **Heaven and earth are full!**

Full of your glory! **Full of your glory!**

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are they who come! **Blessed are they who come!**

Who come in the name of God!

Who come in the name of God!

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Loving God, you are holy indeed. All life, all holiness comes from you. We come to thank you for your Son, Jesus for it is through him that we experience your message of total acceptance of all people, a welcome that includes everyone and invites everyone to this Eucharistic table of equals.

It was Jesus who healed all divisions and recognized You, His Father, present within all of creation.

He brought to light your way of compassion and justice, helping us to understand the need to care for each other with dignity and respect.

He taught us by his life and by his death and resurrection to be true to ourselves, even if we, also, might need to give up everything as he did. For it is in our own dying, that we, too, rise to new life.

(Presider extends hand over bread and wine and says:)

So now we remember another table filled with love and thanksgiving – that of the Last Supper. Let your Spirit come upon these our gifts to make them holy so that they may become for us + the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Presider takes bread and says:)

It was at table with his friends that Jesus took bread and broke it, gave it to his disciples and said,

Take this, all of you, and eat it.

This is my body which will be given up for you.

(Presider takes chalice and says:)

When the supper was ended, again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples and said,

Take this, all of you, and drink from it: This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: (sung)

Dying you destroyed our death. Rising you restored our life. Lord, Jesus come in glory! (repeat)

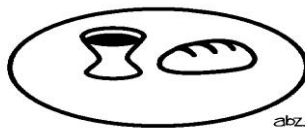
In memory of his death and resurrection, we offer you, Compassionate God, this life-giving bread, this saving cup. May all of us who share in the body and blood of Christ, be brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit.

One with the love of Christ, and joined with the love of all of us gathered here, we send prayers to all in leadership in every place of worship, especially for our Bishop Francis, and for all who serve the people of God.

We pray for all countries and their leaders that they may create justice and equality for their peoples; may peace come to our own country as well as to all the troubled lands of our world.

We pray for all who are sick that health may soon be theirs, especially we pray for all who have died. (pause)
May they be in peace and may they welcome us, one day, into the place of eternal peace.

In that new world where the fullness of your peace will be revealed, gather people of every race, language and way of life to share in the one eternal banquet with Jesus Christ the Lord.



*(Bread and wine are held up as **WE** sing...)*

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, for ever and ever. Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen. (repeat)

Let us join hands and pray what Jesus has taught us to pray (chanted):

**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 the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
Now and forever.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread and drink this cup for the earth we have wasted, for those who have no bread and for ourselves in our brokenness.

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us; Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us; Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

(Presider breaks a small piece of host & drops it into chalice saying:)

May this mingling of the holy body and blood of Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.

Jesus, with faith in your love and mercy we receive this Eucharist. Let it bring us health in mind, body and spirit.

This is Jesus the Christ who taught us how to live.
Happy are we who are called to his supper.

**May we receive this gift in purity of heart.
May it bring us healing and strength now and forever.**

Holy Communion is a great privilege, a precious feast. And the host invites us all. "In Christ, there is no Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female. All are one in Christ Jesus." (Gal 3:28) We encourage you to take your place at this holy table, for we understand and acknowledge that this is Christ's table and that this sacred meal is Christ's supper. We are all invited guests. No one is excluded. All are welcomed here!

**Communion Songs: Comm 1: Thank You, Lord
Comm 2: Bread of Life**

Refrain: **I myself am the bread of life. You and I are the bread of life, taken and blessed, broken and shared by Christ that the world might live.**

This bread is spirit, gift of the Maker's love, and we who share it know that we can be one: a living sign of God in Christ. Refrain

Here is God's kingdom given to us as food. This is our body, this is our blood: a living sign of God in Christ. Refrain

Lives broken open, stories shared aloud, become a banquet, a shelter for the world: a living sign of God in Christ. Refrain

Sent from this banquet, strength in our hearts restored, we go together, summoned to serve the Lord, a living sign of God in Christ. Refrain

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of all nations, may this meal we have shared, transform us. Let people of every race, language and way of life find our community to be a house of prayer for all people, where foreigners are welcomed as friends, where strangers are called brothers and sisters. AMEN

FINAL BLESSING The Lord is with you... **And also with you.**
Let us bow our heads and pray for God's Blessing...

Go into the world,
to see the reign of God which is in your midst,
to hear the joy breaking forth in your lives;
to bear the good news to everyone you meet. **AMEN!**

May our loving God bless you today and always:
Father, Son + and Holy Spirit. **AMEN**

DISMISSAL

Our mass never ends, it must be lived. So let us go forth to love and serve the Lord! Thanks be to God! Alleluia!



Sending Forth: Canticle of the Turning

**My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blessed.
Could the world be about to turn?**

Refrain:

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears,
for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.**

**Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.**

**Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn. Refrain**

**From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
not a stone will be left on stone.**

**Let the king beware for your justice tears
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.**

**The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn:**

**There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn. Refrain**

**Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:**

**God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.**

**This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around. Refrain**