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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Holy Trinity

JUNE 4, 2023

PRELUDE and WELCOME

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and our neighbours.

Merciful God,

**We confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community.
We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty.
In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

Silence is kept for reflection

Righteous God,

**We confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest.
We lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely.
In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

Silence is kept for reflection

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.

God offers boundless grace when we fail.

Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven

In the name of + Jesus Christ.

Amen.

HYMN: ELW # 556 MORNING HAS BROKEN

**Morning has broken, like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

**Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!**

GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of heaven and earth, before the foundations of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

GENESIS 1:1—2:4a

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

God saw everything that God had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 8

O Lord, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You whose glory is chanted above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of infants and children;

**you have set up a fortress against your enemies,
to silence the foe and the avenger.**

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

What are mere mortals that you are mindful of them,

human beings that you should care for them?

Yet you have made them little less than the divine;

with glory and honour you crown them.

You have made them rule over the works of your hands;

you have put all things under their feet,

All flocks and cattle,

Even the beasts of the field,

the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,

and whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

2 CORINTHIANS 13:11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION HYMN ELW # 174

Alleluia, alleluia.

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The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

MATTHEW 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN ELW # 588 THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY

**There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgement giv'n.**

**There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good.
There is mercy with the Saviour, there is healing in his blood.
There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this
There is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.**

**For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind,
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
But we make this love too narrow by false limits of our own,
and we magnify its strictness with a zeal God will not own.**

**'Tis not all we owe to Jesus; it is something more than all;
Greater good because of evil, larger mercy through the fall
Make our love, O God more faithful, let us take you at your word,
and our lives will be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.**

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.
A brief silence.

Holy three, holy one, you call the church to make disciples of all nations.
Encourage bishops, pastors and deacons in their proclamation of the gospel
and direct all the baptized into lives of humble service.

God, in your mercy.....**Hear our prayer.**

Holy three, holy one, you spoke creation into being and called it good. Protect
lands and waters threatened by human misuse and sustain living creatures of
every kind. Keep all experiencing wildfires in safety in Alberta, Quebec,
New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

God, in your mercy.....**Hear our prayer.**

Holy three, holy one, you have given humankind authority over the earth.
Raise up leaders who listen earnestly, speak honestly and govern thoughtfully.
Heal divisions between nations, that we might agree with one another and live
in peace. May peace prevail in Ukraine, Russia, and Sudan. May truth and
reconciliation guide relationships that share wisdom and understanding among
indigenous and settler people here. People of every sexual orientation, gender
expression, and gender identity have the right to live with dignity and without
persecution or discrimination. May we dedicate ourselves to building bridges of
love and hope where harmful divisions have been made, making equity and
equality for all people our goal, while working continually for justice, so that
everyone can live fully in your love.

God, in your mercy.....**Hear our prayer.**

Holy one, holy three, you promise to be with us to the end of the age.
Surround those most in need of your healing presence: any who are lonely,
hungry and those who are grieving especially the Karvonen and Magnante
families on the death of Carlo Magnante. Continue your loving care to Ingrid,
Bryan, Harold and Margaret, and all we remember in our hearts.....

pause

God, in your mercy.....**Hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE and OFFERING

MEAL

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain
us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that
the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

We praise you, all-holy God, our maker, our lover, our keeper,

For the universe beyond our knowing,

For lands and seas and all their animals,

And for friends and strangers and family,

For homes, and grocery stores and schools.

We praise you for your covenant people,

For Abraham and Sarah, Moses and Miriam.

For centuries of faithful Christians,

For Mary and Mary Magdalene, Peter and Paul,

For the reformers of the past and

those who speak truth to power in this time.

We praise you for your Son Jesus Christ,
Who saves us from sin and from evil,
Who bids us to love our neighbour.
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.
And so we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
We pray for your Holy Spirit,
Your breath, your fire, your wisdom.
Nourish us with the body and blood of Christ,
inspire us for service.
And renew the world with your mercy,
With your healing, your justice, and your peace.
We praise you, all-holy God, our Creator, our Redeemer, our Sustainer,
Today, tomorrow, and forever. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.....

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.
Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All people are called to Christ's table, come, eat what is good.
Thanks be to God.

HOLY COMMUNION

you are invited to eat your bread and drink your wine as you hear the words
“the body of Christ given for you” “the blood of Christ shed for you”

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus the Christ strengthen us and keep us always in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is your dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed + bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. **Amen.**

HYMN ELW # 757 ALL MY HOPE ON GOD IS FOUNDED

**All my hope on God is founded; who will all my trust renew,
who through change and chance will guide me, only good and only true.
God unknown, God alone calls my heart to be thine own.**

**Mortal pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray our trust;
what with care and toil we fashion, tow’r and temple fall to dust.
But thy power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tow’r.**

**Great thy goodness e’re enduring, deep thy wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend thee, beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore from thy store newborn worlds rise and adore.**

**Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising for the gift of God’s own Son.
Christ doth call one and all: ye who follow shall not fall.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE