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ELW Holy Communion, Setting Eight

Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

A warm welcome to those who are here worshipping on-line with us today! Here at Grace Lutheran we believe God is active in your life. Even you being here now is testament of God's calling and leading in your heart, which you have faithfully heeded. So we welcome you, and pray that today you will be nurtured and that the gifts that God has graciously given you will be stirred for the sake of God's mission in the world.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We gather into God's presence with singing, to worship the Lord with gladness.
For the Lord our God is good, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Through the life and love of Jesus we have been granted access to the grace upon which we stand.

With confidence in this love and grace, let us confess our sin.

Loving God,

Without your grace we are like sheep without a shepherd.

We often feel hopeless against the power of sin and so we use our power to harass the helpless.

We neglect to recognize that we could be wolves in sheep's clothing.

Forgive us, O Lord, and bring us home.

Restore us to your flock and fold, we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Amen.

Dear friends,

We have been justified by faith and are welcomed in peace into God's kingdom. This is the good news of God's love: in Christ Jesus we are forgiven by a grace that surpasses all understanding and are recreated as full members of God's family regardless of race, gender, or social class.

Let us give thanks to God through Jesus Christ by the power of the Spirit emboldening us to love, to serve, and to worship.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

GATHERING HYMN: Gather Us In (#532)

GREETING

The endless grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal love of God, and the everlasting fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE (p. 184)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (p. 185)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all power and peace, as Jesus sent his disciples out to heal the sick, cast out demons, gather the lost, raise the dead, and proclaim the nearness of your realm, make us ready to go and share the good news we have received, to do justice, to love mercy, and serve our neighbours and community, through Jesus Christ, with whom we pray. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Exodus 19:2-8a

A reading from Exodus.

At Sinai God assured Israel, "You shall be my treasured possession," and commissioned them to serve as mediating priests for the nations. The people commit themselves completely to God's will.

²[The Israelites] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.³Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: ⁴You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

⁷So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ^{8a}The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

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

PSALM: Psalm 100

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands!

²Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.

³**Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong;
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

⁴Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise;
give thanks and bless God's holy name.

⁵**Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-8

A reading from Romans.

We are no longer God's enemies but have peace with God because we were brought into a right relationship with God through Christ's death.

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 188)

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35-10:8

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The mission of Jesus' followers is to continue the mission of Jesus himself. Here, he instructs his first disciples as to how they might proclaim the gospel through their words and deeds.

³⁵Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest."

^{10:1}Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: We All Are One in Mission (#576)

CREED

Together with the whole people of God, let us confess the Christian faith the with Apostle's Creed:

**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

Called to love and work in community in the kingdom, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. Each petition will end with, "Faithful God," and you are all invited to respond with **hear our prayer**. Faithful God, **hear our prayer**.

O Lord, the lands make a joyful noise to you for all that you have done. You lavishly spread your love and grace on all people and you join us together as one family. May we always remember your regard for us, your children, that we might share that regard for all people. Faithful God, **hear our prayer**.

O Lord, we serve you with gladness and we enter your presence with a song. You empower us with gifts of ministry and you call us and send us into the world with a message of peace. We remember in prayer our neighbouring faith communities, our partner Anglican Church of Canada, our bishop Greg and national bishop Susan, and our companion churches of the BC Synod. In particular we pray for Chetwynd Shared Ministry in Chetwynd and the pastors and leaders that help out there; and for Christ Lutheran Church in Chiliwack and their pastor Dean Anderson. Faithful God, **hear our prayer**.

O Lord, we know that you are the maker of the heavens and the earth and all that is in them, and to you we belong. You have entrusted the care of this planet to us and may we continue to be strengthened in our stewardship by your example of love of life and community. Faithful God, **hear our prayer**.

O Lord, we are your people and the sheep of your pasture. You lead and guide us in the ways of justice and peace, but we often forget and move forward in our quest for power. Reform our governments and world leaders, that the work we do together will be transformed for the good of all people. We pray especially for Solyana Amanuel, that her journey into our country as a refugee might be swift and free of complications. Faithful God, **hear our prayer**.

O Lord, we enter your gates with thanksgiving and praise, as you hold us up with your hands of healing and peace. Remind us all of this promise that we may always lean on your strength and wholeness. We pray especially for those among us who are sick, who mourn, or who feel lonely. In particular we remember in prayer Diana; Paula; Bev and family; Beulah; Ron, Tess, and Mineko; Laura; Kandie; Thomas; Linda; Cindy; Chris; those who have contracted or have been affected by the COVID-19 coronavirus; and all those we name aloud or quietly in our hearts at this time...

Faithful God, **hear our prayer**.

O Lord, you are indeed good, your love is eternal and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Remind us of your everlasting promise to us and the saints of all times and places, that we would forever be aware of our welcome into your kingdom, joined together as the one body of Christ. Faithful God, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your welcome and grace, found in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

MUSICAL OFFERING: We Are an Offering (#692)

By Leane EL Haddaoui and Karen Shah

OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God, you call us to be labourers for the harvest but you do not leave us alone and without help. Rather, you nourish us with your Word and your Spirit, and you empower us with community and grace. May this food before us serve as reminders of your promises and providence, that we might draw from your strength and wisdom to love as you love, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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 Savior Jesus Christ;
who has led us into community, service, and love,
that we might be joined with
all the choirs of angels,
the hosts of heaven and the church on earth,
in praising your name with this unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (p. 190)

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth. All the lands make a joyful noise to your name, in glad service and song in your presence! You are our Lord and our God, our maker to whom we belong, and we are your people and the sheep of your pasture. We enter your gates with thanksgiving and praise, as we give you thanks and bless your holy name for all the things you have done. For while we were still weak and at the right time, you sent to us your Son Jesus, to walk with us, to be with us, and to be one of us, leading and guiding us in your ways of justice and peace.

For on the night that he was betrayed, Jesus sat with his friends for a meal, took some bread, gave thanks, broke and shared it and said, "take and eat, this is my body broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Then after they ate, he took the cup at the middle of the table, gave thanks, and shared that 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."

It is in this food that we see God's steadfast and everlasting love and enduring faithfulness, even as we declare this mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O Lord our Lord, your name is indeed majestic. It is welcome. It is peace. It is love. May we be receptive to your love and presence in and around us as we are again nourished and empowered by your grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ, living with you and the Holy Spirit as one relational God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

COMMUNION HYMN: Lamb of God (p. 191)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Take, eat, know that God is love.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Good and holy God, for your steadfast love and faithfulness we give you thanks and bless your name. Let our whole lives become songs of gratitude, joy and praise, that the world might know that we are your people and you are our God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

May the endurance of God, the character of Christ, and the hope of the Spirit bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Rise Up, O Saints of God! (#669)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, proclaim justice and love.

Thanks be to God.