

Third Sunday after Epiphany—Jan. 24, 2010

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

9:00 A.M. Holy Communion Setting Six

The Rev. A. Elisabeth Aurand preaching and presiding

Welcome!

We are glad you are worshiping with us. If this your first visit here, please fill out the large white welcome card on the pew and drop it in the offering plate.

All baptized Christians are invited to Holy Communion. Those not yet baptized are also welcomed for a blessing (cross arms when approaching).

This morning we commune at the rail in continuous fashion. Take an empty cup from the tray at the head of the aisle or if you prefer grape juice, take a pre-filled cup from the center of the same tray. Ushers will guide you to an empty space beginning at the back of the rail. You are free to return by the side aisles as soon as you are ready.

Please join us after church downstairs in Fellowship Hall for coffee and fellowship.

Gathering

PRELUDE

All Glory Be to God on High

Johann C. Simon

Stand, as able

THE ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presiding minister begins:

☩ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the ☩ Holy Spirit.

☩ **Amen**

☩ As God's beloved children, let us call to mind our sin and our need for reconciliation with God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

☩ Strong and faithful God,

☩ **we confess that we have not lived as your holy people in the world. We have closed our hearts to your love. We have resisted your light. We have failed to proclaim your mercy. Forgive what we have done and what we have left undone, heal us with your abundant grace, and help us walk as children of the light. Amen.**

☩ In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ☩ **Amen**

THE GREETING

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☐ 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.**

☐ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling...

☑ **One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.**

☐ It is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem...

☑ **We are the witnesses of these things.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

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☐ Let us pray.

☑ **O risen Christ, on the road to Emmaus you were the disciples' companion. Be at our side on the journey of faith on life's pathways and at every encounter, engender our compassion so that we may welcome others and listen to their stories. Kindle anew the desire to proclaim your Word. May it illumine us and may our hearts burn to bear witness to it. May your Holy Spirit teach us the art of explaining scripture and open our eyes to recognize you. Grant us the courage to become vulnerable so that our sisters and brothers may know you through us and that we may know you through them. Amen.**

Word

THE PSALM 133

Sung antiphonally

How good and how pleas-ant it is to

live to-geth-er in u - ni - ty.

ELW Tone 16, alt.

REFRAIN (sung by choir, then all, then at each ☩ by all)

VERSES (light=choir, **bold**=all)

☩^{Choir} ¹How good and how pleas- | ant it is,
when kindred live togeth- | er in unity!

²**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down up- | on the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron,
flowing down upon the collar | of his robe. ☩**

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the | hills of Zion.
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing:
life for- | evermore. ☩

WE GATHER PARTICIPANTS FOR CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Stand

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -
- ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Choir: Repeat Alleluia

Our hearts | burn with - in us* while you open to | us the scriptures.

☩ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty fourth chapter.

☩ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-53

On the day of his resurrection, Jesus joins two disciples on the road to Emmaus and makes himself known to them in the breaking of bread.

☩ ¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests

and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” ²⁵Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

³⁶While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is

written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

Sit

THE SERMON

Pastor Elisabeth Aurand

THE HYMN OF THE DAY The Church of Christ, in Every Age #729

THE APOSTLES' CREED Page 105, front of hymnal

THE PRAYERS

☩ Lord, in your mercy, **☩** **hear our prayer.**

Sit

THE PARISH CONCERNS and WELCOME TO VISITORS

THE OFFERING is received as the Lord's table is prepared.

THE CHOIR We Are the Body of Christ Diane Rinko-Gay
arr. WLH

THE TIME WITH CHILDREN Pastor Elisabeth Aurand

Stand

THE OFFERTORY Let the Vineyards #183

Meal

THE OFFERING PRAYER

☩ Let us pray. God of all creation,

☩ **all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE INITIAL DIALOG

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

THE INITIAL THANKSGIVING

THE HOLY

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THE THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Right Column

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Sit

THE DISTRIBUTION

LAMB OF GOD

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THE COMMUNION HYMNS

Bind Us Together

Refrain
F Dm Gm

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that

c⁷ F F

can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,

bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.

1 There . . is on - ly one God. There . . is on - ly one King.
2 You are the fam - ly of God. You are the prom - ise di - vine.

There . . is on - ly one Bod - y, that . . is why we can sing:
You are God's cho - sen de - sire, you are the glo - rious new wine.

Refrain
B^b/C

As the Grains of Wheat

#465

Sending

Stand

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

☐ The body and blood ... keep you in his grace. ☑ **Amen**

THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Now, Lord

#200

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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☐ O God, our life, ... our Savior and Lord. ☑ **Amen**

THE PEACE

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always. ☑ **And also with you.**

The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Peace be with you. ☑ Peace be with you.

THE BENEDICTION

☐ The Lord bless ... and ✠ give you peace. ☑ **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

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☐ Go in peace. Share the good news. ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

BAND

Bind Us Together, Lord

IN NEED OF PRAYER

Note: Named in parentheses are those who submitted the names they follow.

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