



*ReOpening
Celebration*

July 11, 2021

Opening Proclamation

(Please stand and face the entrance)

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, for almost 70 weeks we have been God's people in the wilderness of the Covid experience.

C: Scattered like Israel long ago, who sat by the rivers of Babylon longing to come back together on their holy ground again.

P: We have observed a fast from singing God's praises.

C: A discipline of love and care for ourselves and each other.

P: We have observed a fast from physical closeness.

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P: We have observed a fast from gathering around the Lord's Table.

C: A discipline of love and care for ourselves and each other.

P: And God has blessed us in our fasting. Our love and care for ourselves and each other has meant we can now stand together, to break our fast.

C: To raise our voices in songs of praise. To stand next to each other as One People in Christ. To answer Jesus' invitation to come to his table and receive his gifts of grace; the renewing of life in bread and wine.

P: Before our fast is broken and our celebration begins, let us take a moment of silence to honor and call to God's remembrance those who were struck down in the Covid wilderness, those who are still suffering from the effects of their illness, those who are mourning, those who have exhausted themselves in caring for the sick and the dying, and the many throughout the world who are still very much in the midst of the wilderness . . . May the Lord abide with the dead, restore the sick and strengthen those who serve and bring hope to those still in the midst of the struggle.

C: Amen.

P: I now declare our fasting to be at its end in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Lift your voices in song and come to the Feast!

C: Amen, amen and amen!

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.

A: This is the day that Lord has made.

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

A: O Come let us worship and bow down;

C: Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

A: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth forevermore.

C: From the raising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.

A: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to the Most High.

C: To declare the Lord's love in the morning and his faithfulness at the close of the day.

A: Blessed is the One who redeems and saves us.

C: Blessed is our God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray:

C: Father in heaven, with unfaltering faithfulness Your Son, Jesus, stayed true to the way of the cross and brought redemption to the world. Send us the Spirit, that our disciplined faithfulness will keep us always in your way of compassion, grace and hospitality, that our world will continue to be transformed by all we do and say. We ask this in His holy name. Amen.

The Righteous Have Life By Faith

I will stand at my watchpost,
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what the Lord will say to me,
and what the Lord will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the Lord answered me and said:
Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.
For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.
Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

Reader: The Word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God**

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus (who is to judge the living and the dead) and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: to proclaim the Word; to stand firm whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; to expose error; to speak a word of power against evil; to encourage good things; and to do all of this with the utmost patience and the goal of teaching. For there will be a time when people will not stand up with healthy teaching, but, according to their own passions, they will pile up for themselves teachers who tickle their ears, and they will turn their ears away from the truth and will be made to wander away toward myths. But you! You: always be calm and collected; endure suffering; do the work of someone bringing the Good News; see your calling through to its end!

Reader: The Word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

P: Listen now for the Gospel;

All: Alleluia!

It is God's word that changes us;

Alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit,

melt and break our hearts of stone

until we give our lives to God and God alone.

Come, Holy Spirit,

root in us God's living word,

that we may show the faithfulness of Christ our Lord.

Come, Holy Spirit,

bind the broken, find the lost,

confirm in us the fire and love of Pentecost.

Listen now for the Gospel;

Alleluia!

It is God's word that changes us;

Alleluia!

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 17th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

Luke 17

And it came about that while on the way to Jerusalem, Jesus was walking on the border between the regions of Samaria and Galilee. As Jesus entering one of the border villages, he was met by ten men who had leprosy. For health reasons, they remained socially distanced from Jesus.

But, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

And when Jesus say them, he said to them, "As you leave here, go show yourselves to the priests."

And it came about that, in their going away, they were made clean.

And one of them, having seen that he had been restored, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. And now, he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, thanking him. This leper was a Samaritan.

And responding to this Jesus said, "Were not ten lepers made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give glory to God except this one not of our race?"
And Jesus said to the Samaritan leper, "As you get up, go! Your faith saves you."

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

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C: In thanks for all the blessing of life, for work and rest, for food and shelter, for love and laughter, for beauty and harmony, we return these offerings to You, O God. We pray that our thanks is pleasing in Your sight, that what we offer is used again for sustenance and growth. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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Dismissal

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