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Gathering
The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

In Isaiah we hear that God’s house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today’s gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

The assembly stands.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love. Amen.

Trusting God’s promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another. Amen.

The assembly shall kneel as they are able.

Eternal God our Creator, in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God + forgives you all your sins. Amen.

The assembly stands.

GATHERING SONG (ELW p. 523) Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

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.
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.

All

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Dios de todos los pueblos, tus brazos llegan a abrazar a todos los que te invocan. Enséñanos como discípulos de tu hijo a amar al mundo con compasión y constancia, para que tu nombre sea conocido en toda la tierra, por medio de Jesucristo, nuestro Salvador y Señor. Amen.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God’s imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

1 Thus says the Lord:
   Maintain justice, and do what is right,
   for soon my salvation will come,
   and my deliverance be revealed.

6 And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
   to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
   all who keep the Sabbath, and do not profane it,
   and hold fast my covenant—
7 these I will bring to my holy mountain,
   and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
   their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
   will be accepted on my altar;
   for my house shall be called a house of prayer
   for all peoples.

8 Thus says the Lord God,
   who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
   I will gather others to them
   besides those already gathered.

Word of God, word of Life.
Thanks be to God.
RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 67

R Let all the peoples praise you, O God.

1 God, have mercy on us and bless us.
May you be pleased with us.

2 Then your ways will be known on earth.
All nations will see that you have the power to save.

3 God, may the nations praise you.
May all the people on earth praise you.

4 May the nations be glad and sing for joy.
You rule the people of the earth fairly.
   You guide the nations of the earth. R

5 God, may the nations praise you.
May all the people on earth praise you.

6 The land produces its crops. God, our God, blesses us.

7 May God continue to bless us.
   Then people from one end of the earth to the other will have respect for him. R

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable, so that while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

[Paul writes:] 1 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. 30 Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, 31 so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. 32 For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Word of God, word of Life.
Thanks be to God.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be pagan and unclean approaches him for help.

10 [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” 12 Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” 13 He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. 14 Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” 15 But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” 16 Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? 17 Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? 18 But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. 19 For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. 20 These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

21 Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22 Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” 23 But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” 24 He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” 25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” 26 He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” 27 She said,
“Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” 28 Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

The gospel of the Lord.
**Praise to You, O Christ!**

*The assembly is seated.*

**SERMON**

Rev. Arden Dorn

*The assembly stands.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

(ELW p. 400)  
*God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind*

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and 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, who 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 OF INTERCESSION

Generous, compassionate God, we gather before you to pray for the church, the world, and all in need. Unite us, O God, so that all who worship receive assurance and nourishment by faith. Rescue those who suffer from religious persecution. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Teach us, O God, so that the holy mountains and peaceful valleys of your good creation can be restored to the health you intend. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Empower us, O God, to advocate for those on the margins. Open the hearts of leaders in every nation to serve those who are most vulnerable. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Equip us, O God, with your love for our brothers and sisters. Heal the sick, comfort the grieving, feed the hungry, and calm those in distress especially Pauline, Shane, Linda, Norma, Ann, Lorene, Steve, Francis, Carol, Ella, Emil, Dottie, Charles, Eli, Merlene, Beth, Steve, Hope, Tom, Bo, Jackie, Pat, Lawrence, Mary Ruth, Kyle, Cody, and Norma: meet their need by your bountiful compassion and our community’s action. Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Rouse us, O God, to praise you with gladness. We give thanks for musicians, worship leaders, intercessors, those who prepare the communion table, and all who make our worship express our joy. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

We give you thanks, O God, for the saints who have deepened our lives of prayer. Gather us with them in endless praise of you. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Into your hands we place all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in the mercy of Christ Jesus. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Peace is shared among the assembly, and then the assembly is seated.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

The assembly stands.
OFFERING HYMN  (ELW p. 512)  Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.


GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

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. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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\text{Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might,} \\
\text{Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Ho-sa-n} & - \text{n-a.} \\
\text{Ho-sa-n} & - \text{n-a in the high-est. Blessed is he who} \\
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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

LORD’S PRAYER

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

The assembly joins hands to pray:

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 thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread. Our Lord’s body let us take together.

The assembly is seated.

DISTRIBUTION – All are WELCOME at the table of the Lord.

No matter what you have done or your situation, Christ invites, to His table, all who love Him and earnestly repent of their sin and who seek to live in peace with one another. Children or anyone choosing not to commune, but wishing to be blessed, may indicate this by folding their arms across their chest. Anyone who is unable to come forward may indicate to an usher that you wish to receive communion where you are seated.
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

The assembly stands.

BLESSING

May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

SENDING HYMN  (ELW p. 543)  Go, My Children, with My Blessing

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.
Thanks be to God.

DOXOLOGY  (ELW p. 884)  Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Welcome!

We have all come to St. Paul’s by different paths, and from various walks of life. Through worship, study, prayer and fellowship we each seek to deepen our faith, comfort and encourage one another and dedicate our lives more fully to sharing Christ in our homes, our community and the world. All are welcome at St. Paul’s. We are eager to know you, and we invite you to get to know us.

Communion and Visitor Registration Cards are located in the pew racks. We ask that each member and visitor complete a Communion Card when communing, and visitors complete a Visitor card. Completed cards may be placed in the offering plate as it is passed.

A Nursery is located at the rear of the sanctuary in the overflow area.
If you are unable to hear, require a bulletin, or need any other assistance, please signal an usher.

For Prayerful Consideration

Ill or Injured

For those in the military
Nick Adams, Allen Bowles, Justin Chandler, Justin Elkins, Rodney Foreman, Jamaica Goodhue, Taylor Griffin, Jacob Jones, Felipe Leal, Jr., Garrett Peterson, Michael Rosales, James Skinner, Kassie Thompson, John Vasquez, and Delmiro Villanueva.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

LAY READER FOR AUGUST
August 27 – Mary Maddox

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS

(4) 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper; no loose leaf paper
(1) ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
(1) pencil sharpener
(1) pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
(5) unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
(5) black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
(1) box of 16 or 24 crayons
(1) 2 ½” eraser

Please help expedite assembling of the kits by providing each of the items listed above. Your contributions may be left in the designated area in the Fellowship Hall prior to August 30.

VISITORS AND PEN PALS NEEDED!

As communities across the country continue to discuss how they can work together to end the isolation of men and women in immigration detention, the idea of Detention Visitation and Pen Pals keeps surfacing. The GEO facility on Hwy. 181 allows both Visitation and Pen Pal correspondence in an effort to connect volunteers with people in immigration detention who do not have visitors.

To become a Volunteer Visitor or a Pen Pal, contact Rev. Dorn: (602) 565-9793 or Paul Pfeifer: (830) 534-4017
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