

Synod Assembly
2023
Festival Worship

OPENING SONGS

Please rise as you are able for our opening worship songs

Sixty One
Open up the Heavens

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

(at the back of the worship space before the processional)

Children and those who are young at heart are invited to gather around the font.

We praise you, O God, for water.
We praise you, O God, for water.

We need water to drink.
We need water to drink.

We need water to wash.
We need water to wash.

We need water to grow.
We need water to grow.

We praise you, O God, for water.
We praise you, O God, for water.

We praise you, O God, for baptism.
We praise you, O God, for baptism.

We praise you, O God, for your Spirit.
We praise you, O God, for your Spirit.

We praise you, O God, for water.
We praise you, O God, for water.

Amen, with water.
Amen, with water.

PROCESSIONAL SONG (w/ asperges)
Now all the Vault of Heaven Resound

SONG OF PRAISE
Bless the Lord, O My Soul

APOSTOLIC 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 (Lent 5A)
Let us pray together,
**Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us from all sin and death.
Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in
Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever. Amen.**

The assembly may be seated.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will

cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’

¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.”

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

PSALM:

Joe Davis

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Amazed – reading takes place in the middle of Amazed

(Verger

Cross with torches

Deacon Kat Tigerman (Assisting Minister) with BIBLE/BOOK of GOSPELS)

The Holy Gospel according to St Mark the 16th Chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8

¹When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(reprise Amazed) in order to give the procession time to get back to their places before the sermon)

SERMON

The Reverend Patricia A. Davenport
Bishop, Southeast Pennsylvania Synod

HYMN OF THE DAY

Beautiful Things
Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble

NICENE CREED

Let us confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

**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.

ORDER FOR INSTALLATION (DEM Deacon Kat Tigerman)

Presentation

(The assembly stands. The deacon being installed and a representative of the calling body come before the presiding minister and the assembly.)

(The presiding minister addresses the assembly.)

Having been authorized by the church to install Deacon Kat Tigerman, our co-worker in the gospel, as Director of Evangelical Mission, I now ask for certification of this call.

(A representative of the calling body addresses the presiding minister.)

After prayerful deliberation, we, of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, have called Deacon Kat Tigerman to serve as a minister of word and service in the position of Director of Evangelical Mission.

I present Deacon Tigerman and this letter certifying the call.

(The representative gives the presiding minister the letter certifying that the call has been received and accepted.

The representative moves aside,)

The assembly may be seated.

Address and Questions

The presiding minister addresses the minister of word and service.

Our Lord, who came among us as a servant, calls us to faith and a life of loving service to our neighbor. You come among us as one called and set apart for the ministry of word and service, a gift from God to inspire us to love and service to Christ. A reading from Mark: Jesus said, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

(Mark 10:42-43, 45)

A reading from Romans: As in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ,

and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. (Romans 12:4-8)

A reading from First Peter: Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 4:10-11)

The presiding minister addresses questions to the minister of word and service.

Deacon Tigerman, in the presence of this assembly
will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility,
in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you carry out this ministry in accordance with the holy scriptures and with
the confessions of the Lutheran church
and in harmony with the constitutions
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and faithful in your use of
the means of grace?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Trusting in God's care,
will you witness to Jesus Christ in word and deed, pray for God's people,
seek to grow in love for those you serve,
strive for excellence in your skills,
and adorn the gospel of Jesus Christ with a godly life?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you give faithful witness in the world,
that God's love may be known in all that you do?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

*The assembly responds: **Amen.***

Please stand as you are able.

(The presiding minister addresses the assembly.)

People of God,
will you receive Deacon Tigerman into this ministry
as one called and sent to serve all people in Christ's name?
We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you pray for Deacon Tigerman?
Will you help and honor her in carrying out this ministry?
In all things, will you strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?
We will, and we ask God to help us.

The presiding minister addresses the minister of word and service.

Deacon Tigerman, the ministry of Evangelical Mission is now committed to you
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

PRAYER

Let us pray.

Gracious God, as you have called workers to varied tasks in the world and in your church, so you have called name to this ministry. Grant to your servant joy and a spirit of bold trust, that this work may stir up each of us to a life of fruitful service; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

(The newly installed deacon may kneel as the presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.)

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

(The deacon stands.

A representative of the ministry where the deacon will serve may present the deacon with a symbol of the ministry to be exercised. BIBLE)

The presiding minister may address the assembly with these or similar words.

People of God, I present to you [Deacon] Tigerman, your DEM. Let us welcome Kat in the name of Christ.

The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

David Scherer

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.)

OFFERING

Tonight's offering will support the ELCA Fund for Leaders.

There are several options for giving:

You may place offerings in offering plates

Text "NEPS assembly" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.
You may also use the QR code on the screen.

OFFERING SONG

Jireh

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Holy God, you abide with your creation and in Jesus Christ you gather us at your table. As you stayed with your disciples for an evening meal, so now stay with us. As we receive these gifts of bread and wine, open our hearts to share what we have received, the abiding love of Jesus, our risen Savior. 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.

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.

Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,
you pour out the fire of your Spirit,

uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty – ELW # 413

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

As the shadows lengthen,
we bless you, sheltering God.

We glorify you for the endless, starlit sky,
deep with the mystery of your creative labor
through all time and space.

We praise you for the fertile earth
and for the life its darkness holds and births:
plants of every variety,
animals curled in sleep,
humankind you shaped by your own hand.

Stay with us, for it is evening.

Stay with us, for it is evening.

Through the night
you led your people into freedom.
At day's end
you rained down manna in the wilderness.
At sundown
your Son brought healing to people in need.
In the midday night
when Jesus died on the cross,
life came forth for all.

Stay with us, for it is evening.

Stay with us, for it is evening.

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.

Our hearts burn within us
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Like a mother hen,
hold us close through the coming night.
Watch with those who labor,
accompany those who long for peaceful sleep,
welcome those whose waking will be only in you.
Into our deepest night, come, Lord Jesus.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Come, Holy Spirit,
make here the body of Christ:
in the breaking of the bread,
in justice for our broken world,
in rest for the weary, come, Holy Spirit.
Come, Holy Spirit.

To you, O God,
painter of both night and day,
guiding star and healing sun,
breath of peace and wind of change,
be all glory, all honor, all praise
this night unto the coming dawn, now and forever.
Amen.

Gathered into one 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and know Christ,
broken and poured out for you.

COMMUNION

*[One distribution station per dean with host and intinction glass chalice
Bishop at single station for gluten-free, grape juice and individual cup needs]
(Please note: Due to continuing health concerns, we will not be offering a common
cup.)*

COMMUNION SONGS

Come as You Are
Wonderful Maker
Sometimes by Step

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Brief announcements may be made.)

BLESSING

(The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.)

God, the Source of glory,

God, the Word of life,

God, the Spirit of truth

✠ bless you all, now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONGS & RECESSIONAL

[same order as processional]

We are

Say So