



**Closing Service of Holy Communion**

**Closing of the 17<sup>th</sup> Biennial Assembly**

**Installation of Synod Council, Deans and Ministry  
Directors**



**Sunday, June 24, 2018**

## GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC:

*Led by band*

GATHERING SONG:      *Bless the Lord, my soul*    STCW #62

GREETING:

**B. Susan:**    **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.

LITANY:

**Deacon:**    **As we gather for Word and Sacrament before we take  
our leave, we give thanks for the teachings that have been  
shared, and we pray:**

**Grace us to attend to how we read,**  
mindful that our reading is both marked by hope  
and marred by sin.

**Grace us to make neighbouring a verb,**  
describing our resolute decision to be, in solidarity, near the  
wounded and the suffering whom we encounter in our  
journeys on the Way.

**Grace us to pause and reflect on who and what we deem  
insignificant,**  
on who and what we render invisible and voiceless.

**Grace us to see the face of our sibling in the face of every  
human being**  
and to be sensitive to their touch.

**Grace us to refuse the Grow or Die lie that reduces the earth to  
a commodity**  
and human beings to a means to the end of profit.

**Grace us to live out our unbounded freedom in Jesus Christ**  
and our radical commitment to neighbour and all of creation.  
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

**B. Susan:** O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

**WORD**

READING: Job 38:1-11

**Reader 1:** A reading from Job

**Reader 1:** <sup>1</sup>Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

**Reader 2:** <sup>2</sup> ‘Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

<sup>3</sup> Gird up your loins like a man,  
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

**Reader 3:** <sup>4</sup> ‘Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?  
Tell me, if you have understanding.

**Reader 4:** <sup>5</sup> Who determined its measurements—surely you know!  
Or who stretched the line upon it?

**Reader 5:** <sup>6</sup> On what were its bases sunk,  
or who laid its cornerstone  
<sup>7</sup> when the morning stars sang together  
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

**Reader 6:** <sup>8</sup> ‘Or who shut in the sea with doors  
when it burst out from the womb?—  
<sup>9</sup> when I made the clouds its garment,

**Reader 7:** and thick darkness its swaddling band,  
<sup>10</sup> and prescribed bounds for it,  
and set bars and doors,

**Reader 2:** <sup>11</sup> and said, “Thus far shall you come, and no farther,  
and here shall your proud waves be stopped”?

**Reader 1:** Word of God, word of life.  
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:        *Syrian Alleluia*    STCW #34  
*led by Choir*

GOSPEL:        Mark 4:35-41

**Deacon:**        **The holy gospel according to Mark.**  
                          Glory to you, O Lord.

**Deacon:**        <sup>35</sup>On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, ‘Let us go across to the other side.’ <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, ‘Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?’ <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, ‘Peace! Be still!’ Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, ‘Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?’ <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, ‘Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?’

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:        *Syrian Alleluia*    STCW #34

SERMON:        Bishop Michael Pryse, Eastern Synod of the ELCIC

HYMN OF THE DAY:        *Light Dawns on a Weary World*    EvLW #726

INSTALLATION OF SYNOD COUNCIL, DEANS AND MINISTRY DIRECTORS:

**Secretary:** The following people have been elected to positions of leadership in our community of faith. I invite them to come forward as their names are read.

*Those newly elected and those in the middle of their terms come forward as their names are read.*

**Officers**

*List Names*

**Synod Council Members**

*List Names*

**Ministry Area Deans**

*List Names*

**Ministry Directors**

*List Names*

**B. Michael:** In the waters of Baptism, you have died to self-serving ways and been initiated into the church in order that you might serve others for Christ's sake. Through the celebration of Holy Communion you are nurtured for the work that God has given you. I ask you, do you accept the responsibilities with which you have been entrusted and will you serve the people of this synod with respect, humility and genuine compassion? Is so respond, "We will."

We will.

**Members of the Eastern Synod, will you pray for these people, encourage them in their work, offer your services as you are able and work to build up the ministry of this Synod which is a ministry shared by all who are baptized?**

We will.

**I now declare**

Officers: *List first names*

Synod Council: *List first names*

Ministry Area Deans: *List first names*

Ministry Directors: *List first names*

**Members of our new synodical leadership team. May God bless you with just wisdom, generous hearts, good humour and rich vision so that the reign of God might be made known in this place.**

Amen.

*Applause*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

**Assisting Minister:** Let us pray to God, who liberates us to reach out in love for the whole world responding to 'We are liberated by God's grace' with 'to be neighbour.'

*Individual prayer petitions were prepared by the Youth Delegates.*

**Response:** We are liberated by God's grace,  
to be neighbour.

**Assisting Minister:** As we have heard what it means to be neighbour, we celebrate with our neighbour, the Province of Quebec, on this their National Holiday (Fête National), the feast day for St. John the Baptist. All these things, the longings of our hearts, and our offerings given for Canadian Lutheran World Relief, O God of grace, we bring to you, trusting in your steadfast love and tender mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

**B. Susan:** The peace of Christ be with you all.  
Also with you.

*People brought back together with the singing of "Peace, Salaam, Shalom."*

OFFERING SONG: *Peace, Salaam, Shalom*  
*led paperlessly by Choir*  
*The table is set*

## MEAL

### GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE AND PREFACE

**B. Susan:** **The Lord be with you.**  
And also with you.

**Lift up your hearts.**  
We lift them to the Lord.

**Let us give thanks to 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.**

**We thank you, lifegiving God  
For you never stop creating.  
From the dawn of time, to our mother's womb,  
even in the age to come,  
Your creativity is as endless as eternity.**

**We thank you, Holy Spirit,  
For you do not allow us to grow complacent.  
Your stir up dreams and visions within us  
Making us restless for a new Heaven and a new Earth.**

**We thank you, Christ our Saviour  
Word made into flesh.  
You challenge us and teach us  
That those we thought were strange and cut off  
Are members in your holy body.**

**Therefore, with all of Israel's children,  
and with all the saints across the ages,  
of all cultures and race,  
of all genders and faiths,  
who have lived your truth and spoken your life  
in the midst of this world's brokenness,  
We praise your name, joyfully proclaiming:**

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY:** *Sanna, sannanina* STCW #48  
*led paperlessly by choir*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

**B. Susan:** On the night in which Jesus offered himself,  
He took bread, gave thanks,  
and gave it to his followers saying:  
“Take and eat. I am offering my life for you.  
Do this to remember me.”

After supper, he took a cup of wine, gave thanks,  
And offered it to his followers saying,  
“This is a sign of the new covenant,  
offered for you and for all people,  
to gather us into a new kind of humanity.  
Do this to remember me.”

Together with all the church, we give you thanks:  
Creator, Redeemer, Spirit of love.  
Bind us together. Open our hearts.  
Grant us peace. Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER:

**B. Susan:** Gathered into one, let us pray.

Our Father ....

COMMUNION:

**B. Susan:** The gifts of God for the people of God.  
Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION SONG:

*For the troubles and the sufferings* STCW #20

Anthems:

*sung by choir*

*Love Has Broken Down the Wall*

*Build a Longer Table*

*Amen siyakudumisa* STCW #54



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

**Assisting Minister:** Let us pray.

**We give you thanks, liberating God,  
that through bread and wine we are united with all that  
you have created.**

**Strengthened and nourished, send us forth,  
to love the world as you do,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

## SENDING

BLESSING:

**B. Michael:** *Your own OR*

**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

DISMISSAL:

**Deacon:** **Go in peace, .....**  
Thanks be to God.

SENDING SONG: *Until all are fed* STCW #28

**Worship Leaders:**

Preaching: Bishop Michael  
Presiding: Bishop Susan  
Assisting Minister: Jenna Scheffelmeier  
Deacon: Deacon Scott Knarr  
Reader 1: Robb Wilson  
Reader 2: Sherry Coman  
Reader 3: Rev. Steve. Hoffard  
Reader 4: Debbie Lou Ludolph  
Reader 5: Jonah Bruce  
Reader 6: Kathryn Smith  
Reader 7: Bradley Moggach  
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