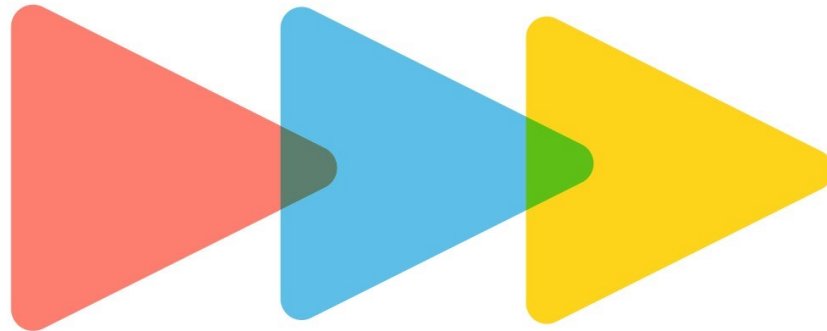


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SENDING PRAYERS:
PENTECOST



FORWARD
TOGETHER
with courage and hope

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GATHERING HYMN

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

ELW #548

Please rise.



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



from this meal of love and grace;
 af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;
 God has called us to re - ceive;
 cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



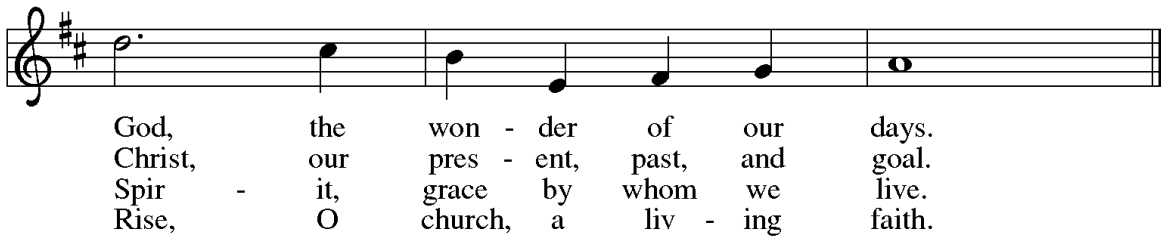
may we through such love en - vi - sion
 bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed
 pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,
 mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise.
 to re - lease and and to con - sole.
 Spir - it - ed then let us live.
 from this day and un - to death.



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



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Please be seated.

READING Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31

Reader: A reading from Proverbs.

¹Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?

²On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;

³beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

⁴“To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.

²²The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.

²³Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.

²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth —

²⁶when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world’s first bits of soil.

²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

²⁸when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,

²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command,

when he marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰then I was beside him, like a master worker;

and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,

³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

READING Romans 8:12-25

Reader: A reading from Romans.

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise.

PRAYER

Leader: Gathered together, let us pray.
For your goodness and generosity
in giving us all we need,

C: help us to praise you, O God.

L: In every circumstance of life,
in good times and bad,

C: help us to trust you, O God.

L: In love and faithfulness,
with all that we have and all that we are,

C: help us to serve you, O God.

L: As we speak or write or listen
to those nearby or far away,

C: **help us to share your love, O God.**

L: In our plans and work
for ourselves and for others,

C: **help us to glorify you, O God.**

L: In every thought and word and deed,
by the power of your Holy Spirit,

C: **may we live for you, O God.**

L: Loving God, we thank you for hearing our prayers,
feeding us with your word,
and encouraging us in our time together.
Take us and use us
to love and serve you, and all people,
in the power of your Spirit
and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

INSTALLATION TO OFFICE

*The secretary of the synod announces the name of each person
and the office to which the person has been elected.*

L: *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*)

The leader addresses those being installed.

L: Will you assume the office to which you have been elected,
and will you endeavor to carry out its duties faithfully,
to the glory of Christ our Lord and in service to the one holy church?

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

The leader addresses the assembly.

L: People of God, will you support and pray for these newly elected leaders in their work?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

The leader addresses those being installed.

L: The office to which each of you was elected is committed to you
in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

The leader continues with prayer.

L: Let us pray.

Gracious God, you call your people to service
and give them varied tasks in the world and in your church.
Grant these new leaders grace and strength,
that they may serve you faithfully to the glory of your name;
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The leader blesses the newly installed.

L: 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 well-pleasing in God's sight;
through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

C: Amen.

Please rise.

CLOSING OF A SYNOD ASSEMBLY

L: Jesus said, You will be my witnesses

C: **to the ends of the earth.**

L: I chose you and appointed you

C: **to bear fruit that will last.**

L: Remember, I will be with you always,

C: **to the end of time.**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your most gracious favor,
and extend to us your continual help;
that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name;
and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

L: O God, our beginning and our end,

you kept Abraham and Sarah in safety throughout the days of their pilgrimage,
you led the children of Israel through the midst of the sea,
and by a star you led the magi to the infant Jesus.

Protect and guide us now as we set out to travel.

Make our ways safe and our homecomings joyful,

and bring us at last to our heavenly home,

where you dwell in glory with our Lord Jesus Christ

and the life-giving Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

L: I declare this assembly closed

in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

L: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Service continues on following page.

1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl-wind, as on Pen - te -
 2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
 3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
 4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's

cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
 pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
 leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,

past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
 let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
 for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
 may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;

there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
 kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
 make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
 claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

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