

Synod-Wide Worship
Seventh Sunday of Easter



Installation of Rev. Asher O'Callaghan
As Associate to the Bishop, Director for Transitions and
Discernment

God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM—based on Psalm 1

The psalmist proclaims,
“Happiness comes to those who reject the path of violence”
By God’s tender mercies,
the dawn from on high brightens our path,
illuminating the way of peace.

Guide our feet into the way of peace, God.

The psalmist proclaims,
“Happiness comes to those who delight in the Law of the LORD,
and meditate on it day and night.”

We delight in God’s law, ever grateful for God’s grace.

The psalmist proclaims,
“They are like trees planted by flowing water –
they bear fruit in every season,
and their leaves never wither:
everything they do will prosper.”
God names and claims us beloved,
washing us in the baptismal waters of renewal and grace.
Come to the waters...

**Voice over the waters,
in baptism, you plant us,
your beloved, weary, withered ones
by your channels of peace and streams of justice.
Refresh us by these waters that we may thrive in our baptismal covenant:**

To live among God’s faithful people;
(splash water into the air/ sprinkle a person nearby)

Baptized, we live in community.

hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s Supper;
(splash water/ make sign of cross on your ear/ mode of hearing God’s word)

Open us to your word. Open our hearts to receive your grace.

proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed;
(splash water/ make sign of cross on your mouth/ mode of proclaiming God’s word)

Embolden us to proclaim the good news.

serve all people following the example of Jesus;
(splash water/ make sign of cross on your palms/ mode of service)

Direct us, that we may use our gifts in humble service to neighbors near and far.

and strive for justice and peace in all the earth.
(splash water/ make sign of cross on your feet/ mode of movement)

Guide us to persist in solidarity with the oppressed, the forgotten, and the brokenhearted.

Amen.

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

Sanctifying God,
Your gift to us is one who overcame
The system which enslaves
And feeds upon the victim:
Send us to your world,
To speak the truth of peace,
To stand with those who suffer,
To show another way,
Through Jesus Christ, the life of all things.
Amen.

FIRST READING—Job 38:22-27

“Have you entered the storehouses of the snow,
or have you seen the storehouses of the hail,
which I have reserved for the time of trouble,
for the day of battle and war?
What is the way to the place where the light is distributed,
or where the east wind is scattered upon the earth?
Who has cut a channel for the torrents of rain,
and a way for the thunderbolt,
to bring rain on a land where no one lives,
on the desert, which is empty of human life,
to satisfy the waste and desolate land,
and to make the ground put forth grass?”

SECOND READING—Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

“In those days Peter stood up among the believers* (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, ‘Friends,* the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.’ So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, ‘Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place* in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.’ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.”

GOSPEL—John 17:6-19

“[Jesus prayed:] ‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.’”

CHILDREN’S SERMON—Rev. Phyllis Smoot

SERMON—Bishop Anne Edison-Albright

INSTALLATION

Having been authorized by the church to install Pastor Asher O’Callaghan, our co-worker in the gospel, as Associate to the Bishop, Director for Transitions and Discernment,

I now ask for certification of this call.

Vice President Kerry Febrman addresses Bishop Anne.

After prayerful deliberation,

we, of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin,

have called Pastor Asher Herman O’Callaghan to serve as a minister of word and sacrament in the position of Associate to the Bishop,

Director for Transitions and Discernment.

I present Pastor Asher for installation.

A reading from John: Jesus said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” *(John 20:21-23)*

A reading from Matthew: Jesus said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” *(Matthew 28:18-20)*

A reading from First Timothy: Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Attend to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers. (1 Timothy 4:12-16)

Pastor Asher, 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 preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures and
with the confessions of the Lutheran church?
Will you carry out this ministry 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 love, serve, and pray for God's people, nourish
them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by
your own example in faithful service and holy living?

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.**

People of God,
will you receive Pastor Asher as a messenger of Jesus Christ
sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation?
Will you regard Pastor Asher as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?
We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you pray for Pastor Asher?

Will you help and honor him 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.

Pastor Asher, the office of Associate to the Bishop, Director of Transitions and Discernment is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Abiding in the Holy One, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

Gracious God, you know the hearts of your people. Inspire bishops, pastors, deacons and all leaders of your church, with bold curiosity and hope, tenacity for equity and justice, and tenderness for the lost and suffering.

Holy God, holy and mighty,

you alone are God.

The power of your life-giving Word and Spirit is unmatched in all the cosmos.

Bring healing to lands devastated by natural disasters and human greed. Bring rain where there is drought, fresh winds and growth to wilderness places. Inspire people across the earth to be wise and innovative stewards of all you have made.

Holy God, holy and mighty,

you alone are God.

Through your Son, Jesus the Christ, you have revealed to the world the presence and everlasting reality of your reign of peace. Shatter our prejudices, our addictions to violence. Pierce illusions of power with the truth of your love. Inspire global, national, and local leaders to protect the vulnerable and foster relationships of mutuality and respect where there has been mistrust and hatred.

Holy God, holy and mighty,

you alone are God.

You accompany all who suffer and tend to the hearts of the weary. Give healing to the sick, rest to the exhausted, hope to prisoners, resolve for new life to the addicted, peace to the brokenhearted. Inspire medical professionals and caregivers to provide the best possible care to those who are physically or mentally ill. We pray especially for those who wait with the dying, places where the coronavirus still ravages your beloved children, and for all we name before you either aloud or in our hearts....

Holy God, holy and mighty,

you alone are God.

Holy God, holy and mighty, you alone are God. You alone are our life. Hold the churches and people of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin close to your heart; fill us with joy in Christ's resurrection. Inspire Bishop Anne, Pastor Asher, the entire synod staff and council with such delight in you, such insight into your Word, such hope for the future you have for us, that they in turn inspire us to be the church you created us to be, in the world and for the sake of all persons, no exceptions.
Holy God, holy and mighty,
you alone are God.

You are Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end. Inspire us through the lives of your saints who live among us and who have gone before us, until the day comes when your reign of peace comes in all of its glory. In deep gratitude we lift up before you the names of those who have inspired our faith, either aloud or in our hearts.....
Holy God, holy and mighty,
you alone are God.

Loving God, receive our prayers in the holy and precious name of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** We invite you to send someone a sign of Christ's peace.

OFFERTORY

COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks and praise. **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 all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ;
who, enthroned forever at your right hand,
intercedes for us as our great high priest.
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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

On the night in which he was betrayed,
 Our Lord Jesus gathered with his faltering friends
 for a meal that tasted of freedom.
 he 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.

As on that night, so here and now
 he offers himself in taste and touch,
 beyond all words can hold.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the Lord's Prayer using the language of our hearts:

**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,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.**

The Body and Blood of Christ. Behold who you are. Become what you receive.

All people without exception are welcome to commune with us today.

If you are joining us with others from your household, you may commune one another at this time.

If you are joining us by yourself, please take the bread:

Beloved child of God, the Body of Christ, given for you.

And now, take the cup:

The Blood of Christ, shed for you.

If for your own reasons you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion, please bow your head and receive this blessing:

May you know God's love journeying alongside you all the days of your life. Amen.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
 way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

POSTCOMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Entrust your life to the Lord of the open spaces and the time of adventure; to the life that pulses through rain drenched streets and mountain heights; to the love that sustains us through times of joy and hardship alike. Let God's hope be a clearing sky before you, a compass in your heart guiding you to where you belong; and the blessing of God, Holy Parent, Holy Child, and Holy Spirit be upon you this day and remain with you always. Amen.

Go to the World!



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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