



**Metropolitan New York Synod**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

HOLY EUCHARIST WITH RECEPTION OF THE METROPOLITAN NEW YORK  
SYNOD AS A SANCTUARY SYNOD AND CLOSING OF THE ASSEMBLY

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**Saturday in the Sixth Week of Easter**

**May 12, 2018**

**1:30 in the afternoon**

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HYMN



1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood  
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly, free - ly,  
3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest  
4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood



as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -  
of your own. With the sun - shine of your good - ness melt our  
char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious sen - tence, "You have  
as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -



men - dous sac - ri - fice; and with that have free - ly giv - en  
thank - less hearts of stone till our cold and self - ish na - tures,  
done it all to me." Na - ked, sick, in pris - on, hun - gry—  
men - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust you bold - ly,



bles - sings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful  
warmed by you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py  
in the least, your face we view, say - ing by your  
hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of

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“The Lord is my helper;  
I will not be afraid.  
What can anyone do to me?”

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The hymn is sung once by the soloist and repeated by all.*



So - mos u - no en Cris - to, so - mos u - no. So - mos  
u - no, u - no so - lo. So - mos u - no en Cris - to, so - mos  
u - no. So - mos u - no, u - no so - lo.  
Un so - lo Dios, un so - lo Se - ñor, u - na so - la  
fe, un so - lo a - mor. Un so - lo bau - tis - mo, un so - lo Es -  
pí - ri - tu, y e - se es el con - so - la - dor.

## HOLY GOSPEL ✠ SAINT MATTHEW 25:31-46

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

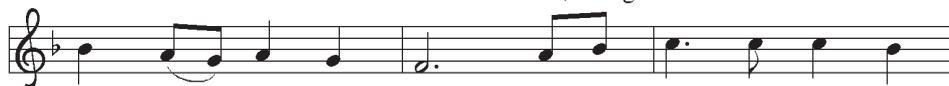
# HYMN OF THE DAY



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
 end to fear and dan - ger:  
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

## RECEPTION OF THE METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SYNOD AS A SANCTUARY SYNOD

Dear friends: United with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are joined in God's mission for the life of the world. We are called to that mission in our daily lives and in the ministries we share as the church of God. Today it is our privilege to become a Welcoming Sanctuary Synod.

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you all to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**We renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**We renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**We renounce them.**

Together with all the saints, let us confess the faith of the Church:

**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,  
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**

*\*The phrase “and the Son” is a later addition to the creed.*

## AFFIRMATION AND COMMITMENT

Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread,  
and in the prayers?

**With the help of God, we will.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return  
to the Lord?

**With the help of God, we will.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

**With the help of God, we will.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**With the help of God, we will.**

Will you recognize Christ’s authority over human society, by prayer for the world and  
its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

**With the help of God, we will.**

As a community of faith, we seek to be a Welcoming Sanctuary Synod that:

- ✘ provides a safe space for those fleeing persecution;
- ✘ responds to raids, detentions, deportations, and the criminalization of immigrants and refugees;
- ✘ contests individual cases of deportation;
- ✘ advocates for an end to mass detention;
- ✘ amplifies immigrant voices;
- ✘ envisions what a welcoming church, city and world can be; and
- ✘ practices, as a prophetic action, the radical hospitality rooted in the ancient traditions of our faith.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you commit yourself to this ministry?

**With the help of God, we will.**

Through the action of this synod on June 10, 2017 and by these affirmations, the Metropolitan New York Synod has declared this ministry to be Sanctuary.

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

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each portion of the prayers concludes:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

## PEACE

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

## OFFERING

*The offering is given in support of accompaniment and advocacy ministries.  
Write checks payable to “Metro NY Synod”.*

## PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

*Refrain*



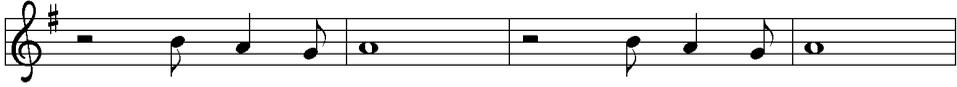
One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles-sing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,  
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,  
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



*Refrain*

wom - an or man, no more.  
one in the Lord of all.  
gath - ered to one for all.

## PRAYER

Let us pray.

...Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

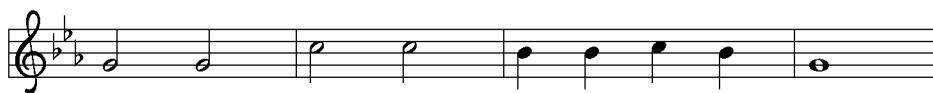
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...and join their unending hymn:



*San - to, san - to, san - to\_es el Se - ñor,*



*Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to\_es el Se - ñor.*



*San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to\_es el Se - ñor,*



*Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to\_es el Se - ñor.*



*Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la*



*tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el*

nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el

cie - lo, ho - san - na en la tie - rra. Ben -

di - to el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor.

...proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...now and forever.

**Amen.**

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

*Each prays **Our Father** in the language of their choosing.*

## AT THE DISTRIBUTION

*The bread is gluten free.*

*The wine contains alcohol. Grape juice is available in glass chalices.*

## LAMB OF GOD



*Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;*



*ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.*



*Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;*



*ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.*



*Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;*



*da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.*

## HYMN



- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;
- 3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



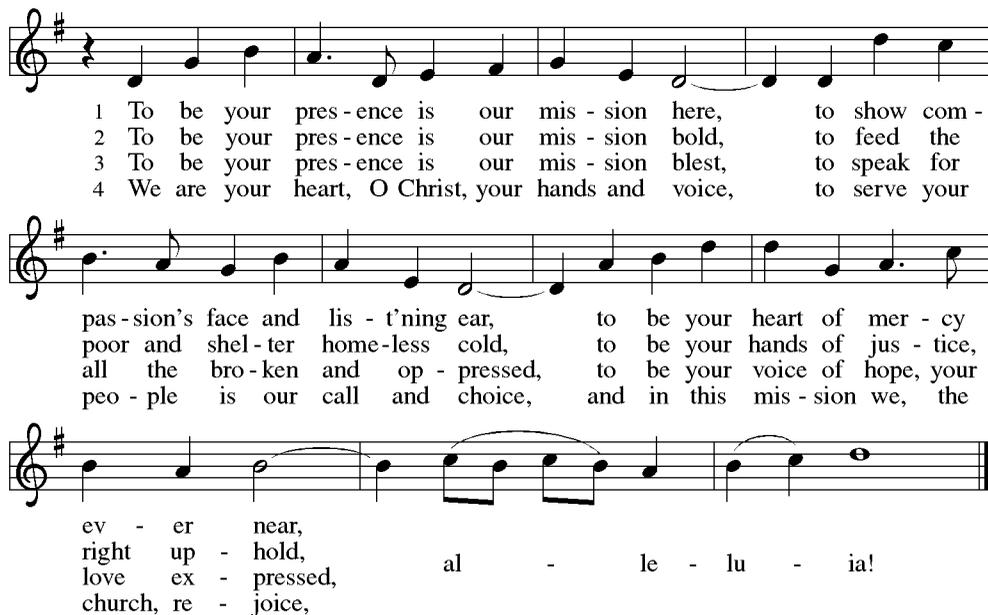
but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.  
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.  
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.  
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

## PRAYER

...through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

## PROCESSION TO THE FONT



1 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion here, to show com-  
2 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion bold, to feed the  
3 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion blest, to speak for  
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your

pas-sion's face and lis-t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer-cy  
poor and shel-ter home-less cold, to be your hands of jus-tice,  
all the bro-ken and op-pressed, to be your voice of hope, your  
peo-ple is our call and choice, and in this mis-sion we, the

ev-er near,  
right up-hold, al-le-lu-ia!  
love ex-pressed,  
church, re-joice,

## CLOSING OF ASSEMBLY

Jesus said, you will be my witnesses  
**to the ends of the earth.**

I chose you and appointed you  
**to bear fruit that will last.**

Remember, I will be with you always,  
**to the end of time.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray.  
Direct us...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

O God, our beginning and our end...one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

I declare this assembly closed.

Almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son and the Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

## LEADERS IN THIS LITURGY

The Rev. Donald J. McCoid, *presiding*  
Interim Bishop of the Metropolitan New York Synod

The Rev. Wyvetta Bullock, *preaching*  
Assistant to the Presiding Bishop, Executive for Administration of the Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America

Donald R. Meineke and Guillermo Vaisman, *principal musicians*

*Special thanks to the MNYS Worship Committee and all volunteers assisting  
with worship leadership.*

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