

*“Love  
each other  
as I have  
loved you.”*

JOHN 15:12, NIV



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## GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

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PRELUDE . . . *“Borning Cry”*

WELCOME

SINGING BOWL

With the help of the Spirit, look within. See what burdens  
may be lifted, what obstacles may be removed,  
what new life and promise await us.

EASTER GREETING

*L: Sing praise with all of creation.*

**All: Sing praise with all of humanity.**

*L: Sing praise together,*

**All: for all of our songs come from one God, creator of all.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Sing a new song,

**All: a song of love for all.**

L: Sing of the Spirit of love,

**All: the Spirit who loves us all.**

L: Sing of God’s abiding love,

**All: that we might love one another and all of the world.**

L: Sing a new song,

**All: a song of love for all.**

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

*L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.*

**All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*L: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new,*

**All: leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.**

*L: We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,*

**All: like rains to our thirsting earth,**

*L: like streams that revive our souls,*

**All: like cups of cool water shared with strangers.**

*L: Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.*

**All: Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.**

*L: Make us one, risen Christ.*

**All: Cleanse our hearts.**

*L: Shower us with life.*

**All: To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. Amen.**

## GREETING

*L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.*

**All: Amen.**

## LITANY OF CALL AND CONFESSION . . . by Katherine Hawker

*L: Come with what you have. For you who grieve this day know that you are invited to bring the broken pieces of your heart.*

**All: Loved by one another, we discover God's love for us.**

L: Come with what you have. For you who come with gladness know that your melody will find harmony.

**All: Accepting God's love for us, we are called to love one another.**

L: Come with what you have. For you weighed down by too many 'shoulds' and 'what-ifs' know that here you may lay down the burdens of guilt and shame.

**All: Loved by one another, we discover God's love for us.**

L: Come with what you have. For you who have the answers, know that new questions await you.

**All: Accepting God's love for us, we are called to love one another.**

L: Come with what you have. For you who come seeking, know that your questions are safe in the presence of God.

**All: Loved by one another, we discover God's love for us.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding.

**All: Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD**

Reader: God of light and love,

**All: open our hearts to your message of unity.**

Reader: Open our minds to the light of your wisdom.

**All: Open our lives to the call of your Spirit.**

Reader: Reveal to us your holy presence,

**All: as we listen and learn this day. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

## **FIRST READING . . . Acts 10:44-48**

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

## **GOSPEL . . . John 15:9-17**

[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## **CHILDREN’S TIME . . . Carmen Blair**

## **HOMILY . . . Carmen Blair**

## **A BLESSING FOR ALL WOMEN WHO NURTURE**

*L: Gracious God, in love you have given us the gift of mothers and those women who nurture.*

**All: Grant to each of them your power and grace.**

*L: Strengthen them in their loving with tenderness and understanding, with compassion and joy.*

**All: Endow them with wisdom and knowledge so that they might teach all children how to live and love;**

*L: how to seek and pursue that which is right and true;*

**All: how to turn away from all that is hurtful and wrong.**

*L: Deepen their own faith so that they might instill in all a love for you that will sustain and keep them their whole life long.*

**All: We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

*L: With grateful hearts, let us share a portion of the bounty God has given us.*

**All: We do so as an act of faith, and in support of God's work in this congregation and the world.**

## **THANKFUL OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*L: Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts and on all of us gathered here,*

**All: that we may abide in your love and that your love may abide in these gifts. In your loving name, we pray. Amen.**



## **THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

L: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love. Faithful Savior, you conquer the world not with weapons but with undying love. Plant your word in the hearts of the nations' leaders and give them your Spirit, so that the peoples of the world may live in peace. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

L: Caring Healer, you forget no one and accompany the lonely. Be present with those who are sick or suffering. Provide for those needing homes or medical care and point us towards life-changing responses to these needs in our own communities. Be with the dying. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

L: Gracious God, as a mother comforts her child, you comfort us. Bless mothers and mothering people in our lives. Comfort those who miss their mothers, mothers who grieve, those who grieve because they cannot be mothers, and those who have never known a loving mother. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

L: Hear now the prayers of our hearts said either silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

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

**All: 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.**

## BLESSING

*L: Created by God,*

**All: we go to love all of creation.**

*L: Blessed with love,*

**All: we are bound by love.**

*L: Chosen for love,*

**All: we go now to love.**

## DISMISSAL

L: You are marked with the cross of Christ.

**All: We go forth to love and serve God.**

POSTLUDE . . . *“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”*

## SINGING BOWL

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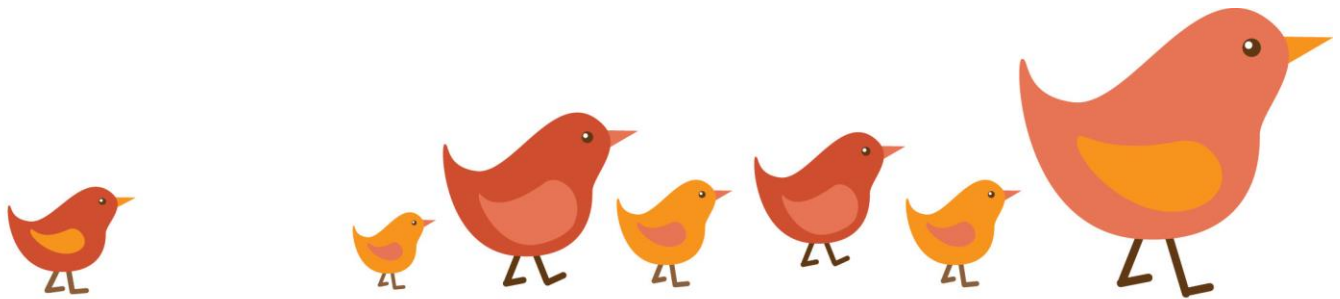
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