Welcome

Gathering Song

Mercy          Lynn DeShazo & Gary Sadler
Resurrection Choir

Mercy, mercy, Lord, your mercy is how we are restored.
Mercy, O mercy, Lord, help us to show your mercy, Lord.

You have been patient with our offenses, you have forgiven all of our sins;
We were deserving only your judgement, but your great mercy triumphed again.

Mercy, mercy, Lord, your mercy is how we are restored.
Mercy, O mercy, Lord, help us to show your mercy, Lord.

Lord, you have taught us ‘Love one another.’
As you have loved us, so we must love,
Always forbearing, always forgiving, showing to others the mercy we’ve known.

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THE WORD OF GOD

Leader:       Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People:      And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Song of Praise

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

Arlen Clarke

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a way as gives us breath;
Such a truth as ends all strife,
Such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a light as shows a feast,
Such a feast as mends in length,
Such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a joy as none can move,
Such a love as none can part,
Such a heart as joys in love.

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The Collect of the Day

Leader:       O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good
things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you,
that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson: 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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98
1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
   for he has done marvelous things.
2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
   has he won for himself the victory.
3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
   his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
   and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
   lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
   with the harp and the voice of song.
7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
   shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
    the lands and those who dwell therein.
9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
    and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
    when he comes to judge the earth.
10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
    and the peoples with equity.

The Second Lesson: 1 John 5:1-6
Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel
Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 15:9-17
Jesus said to his disciples, “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.”

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rebecca Jones

The Nicene Creed

Officiant and People

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
  he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
  and was made man.
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
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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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 Prayers of the People  
*Modified from “Prayers of the People from Youth Sunday,” St Luke’s Episcopal Church, Jackson, TN*

Holy God,  
We thank you for all of the days of our lives, especially for the days you bring us together as a family of faith.

We thank you for opportunities we are given to grow closer to you as a youth group and as a church.

We also thank you for the people that have been placed in our lives to help us grow into the kind of people we are called to be – our adult youth leaders and Sunday School teachers, our parents, and our teachers in school.

Holy God, we lift up our prayers to you for ourselves, our friends, our community, the Universal Church and our world: For our families – brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, grandparents, godparents and our pets, for friends both new and old, and all who are in need of an extra helping of your grace.

For us to be better stewards of your creation and for the end of pollution. For those youth in the juvenile justice system, that they may find hope and healing and lead productive lives.

Loving Lord, we lift up to you all those who are sick or suffering: For those who live with cancer, addiction, autism, depression, Parkinson’s and loneliness, and all of those with physical afflictions.

For those worrying over the health of their loved ones. For every name lifted as a prayer request, may they know your mercy. For those grieving the loss of a loved one.
God, we lift up to you those around the world who do not have enough –
enough food,
enough access to healthcare,
enough peace,
enough love,
enough joy.
We pray for those looking for work.

We pray for peace on earth: For all who live under the threat of war and for
victims of war everywhere. We pray for the men and women who serve our
country. We pray for those impacted by violence – for the perpetrators and their
victims and all touched by the ripples created by violence. We pray for our world
and her leaders; may they make decisions out of love for all of your people.

May we know you are with us, not just in this space but everywhere and
always. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

Officiant and People

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,
    for ever and ever. Amen.
The Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

Closing Song

Make me a channel of your peace

Sebastian Temple

Resurrection Choir

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred let me bring your love
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord
And where there is doubt true faith in You

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is despair in life let me bring hope
Where there is darkness only light
And where there's sadness ever joy

Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
It is in giving to ourselves that we receive
And in dying that we are born to eternal life

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Voluntary

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