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CHAPEL of CHRIST *the* LORD

UNCSW 67 Closing Eucharist

March 17th, 2023

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Hymn 376

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Trisagion

Hymn S102

Collect of the Day

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of all who are involved in work at the UN, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Micah 6:8

Reader

A Reading from the Prophet Micah

He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 13

Read together

- 1 How long, O LORD?
 will you forget me for ever? *
 how long will you hide your face from me?**

- 2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,
 and grief in my heart, day after day? *
 how long shall my enemy triumph over me?**

- 3 Look upon me and answer me, O LORD my God; *
 give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;**

- 4 Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," *
 and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.**

- 5 But I put my trust in your mercy; *
 my heart is joyful because of your saving help.**

- 6 I will sing to the LORD, for he has dealt with me richly; *
 I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.**

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 6:12-15

Reader

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

For our struggle is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on the evil day and, having prevailed against everything, to stand firm. Stand, therefore, and belt your waist with truth and put on the breastplate of righteousness and lace up your sandals in preparation for the gospel of peace.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Christ for the World We Sing

Hymn 537

The Gospel

Luke 4:16-21

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set free those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Reflections by the Presiding Bishop's Delegates

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader

Dear Christian friends, in the book of Ecclesiastes, the Preacher writes the following verses:

"For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to seek, and a time to lose...."

Our delegates, Delores, Elizabeth, Yvonne, Lilo, Mary Ellen, Ruth, Ailysh, Ellen, and Luz are leaving us to follow other calls in their lives. Today, therefore, it is a time to mark the ending of their ministry here with the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women; a time to look back, and a time to look forward; a time for joy, and a time for sadness. It is a time to give thanks and praise to Almighty God for what these women have given us in our lives together.

Leader

Blessed be God.

People

And blessed be God's holy name.

Leader

The Lord makes everything beautiful in its time.

People

Whatever God does endures forever.

Leader Bless the Lord, O my soul.
People **And forget not all God's benefits.**

Leader Bless the Lord, all you hosts:
People **You ministers who do God's will.**

Leader Bless the Lord, all you works, in all places of God's grace.
People **Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

Leader
For everything there is a season; a time to go, and a time to come. Yet the Spirit blows where it will. And for those who are led by the Spirit, they must follow. God has blessed us with a year of service and fellowship. We have been co-workers in Christ, our counselor, our teacher, our friend. With joy and sadness, we mark and celebrate the ending of our ministry together.

Presiding Bishop Delegates, you were called together to serve the Church at the United Nations. To witness to justice and the kingdom of Heaven.

Together, you provided leadership and wisdom for this team in the spirit of Christ. You have challenged each other with the Gospel mission in your work. You have helped your sisters to mark your direction and encouraged one another on your way. Together we have served the Lord and his Church in common devotion to the Gospel. Sharing in our joys and sorrows, you have been important to us in our life together in the Church of Jesus Christ.

Delegates

People of God, you called me to serve in this place, and now God has seen fit to lead me to another stage in my life and service. I praise God for the time which we have shared together. I have known your love and your patience. You have ministered to me as I have ministered to you. You have been my teacher as I have been yours. You have forgiven me as I have forgiven you. Hand-in-hand, we have walked in the light of Christ, and we have grown together in the Gospel. Our lives have been intertwined by the Holy Spirit, and I shall not soon forget you.

Leader In thanksgiving, let us pray for our UNCSW 67 delegates and for our life together.
Eternal God:

People
We thank you for Delores, Elizabeth, Yvonne, Lilo, Mary Ellen, Ruth, Ailysh, Ellen, and Luz and for our work together in this commission and community. You have led them by the Holy Spirit to serve your people in this work, to build up the marginalized, to work for the safety of your children and to imagine a better future which reflects your love. In thanksgiving, we praise you for raising up faithful servants among us for the ministry of your Church. And we pray that all these women may continue to exemplify, in word and

deed, the Gospel of your Son. Grant that we, with them, may continue to serve you in the Church on earth, and be brought to rejoice in your kingdom forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Leader

Remember Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and the ministers whose leadership have supported the work of this CSW delegation, and all other ministers in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, especially Frank Griswold, 25th Presiding Bishop, and those faithfully departed ministers who supported past CSWs, and all those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

Deacon

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Everyone

God of all mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn

Voices Found 21 “God of the Women”

Gillette

The Eucharist

Enriching Our Worship 1, Eucharistic Prayer 2

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep
and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars;

earth, winds, and waters;

and every living thing.

You made us in your image,

and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;

and yet, as a mother cares for her children,

you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us

to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,
lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

Sanctus

LEVAS 255

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus the holy child of God.
Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you,
gave it to them, and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
with [_____ and] all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Prayed in the language of your heart

Fraction Anthem

LEVAS 270

Music During Communion

Let us Break Bread Together on Our Knees

Hymn 325

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant

Now let us join together in praying the Beijing Noonday Prayer:

People

Dear God, Creator of the heavens and the earth, we pray for all who gathered in Beijing and for all those who were meant to attend and support the sixty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women Meeting. Bless them. Help us to see one another through eyes enlightened by understanding and compassion. Release us from prejudice so we can receive the stories of our sisters and brothers with respect and attention. Open our ears to the cries of a suffering world and the healing melodies of peace. Empower us to be instruments in bringing about Your justice, peace and equality everywhere.

Celebrant

Scripture tells us that endings are only new beginnings. Therefore, let us go forth, doing God's will in our respective places, for the sake of the Gospel of Christ.

Celebrant Go now, and do God's will. As you have been a blessing to us, go to be a blessing to others.

***Delegates* As you have been a blessing to me, so also may you be a blessing to others.**

Celebrant Witness faithfully in word and deed to the love and salvation that is known to us.

***Delegates* Strive for righteousness, godliness, faithfulness, love, endurance, and gentleness among yourselves.**

Celebrant Give and receive comfort as you serve within the Church.

***Delegates* Give and receive comfort as you serve within the world.**

Blessing

Celebrant May God, the Creator, bless you in your ministries.

***Delegates* May God, the Father, bless you in your ministry in this place.**

Celebrant May God, the Son, be ever with you and guide you.

***Delegates* May God, the Son, be ever with you and guide you.**

Celebrant May God, the Holy Spirit, equip you with everything good to do God's will.

***Delegates* May God, the Holy Spirit, equip you with everything good to do God's will.**

Celebrant And may you always know God's peace.

***Delegates* Amen! Amen!**

Celebrant

Christ Jesus, you go before and behind us, you are our light and our shield; guide our path, be our clear sight, lift us up in your Gospel joy, and bless the work we do in your name and honor, for you are our beloved, and our life made new. Amen.

[Prayer of Dedication, Book of Occasional Services 2018, p. 243]

Recessional

Go Tell it on the Mountain

Hymn 99

Dismissal

Deacon This worship has ended, but our service continues, let us bless the Lord!

***People* Thanks be to God!**

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