



ABOVE & BEYOND KURIAKOS

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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

ELW SETTING 8

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based On Psalm 22)

Praise the Lord,

all you who worship the Holy One!
You children of Jacob, come glorify God!
You children of Israel, stand in awe of the Lord of Hosts!
All who hunger, come eat your fill at the Lord's table.

As the weak realize their strength;
as the poor eat and are satisfied,

God's love abides in us.

As the stranger finds a friend;
as the family offers forgiveness,

God's love abides in us.

As the ends of the earth know of Christ's grace,
God's love abides in us.

All who seek the Lord,
sing praises and worship the God of glory!

GATHERING SONG 'Come, All You People' ELW 819

GREETING

KYRIE – ELW Setting 8. p.184

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING: Isaiah 65: 1-9

¹“I was ready to respond, but no one asked; ready to be discovered, but no one hunted for me. I said, ‘Here I am, here I am!’ ²to a nation that did not call on my Name. I held out my hand for a whole day to a rebellious people, who went the way of all flesh by following their own whims; a people who continually provoke me to my face, offering sacrifices in gardens, burning incense on brick altars; who lounge in tombs and keep nightlong vigils in secret, who eat the flesh of swine with a broth made of unclean meat. ‘Don’t come any closer,’ they tell people, ‘for I am too holy for you.’ People like this are a smoldering fire, smoke in my nostrils daily! Isaiah Look, I have your inscribed record before me; I will not be silent. And I will pay them back once I settle my accounts with them, for their sins and the sins of their ancestors,” says Yhwh, “for offering sacrifices on the mountains and defiling me on the hills. I will measure into their laps full payment for their former iniquities. ”Thus says Yhwh: “Just as there is juice in a cluster of grapes, and the gardener says, ‘Don’t destroy it, there is a blessing in it,’ so will I act for the sake of you who serve me; I will not destroy the whole nation. I will give descendants to Leah and Rachel and Jacob and to Judah heirs who will dwell on my mountains; my chosen ones will occupy the land, and those who serve me will dwell there.

SONG - *‘Create in Me a Clean Heart’* WP 34

CHILDREN’S TIME

SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-29 (Inclusive Bible Version)

²³Before faith came, we were under the constraint of the Law, locked in until the faith that was coming would be revealed. ²⁴In other words, the Law was our monitor until Christ came to bring about our justification through faith. ²⁵But now that faith is here, we are no longer in the monitor’s charge. ²⁶Each one of you is a child of God because of your faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷All of you who have been baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸In Christ there is no Jew or Greek, slave or citizen, male or female. All are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹Furthermore, if you belong to Christ, you are the offspring of Abraham, which means you inherit all that was promised.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – ELW Setting 8, p.188

GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39 (Inclusive Bible Version)

²⁶They came to the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷Jesus was stepping from the boat when he was met by a person from the town who was possessed by demons. The demoniac had not worn clothes for a long time, and was homeless, living among the tombs instead. ²⁸Seeing Jesus, the individual cried out and fell at his feet, shouting loudly, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Only Begotten of the Most High God? I beg you, don’t torture me!” ²⁹—for Jesus was ordering the unclean spirit to come out of the person. This spirit had seized the demoniac many times in the past, who then needed to be restrained with chains and shackles and kept under guard—yet every time, the possessed person would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into deserted places. ³⁰“What is your name?” Jesus asked. “Legion,” it replied, because many demons had entered the person. ³¹And they pleaded with

Jesus not to order them to depart into the abyss. ³²A large herd of pigs was feeding nearby on the hillside. The demons pleaded with Jesus to allow them to enter the swine, and he gave them permission. ³³The demons left the person and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the hillside into the lake and drowned. ³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran away to tell the story in town and throughout the countryside. ³⁵The local residents came out to see what happened. And as they approached Jesus, they also saw the exorcised person sitting at Jesus' feet, clothed and of a right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had witnessed it told the others how the possessed one had been made whole. ³⁷Panic overcame the whole population of the region of the Gerasenes, and they asked Jesus to leave them. When Jesus had gotten into the boat to leave, ³⁸the person who had been healed asked to go with him. But Jesus said, "No, ³⁹go back home and tell everyone what God has done for you." So the one who had been made whole went off and proclaimed throughout the region what Jesus had accomplished.

SERMON – Pastor Kristian Wold, Executive Director, Camp Kuriakos

SONG OF THE DAY: '*Amazing Grace*' (sung to the tune of Peaceful Easy Feeling)

CREED - Iona Community

**We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn;
in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands,
conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire.
We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.
We affirm a faith that takes us beyond a safe place: into action,
into vulnerability and onto the streets.
We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the line;
to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation;
to stand with those on the edge; to choose life and be used by the Spirit
for God's new community of hope. Amen**

PRAYERS

'For the Wholeness of the Earth' ACS 1067, vs 1

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- 1 We lift this prayer for the wholeness of the earth.
We lift this prayer for the wholeness of the earth.
We lift this prayer for the wholeness of the earth.
Can you feel it rising in you?

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In our prayers: Cody M, Susan K, Pr. Richard R & Dana R, Tom d, Gertie B, Pr. Darryl R, Pr. Rita R, Pr. Erin T, all those affected by the wildfires, and those we hold dear in our hearts.

'For the Wholeness of the Earth' ACS 1067, vs 3

- 3 Give thanks to God for the wholeness of the earth.
Give thanks to God for the wholeness of the earth.

Give thanks to God for the wholeness of the earth.
Can you feel it rising in you?

PEACE

OFFERING SONG *'Take My Life, That I May Be'* ELW685 (vs 1,4,6)

OFFERING PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY – ELW Setting 8, p.190

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER – by Parker J. Palmer

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,
Holy and blessed is your true name.
We pray for your reign of peace to come,
We pray that your good will be done,
Let heaven and earth become one.
Give us this day the bread we need,
Give it to those who have none.
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,
From each one to each one.
Lead us to holy innocence beyond the evil of our days —
Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:
Forever your name is All in One.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMUNION SONGS

'Lamb of God' ELW Setting 8, p.191

'Blessed Be Your Name'

'Let Us Go Now to the Banquet' ELW 523

'By Your Hand You Feed Your People' ELW 469

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

COMMUNITY LIFE

SENDING SONGS

'Set Apart to Be Together'

'Hope Everlasting' LotB

DISMISSAL



Online Giving



HSLC Events



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