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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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**ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
(Series A)**

WELCOME

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, office@stlukesmanhattan.org, or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

AS WE GATHER

Today we gather to behold **Jesus who comes to care for the suffering and save the doubting**. In **Job 38**, the Lord gives Job a sweeping view of His power—He is the One who laid the earth’s foundations and commands the boundaries of the sea. In **Romans 10**, Paul gives a view of divine mercy: everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. And in **Matthew 14**, Jesus comes to His disciples in the storm, walking on the sea, lifting Peter from the waves, and revealing Himself as the Son of God. These readings give us a unified view of Christ—His power over creation and His mercy toward doubting sinners. As we gather, we come with our own storms, trusting that He still speaks, still saves, and still comes for us.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

“But immediately Jesus reached out His hand and took hold of him, saying to him, ‘O you of little faith, why did you doubt?’” — Matthew 14:31 (ESV)

PRELUDE

Please use this time to prayerfully prepare your hearts to enter into the presence of Jesus

✠A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE✠

WELCOME

OPENING SONG – “Holy is the Lord”

1, 3 We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great, how awesome is He
And together we sing (*3- everyone sing*)

2, 4, 6 Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

5 It's rising up, all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
It's rising up, all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
Together we sing, everyone sing

7 The earth is filled with his glory

8, 9, 10 Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty
Holy, holy

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Stand

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

P The Lord who laid the earth's foundation and set the sea in place
C **comes to calm our fears.**

P The Lord who walks upon the waves and calls us to faith
C **comes to lift us up.**

P The Lord who hears our cry and saves all who call on His name
C **comes to us with mercy and power.**

P Let us draw near to Him, trusting that He
sees our need,
hears our cry,
and comes to save.

CONFESSION

P Lord Jesus Christ, You are the One
who walks upon the sea,
who speaks peace into storms,
and who stretches out Your hand to rescue the sinking.

C **Yet we confess that our hearts are often like Peter's—
filled with fear,
troubled by doubt,
and overwhelmed by the winds around us.**

P We have fixed our eyes on the waves instead of Your Word.
We have trusted our strength more than Your mercy.
We have cried out, "Lord, if it is You..."
when You have already said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

C **Forgive us, Lord.
Lift us from drowning in our sin.
Speak Your saving Word to us again.
And give us faith to confess,
"Truly You are the Son of God." Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

P Hear the Word of the Lord:
The God who laid the foundations of the earth
and who shut in the sea with doors (Job 38:4, 8) has sent His Son
to walk upon the waves,
to stretch out His hand,
and to save doubting sinners.

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Romans 10:13). And today, Jesus comes to you—not in judgment, but in mercy.

As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I
therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 34:4-8; antiphon: v. 1

P I will bless the LORD at all times;
C his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

P I sought the LORD, and he answered me
C and delivered me from all my fears.

P Those who look to him are radiant,
C and their faces shall never be ashamed.

P This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him
C and saved him out of all his troubles.

P The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,
C and delivers them.

P Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
C **Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P I will bless the LORD at all times;
C **his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

KYRIE (*Greek for “Lord, [have mercy]”*)

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For hearts battered like Job by questions too deep to answer, for lives pressed by storms like the disciples on the sea, and for all who long for the Lord to draw near, let us pray to the Lord.
C **Christ, have mercy.**

P For faith to call upon the name of the Lord, for courage when doubt rises like waves, and for rescue when we sink beneath our fears, let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C **Amen.**

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Lord God, Creator of heaven and earth, You set the boundaries of the sea and call all people to trust in Your saving name. Grant that we, who hear Your Word today, may believe Your promises, call upon You in every trouble, and find refuge in Your Son, Jesus Christ, who comes with mercy for the doubting and strength for the weary; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

HYMN OF PRAISE - "I Will Rise"

- 1 There's a peace I've come to know
 Though my heart and flesh may fail
 There's an anchor for my soul
 I can say "It is well"
- 2, 5 Jesus has overcome
 And the grave is overwhelmed
 The victory is won
 He is risen from the dead
- 3, 6, 9 And I will rise when He calls my name
 No more sorrow, no more pain
 I will rise on eagles' wings
 Before my God fall on my knees and rise
 I will rise
- 4 There's a day that's drawing near
 When this darkness breaks to light
 And the shadows disappear
 And my faith shall be my eyes
- 7, 8 I hear the voice of many angels sing
 "Worthy is the Lamb"
 And I hear the cry of every longing heart
 "Worthy is the Lamb"

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(Who prescribed the limits of the sea?)

⁴[The Lord said to Job:] “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone,

⁷when the morning stars sang together
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb,

⁹when I made clouds its garment
and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰and prescribed limits for it
and set bars and doors,

¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?

¹²“Have you commanded the morning since your days began,
and caused the dawn to know its place,

¹³that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,
and the wicked be shaken out of it?

¹⁴It is changed like clay under the seal,
and its features stand out like a garment.

¹⁵From the wicked their light is withheld,
and their uplifted arm is broken.

¹⁶“Have you entered into the springs of the sea,
or walked in the recesses of the deep?

¹⁷Have the gates of death been revealed to you,
or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?

¹⁸Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?
Declare, if you know all this.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 18:1-6; antiphon: v. 46

L ⁴⁶The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock,
C and exalted be the God of my salvation—

L ¹I love you,
C O LORD, my strength.

L ²The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
C my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

L ³I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,
C and I am saved from my enemies.

L ⁴The cords of death encompassed me;
C the torrents of destruction assailed me;

L ⁵the cords of Sheol entangled me;
C the snares of death confronted me.

L ⁶In my distress I called upon the LORD;
to my God I cried for help
C From his temple he heard my voice,
and my cry to him reached his ears.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

L ⁴⁶The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock,
C and exalted be the God of my salvation—

EPISTLE

Romans 10:5-17

(Who calls on the name of the Lord?)

⁵Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Romans 6:9; John 16:33b

P Alleluia. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying,

C Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

(Who can walk on water?)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²²Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, *"Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."*

²⁸And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, *"Come."* So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, *"O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"* ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

LAMB'S MESSAGE

SERMON

VOTUM

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. Please **send** your offerings to
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2. **Electronic Funds Transfer**

Sign up through the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Matthew 14:30 – “But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, ‘Lord, save me.’” The world really is a scary place, with natural disasters, disease, terrorism and a hundred other things. But where do we place our hope, our trust, our *vision*? Where do we look for aid and comfort? When Peter's eyes were on the Lord, he had confidence. When he turned to look at his problems and took his eyes off the Lord, he fell apart. Sometimes God's call to support the work of His church with our offerings makes us nervous. But put your eyes back on your Lord, trust Him, follow His Word and all really will be well.

OFFERTORY – “Here is Love” 1 John 4:10

- 1, 3 Here is love vast as the ocean, loving kindness as the flood
When the Prince of Life, our ransom, shed for us His precious blood
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?
He will never be forgotten throughout heav'n's eternal days
- 2 On the mount of crucifixion fountains opened deep and wide
Through the flood gates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide
Grace and love like mighty rivers poured incessant from above
Heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love
- 4 He will never be forgotten throughout heav'n's eternal days
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Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord God, Creator of heaven and earth, You laid the foundations of the world and set boundaries for the sea. As You once spoke to Job from the whirlwind, speak now to Your Church by Your Word. Give Your people confidence that Your power is greater than every storm and Your wisdom higher than every fear. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Father, You send preachers so that Your saving name may be proclaimed. Strengthen all pastors in faithfulness and courage. Bless our seminaries, their faculty, and their students, that the Gospel may be clearly taught and joyfully confessed in every place. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, bless the homes of Your people. Let Your Word be heard within them, and let Your peace rest upon them. Strengthen husbands and wives, parents and children, that their lives together may reflect the mercy of Christ and the steadfastness of His love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Ruler of the nations, You stand over all creation and command the seas. Grant wisdom to the leaders of our land and peace to the nations of the world. Protect the weak, uphold the vulnerable, and guard all life from violence and injustice. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of compassion, You hear all who call upon Your name. Look with kindness upon the sick, the suffering, and the troubled, especially those we name before You now: _____. Give them courage in their trials, peace in their distress, and hope in Your promises. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord Jesus Christ, You came to Your disciples in the fourth watch of the night and lifted Peter from the waves. Come to all who are weighed down by doubt, fear, or sorrow. Strengthen their faith, calm their hearts, and draw them near to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, Your Word teaches that “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” Grant that we may trust this promise, call upon You in every trouble, and confess Your saving name with joy before all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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
forever and ever. Amen.**

CONCLUDING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

O Lord, our God, who comes to Your people in their need, strengthen us by Your Word, calm our fears by Your promises, and keep us steadfast in faith, that we may trust Your mercy in every trouble and confess Your saving name with joy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

GREET ONE ANOTHER

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "The Lord be with you," "Peace be with you," or "The peace of the Lord be with you".

CLOSING SONG – "Praise to the Lord"

- 1 Praise to the Lord the Almighty the King of creation
O my soul praise Him for He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near
Join me in glad adoration
- 2 Praise to the Lord who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings, yes so gently sustaineth
Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before Him
Let the Amen sound from His people again
Gladly forever adore Him

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