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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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**TWENTIETH 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

Isaiah announces a promise almost too wondrous to imagine: on His holy mountain, the Lord will prepare a feast for all peoples and will “swallow up death forever.” In Christ crucified and risen, that promise is already breaking into our present. He has taken our sin, entered our grave, and consumed death itself, so that our funerals become waiting rooms and our tears become temporary. Clothed in His righteousness through Holy Baptism, we are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb, strengthened by His Word and Supper as we walk through the valley of the shadow of death with confidence and joy. Today we join the Spirit and the Bride in saying, “Come,” rejoicing that the One who swallowed death now prepares a table before us and teaches us to wait with hope for the day when the feast is full and the joy is forever.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. *Isaiah 25:8*

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 – “Almighty” Revelation 15:3

1, 2, 4, 5 Almighty, most holy God, faithful through the ages
 Almighty, most holy Lord, glorious almighty God

3 The beasts of the field, the birds of the air
 Are silent to call out Your name
 The earth has no voice and I have no choice
 But to magnify God unashamed
 Let the rocks be kept silent for one more day
 Let the whole world sing out let the people say
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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 On His mountain, the Lord prepares a feast.

C **Yet we walk beneath the veil of death.**

P The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.”

C **But our hearts have wandered and grown weary.**

P Let us return to the God who swallows death and opens the feast of salvation, confessing our sins before Him.

CONFESSION

P Lord, You prepare a feast for all peoples, yet we have lived beneath the shroud of sin and the veil of death. We have doubted Your promise to swallow up death forever and feared evil more than trusting the Shepherd who leads us through the valley of its shadow.

C **We confess our unbelief and fear.**

P Holy Spirit, you have said, “Come,” yet we have wandered from Your invitation, chasing lesser things and trying to clothe ourselves in our own righteousness rather than receiving the wedding garment He freely gives.

C **We confess our wandering and our self-righteousness.**

P Lord, through St. Paul, You teach us to rejoice in You always, yet our hearts have been anxious instead of prayerful, restless instead of grateful.

C **We confess our anxiety and ingratitude.**

P We lay our sins before You, O God, who wipes away tears from all faces and who has swallowed up death forever.

C **We confess that we are sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, forgive us, and clothe us in His righteousness.**

ABSOLUTION

P “He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces.” The Shepherd who prepares a table before you has borne your sin, destroyed your death, and opened the feast of salvation.

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

C **Amen.**

INTROIT

Isaiah 61:10; antiphon: Psalm 146:2

P I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

C I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

P I will greatly rejoice in the Lord;

C my soul shall exult in my God,

P for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;

C he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

P as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,

C and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

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 praise the Lord as long as I live;

C I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

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

A In peace let us pray to the Lord,

C Lord, have mercy.

A For hearts that trust the Lord who prepares a feast for all peoples and who swallows up death forever, let us pray to the Lord,

C Lord, have mercy.

A For steadfast faith as we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, that the Shepherd who prepares a table before us would calm our fears and guard our steps, let us pray to the Lord,

C Lord, have mercy.

A For joy in the Lord always, that anxiety may yield to prayer, supplication, and thanksgiving, and that the peace of God would keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Lord,
C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For readiness to enter the wedding feast of the Son, clothed in His righteousness and strengthened by His Word and Sacraments, let us pray to the Lord,
C **Lord, have mercy.**

A 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.

Almighty God, You have prepared for all peoples a feast of salvation and in Your Son You have swallowed up death forever. Remove from us all fear and unbelief, and grant that, clothed in the righteousness of Christ, we may rejoice in Your mercy and be ready for the wedding feast of the Lamb; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

HYMN OF PRAISE - "Living Hope"

- 1 How great the chasm that lay between us
 How high the mountain I could not climb
 In desperation, I turned to heaven
 And spoke Your name into the night
 Then through the darkness, Your loving kindness
 Tore through the shadows of my soul
 The work is finished, the end is written
 Jesus Christ, my living hope
- 2 Who could imagine so great a mercy?
 What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
 The God of ages stepped down from glory
 To wear my sin and bear my shame
 The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
 The King of kings calls me His own
 Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever
 Jesus Christ, my living hope
- 3, 7, 8 Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
 Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
 You have broken every chain
 There's salvation in Your name
 Jesus Christ, my living hope
- 4, 5 Then came the morning that sealed the promise
 Your buried body began to breathe
 Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
 Declared the grave has no claim on me
- 6 Jesus, Yours is the victory
- 9 Jesus Christ, my living hope
 God You are my living hope

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

(A feast for all peoples.)

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 23; antiphon: v. 5a

L ⁵You prepare a table before me

C in the presence of my enemies;

L ¹The Lord is my shepherd;

C I shall not want.

L ²He makes me lie down in green pastures.

C He leads me beside still waters.

L ³He restores my soul.

C He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

L ⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

C **your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

L ⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;

C **you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.**

L ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,

C **and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

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 ⁵You prepare a table before me

C **in the presence of my enemies;**

EPISTLE

Philippians 4:4-13

(Exhortation and encouragement.)

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Revelation 22:17

P Alleluia. The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come."

C Let the one who hears say, "Come."

P Let the one who is thirsty come;

C let the one who desires take the water of life without price. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

(The parable of the wedding feast.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²*“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”*

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 22:5 – “But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business.” The invitation to join God in His feast and in His work is easily ignored. The rest of life seems so much more pressing, and we always think that there will be another time when we can catch back up with God. But what joys are we missing when we set aside God's invitation to join Him in His plans and purposes? What inheritance are we trading for the world's bowl of pottage?

OFFERTORY – “More Love, More Power” 2 Timothy 1:7

1, 3 More love, more power, more of You in my life
More love, more power, more of You in my life

2, 4, 5 And I will worship You with all of my heart
And I will worship You with all of my mind
And I will worship You with all of my strength
For You are my Lord
You are my Lord

6 You are my Lord, You are my Lord
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Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Lord God, You have promised a feast for all peoples and have revealed in Your Son the victory that swallows death forever. Keep Your Church steadfast in this hope. Let Your Word be proclaimed with clarity, Your Baptismal grace treasured, and Your righteousness worn with joy as the wedding garment of faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Shepherd, You lead Your people through every valley and guard them from every foe. Give courage to the fearful, rest to the weary, and strength to all who walk beneath the shadow of death. Let Your rod and staff guide Your people in paths of righteousness, that they may trust Your presence and rejoice in Your salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of peace, You teach us through Your apostle to rejoice in the Lord always and to bring every concern before You in prayer. Grant calm to troubled hearts, clarity to confused minds, and steadfastness to all who struggle with anxiety. Let Your peace guard the hearts and minds of Your people in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, You rule over the nations. Grant wisdom to our president, Congress, governor, and all local officials. Give stability where there is unrest, justice where there is conflict, and integrity where there is temptation. Let righteousness and peace flourish in our land. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Compassionate Father, You promise to wipe away tears from all faces. Comfort those who grieve, strengthen those who suffer, and uphold those who feel the weight of loss. Remind them that in Christ death has lost its sting and that the banquet of restoration awaits all who trust in Hi. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of the Church, You build Your people into a living temple. As we prepare for Pledge Weekend in our Capital Stewardship Campaign: *Faith in Christ – Building Our Future*, grant us unity of purpose, generosity of spirit, and confidence in Your provision. Let this effort strengthen our ministry, deepen our mission, and serve generations yet to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, bless the work of all who serve in Your Church—pastors, church workers, teachers, staff, volunteers, and leaders. Let their labor be marked by faithfulness, joy, and endurance. Keep our congregation steadfast in Your Word and eager for the day when the Spirit and the Bride say, “Come” and Your feast is fully revealed. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Specific petitions

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, You have revealed on Your holy mountain the salvation that swallows death and prepares a feast for all peoples. Strengthen us in the joy of Your promises, that as we walk through every shadowed valley, our hearts may rest in the peace of Christ and our lives be clothed in His righteousness. Keep us steadfast in faith until the day when the Spirit and the Bride say, "Come" and we rejoice in the wedding feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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 – "The Maker"

- 1 I see You in the sunrise
 I see You in the rain
 I see You in the laughter
 I feel You through the pain
- 2, 5 Everything that You have made is beautiful
 Oh, my God, I can't believe my eyes
 But in all of this to think that You would think of me
 Makes my heart come alive
- 3, 6, 8 Your love is like a mighty fire deep inside my bones
 I feel like I could climb a thousand mountains all at once
 And I never have to wonder if somebody cares for me
 I love the Maker
 And the Maker loves me
- 4 I see You, You are creation
 I see the grandness of Your majesty
 The universe is singing all Your glory
 I can't believe You live inside of me
- 7 More than just some words upon a page
 You've shown me in a million ways
 But there is one that stands above them all
 Hands of creation on a cross

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