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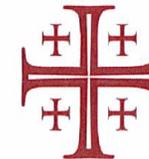
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this historic service, for the staff and for those  
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CELEBRATION  
*of*  
FULL COMMUNION

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

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Holy Trinity, Buffalo, NY  
May 1, 2011

**A Celebration of Full-Communion  
Easter Two  
May 1, 2011**

**Welcome:** Rev. Dr. Charles Bang, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
Rev. Dr. Thomas Ferguson, Ecumenical Officer  
of The Episcopal Church

**Gathering**

**One:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**All: Amen.**

**One:** Joined to Christ in the waters of Baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of Baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honour and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

The blessing of God Almighty,  
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
Be with you and remain with you forever.  
**Amen.**

**Sharing of Pastoral Letter from the Four Bishops**

**Welcome for Fellowship** — Rev. Donald McCoid, Executive for  
ELCA Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations

**Dismissal** Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Recessional Hymn: Lift High the Cross** (note new verses)  
*Crucifer*

**Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name!**

**Come, Christian people, sing your praises, shout!  
If we are silent, even stones cry out.**

**Refrain**

**Jesus, you wept to see our human strife:  
teach us compassion for each human life.**

**Refrain**

**Peace was your plea, and peace your loving theme:  
let peace be our passport, peace a living dream.**

**Refrain**

**Great is the cost of walking on this road,  
to follow and suffer with the Son of God.**

**Refrain**

**World to be born and children yet to be,  
come, take up this song into eternity.**

**Refrain**

and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

**Refrain**

Let us build a house where love is found in water,  
wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time  
and space;  
as we share Christ the feast that frees us:

**Refrain**

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood  
and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

**Refrain**

Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured,  
taught and clamed as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

**Refrain**

**Blessing and prayer after Communion**

**Episcopal Proclamation**

Through the resurrection of Jesus, God has redeemed us and  
made us his children. May God bless you with joy. **Amen**

Our Redeemer has given us lasting freedom.  
May we inherit everlasting life. **Amen.**

By faith, we rose with Jesus in baptism. May your lives  
be holy, so that we will be united with Jesus forever.  
**Amen.**

Processional Hymn: **The Day of Resurrection - ELW 361**

*Ellacombe*

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it our abroad,  
the passover of gladness, the passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,  
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,  
and list'ning to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain.  
his own "All hail"! And hearing, may raise the glad refrain.

Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth its song begin.  
The round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.  
Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness  
blend;

For Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end!

All praise to God the Father, all praise to Christ the Son,  
all praise to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One!  
Let all the ransomed number fall down before the throne,  
And honor, pow'r, and glory ascribe to God alone!

**Greeting :**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and t  
the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Hymn of Praise**

**"This is the feast of victory" - ELW page 101**

**Refrain all:**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Stanza 1—Women**

**Stanza 2 —Men**

**Stanza 3 —All**

**Let us pray.** Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Proclamation of the Word**

Reading: Isaiah 2:2-4

*(At the conclusion of the reading.)*

Lector: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia" page 102 ELW

Holy Gospel: John 17:1-6, 15-23

Sermon: Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Anglican Church of Canada

### **Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness—843 ELW**

*Nettleton*

Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;  
praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease,  
calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word;  
praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water the desert's burning sand;  
From this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Praise the one true love incarnate; Christ, who suffered in our place;  
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.  
Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.

Remember all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favour with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,  
**Our Father in heaven ...**

**Amen**

"**Lamb of God**" is sung — ELW page 134

### **Hymn During Communion: All Are Welcome ELW 641**

*Two Oaks*

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

**Refrain: All are welcome,  
all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.**

Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek to witness

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Saviour. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfil your purpose he gave himself up to death and, rising from the grave, destroyed death and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come to him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Prsider: Father, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and this cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ to the praise of your name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

## Litany and Prayers of the People

As Christ's people, baptized into one Body and living in one Spirit, let us pray to the Holy One, as we sing:

All: (ELW 215)

Cornerstone who makes opposing nations one, empower the leaders of the nations to beat the spears of oppression into the pruning hooks of justice and human dignity. Holy One hear us as we sing:

All: (ELW 215)

Maker of covenants, inspire the leaders of our two countries to beat the swords of self-interested partisanship into the ploughshares of the common good. Holy One hear us as we sing:

All: (ELW 215)

Author of the incarnate Word, send your wisdom upon all who exercise ministry in the churches, especially upon Fred, Katherine, Mark and Susan, so that they may lead us into paths of humility, gentleness and patience so that we may maintain the unity of the Spirit. Holy One, hear us as we sing:

All: (ELW 215)

Helper of the helpless, strengthen those who soothe the suffering of the poor and the homeless and those who challenge the structures that silence the oppressed. Holy One hear us as we sing:

All: (ELW 215)

Consoler of those who mourn, embrace those who suffer the loss of health and the loss of loved ones with the compassion of community and the confidence of your abiding love. Holy One, hear us as we sing:

All: (ELW 215)

Wisdom who reigns over all things to the ends of the earth, open our eyes to the beauty and fragility of your creation, forgive our spendthrift ways and make us better stewards of its bounty. Holy One, hear us as we sing:

All: (ELW 215)

Giver of every gift, may our praises rise before you like incense and our thanksgivings like a sacrificial offering of ourselves, our souls and bodies. Holy One, her us sing:

All: (ELW 215)

O God whose desire is that all the peoples of the world should be one human family, living together in harmony, grant that our churches, by their worship and witness, may help to hasten the day when your will is done on earth as it is in heaven, through the One who unites heavens and earth, who with you and the Spirit who makes all peoples one, lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

### The Exchange of Peace

### Offering

### Offertory Music and Prayer

Let us pray:

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your Love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Presider: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.  
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider:  
It is right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in In the splendour of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice To every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We acclaim you, hold Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.