



## Worship with Communion – World Refugee Sunday

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**Welcome! We're glad that you chose to worship with us today!**

Amma Diane

### ♪ Come and See

[CHORUS] Come and see what God has done. The earth is alive, thanks to the sun.

Ev'ry plant that grows, ev'ry river that flows, what a miracle gift of creation!

The song of a wren, the flight of a hawk a baby's first bond with her mother;  
first flowers of spring arise and sing, the world is filled with wonder! [CHORUS]

Ponder the vastness of the night sky, the distance you see is amazing.

The light travels over thousands of years before you see it stargazing. [CHORUS]

Look at a seed, it knows what to do; new life will spring forth from its falling.

And we as people of the Divine can listen as we know our calling. [CHORUS]

People of Faith, Grace beckons you home to Eden in all of its splendor.

Do you hear the call? Renew the earth! With care now garden and tend her. [CHORUS]

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*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*All* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. AMEN!

### World Refugee Day Observance

*Celebrant* Today we observe World Refugee Day, an international observance on June 20 of each year dedicated to raising awareness of the situation of refugees throughout the world. The Episcopal Church celebrates the strength, resilience, and courage of refugees worldwide, and our denomination is deeply committed to the work of welcome and refugee resettlement. Every minute of every day, 20 people leave everything behind to escape war, persecution, or terror. There are over 68 million refugees, asylum seekers, and internally displaced people worldwide. Of that number, more than 25 million are refugees, and more than half are children. Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM) is a living example of the Church's commitment to aid the stranger in our midst. By working in a public-private relationship with a network of local affiliate partners, congregations, dioceses, and community supporters, EMM offers hope and security to the world's most vulnerable. It is with the generous support and dedication of all those who stand ready to welcome that EMM is able to offer the vital services of cultural

orientation classes, English language classes, employment services, school enrollment, childcare, housing assistance, transportation, and more. The ministry of refugee resettlement provides a strong foundation for families who have been displaced to begin again in safety and peace. Refugees bring gifts, skills, and talents to our communities, enhancing the very fabric of our nation. We join with Episcopalians across the country in prayer and action in support of our newest neighbors and friends. Let us pray.

*All* **God our Creator: We ask for your loving presence and for your peace to be with refugees in our local communities and around the world. Be with all who are in fear. Be with those whose lives and livelihoods are under threat, and whose religious freedoms are being compromised. Be with us as we strive to enact your will in our welcome and support of refugees. Be with those in positions of leadership, that their decisions may bend toward peace and not division, and that they might realize the power they hold to do justice. Give us all strength and courage. Equip and empower us to be witnesses to your love – as advocates and as servants, as ministers of welcome and bearers of hope, especially for those seeking refuge. In your Holy Name we pray. AMEN!**

*Prayer from Refugee Community Center at the Episcopal Church of the Mediator, Allentown, PA*

## **First Lesson**

Romans 5. 1-8

*Reader 1* A reading from the letter to the Romans

*Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person— though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.*

*Reader 1* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **Unison Reading**

Psalm 100

*Reader 1* Let us join together in reading Psalm 100.

*All* **Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come into the divine presence with a song. Know this: the Lord, the Lord, is God; the One made us and to whom we belong; we are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture. Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving; go into these courts with praise; give thanks to God and call upon the name of the Lord. For the Lord is good, whose steadfast love is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

**Gospel***Celebrant*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People***Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.*

*Celebrant*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People***Praise to you, Lord Christ.****Sermon**

Amma Diane

**Nicene Creed***Celebrant*

Let us join in the words of the Nicene Creed.

*All*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN!**

## Prayers of the People

*Reader 2* As we continue to witness the most widespread refugee crisis since World War II, we remember that the stories of our tradition are stories of wandering, of flight, and of forced migration. Our Holy Scriptures tell us of the sojourns of the people of God – of slavery and persecution, of wandering in the wilderness, of exile and loss.

Today, as we pray for the Church and for the world, we remember our own sacred stories and how they call us to live in God's world, to bring forth God's dream of shalom.

*All* **Loving and welcoming God, we lift our prayer to you.**

*Reader 2* Sovereign God, may we who are the Body of Christ – the Church – embrace and welcome the immigrant, the refugee, and all who seek shelter from any danger.

*All* **Loving and welcoming God, we lift our prayer to you.**

*Reader 2* God of protection, whose Son fled violence from his own home with Joseph and Mary and sought refuge in a foreign land, hear the cries of all who suffer because of hatred, war, violence, greed, and famine. Help us to peacefully mend our divisions, that all you have created in this world may be whole.

*All* **Loving and welcoming God, we lift our prayer to you.**

*Reader 2* God who makes us one, we pray for our nation and all the nations of the world, that those who govern the people and have authority over them may consider each life to be of value and may serve the people of their nation with equity and fairness, dedicating themselves to peaceful resolution of conflict.

*All* **Loving and welcoming God, we lift our prayer to you.**

*Reader 2* Gracious God, we pray for our newest neighbors, that those families who have sought refuge from the ravages of war and violence may find not only shelter and sustenance, but also a loving and supportive community in which to create a new beginning with dignity.

*All* **Loving and welcoming God, we lift our prayer to you.**

*Reader 2* Loving God, there is no one that goes unnoticed in your eyes. Take into yourself all who suffer. May Christ the Wounded Healer relieve the pain of hunger of the refugee, heal the afflicted body, soothe the fears of the mind, bring peace to the soul, and be tender with the broken hearted, that those who have endured unspeakable trials may find themselves restored in Christ.

*All* **Loving and welcoming God, we lift our prayer to you.**

*Reader 2* Eternal God, may you receive those who have died during times of war and violence into your loving and peaceful arms and may they find rest for their souls. Comfort those who mourn the loss of their friends and loved ones and give them relief from the painful memories they bear, giving assurance of eternal life.

*All* **Loving and welcoming God, we lift our prayer to you.**

*Reader 2* Almighty and Loving God, you who have crossed the boundaries of Heaven and Earth to be with your people, visit those who must flee their homes because of violence and oppression and lead them to a land of safety.

*All* **Loving and welcoming God, we lift our prayer to you.**

*Reader 2* We give thanks to you, Source of All Being, that you hear our intercessions on behalf of our refugee brothers and sisters. We thank you that love swallows fear, that in your compassion we learn to walk with those who suffer, that when we give of ourselves we receive far more, and that when we receive those who stand knocking at our doors, we receive Christ the Beloved One.

*All* **Loving and welcoming God, we lift our prayer to you.**

*Reader 2* Receive our praise and thanks for all your blessings. We lift up the special needs and concerns of this congregation, including those on our prayer list. For confidence to offer all of our needs and concerns up to God, and for growing gratitude in all we receive, we pray.

*All* **Loving and welcoming God, we lift our prayer to you.**

*Reader 2* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*All* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. AMEN!**

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

*All* **AMEN!**

*Adapted from Episcopal Migration Ministry prayers of the People from Trinity Episcopal Church, The Woodlands, TX*

## **Passing the Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

## **Invitation to Communion**

*from the Iona Community, Scotland*

*Celebrant* The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; come.

## **♪ Abraham Journeyed to A New Country**

Abraham journeyed to a new country; Sarah went with him, journeying too.

Slaves down in Egypt fled Pharaoh's army; Ruth left the home and people she knew.

Mary and Joseph feared Herod's order; soldiers were coming! They had to flee.

Taking young Jesus, they crossed the border; so was our Lord a young refugee.

Some heard the promise—God's hand would bless them! Some fled from hunger, famine and pain.

Some left a place where others oppressed them; all trusted God and started again.

Did they know hardship? Did they know danger? Who shared a home or gave them some bread?  
 Who reached a hand to welcome the stranger? Who saw their fear and gave hope instead?  
 God, our own families came here from far lands; we have been strangers, "aliens" too.  
 May we reach out and offer a welcome as we have all been welcomed by you.

Biblical references: Genesis 12; Ruth 1; Matthew 2:13-16, 25:31-46; Hebrews 13:2; Leviticus 19:18, 33-34  
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*Celebrant* Inspire us to always share your love through action, O God:  
*People* **Strengthen us to always be an inviting safe community for all.**

### **Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*All* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*All* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
*All* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.  
*All* **By your will they were created and have their being.**

*Celebrant* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.  
*All* **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Celebrant* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.  
*All* **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Celebrant* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:  
*All* **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.**

*Celebrant* And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*All* **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

*Celebrant* Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, of Isaac and Rebekah, of Jacob, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*All* **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

*Celebrant* Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

*All* **AMEN!**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All* **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, for ever and ever. AMEN!**

## **Breaking Bread**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*All* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The Celebrant gives the invitation to spiritual communion to all participating near and far.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. AMEN!

## **Blessing**

*Celebrant* May the blessing of God, who Creates, Redeems, and Sustains, be upon you and all you love and pray for, this day and for ever more.

*All* Alleluia! AMEN!

## ♪ **Lord, You Give the Great Commission**

Lord, you give the Great Commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."

Lest the church neglect its mission and the Gospel go unheard,  
help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity:

With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach."

That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,  
give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community:

With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive."

Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give.

May your care and mercy lead us to a just society;

With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

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## **Sending**

*Celebrant* Go forth into the world, sharing the Good News of God's love. Alleluia, alleluia!

*All* Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

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