Opening Worship 2019 Synod Assembly

Eastern-Washington Idaho Synod



OPENING WORSHIP 2019 SYNOD ASSEMBLY Eastern-Washington Idaho Synod

We gather this evening for worship using the ancient form of Word and Meal used by Christians around the world from the earliest days of the church. We invite you to participate with us as you are able in spoken word, song, and action as we celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We ask you to silence all devices that might distract the community from worship, including cell-phones. However, recognizing that we live in a digital age, you may take pictures. If taking photos, please do not distract from the act of worship for others.

Our worship reflects our global mission assembly theme in a variety of ways, such as using songs and prayers originating throughout the world. We welcome the ELCA's Global Mission Gathering musicians in leading the assembly's song. Some hymns may be familiar; others new to us. We hope the diversity of music inspires within you a vision of being part of one global family in Christ together. Some songs may have stanzas both in English and a foreign language; we invite you to sing what is most familiar to you.

+++GATHERING+++

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

The assembly stands.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Siblings in Christ, we live in the love and grace of God and yet we far too often fall short of God's expectations for us. Let us then turn to God, confessing our sins and seeking reconciliation.

A moment of silent reflection is kept.

God of grace and mercy,

We confess our bondage to sin, our captivity to our own brokenness. We have divided where there ought to be unity. We have created strife where there should be peace. In our words, actions, and inactions, we have fallen short of your glory and we humbly repent. Set us free from sin, reconcile all people, and make us one body in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



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As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's love; as far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our sins from us. In the name of + Christ, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad!

Thanks be to God.

As we have been reconciled to God, so let us now be reconciled to one another. The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Let us share a sign of that peace with one another.

We greet one another with the peace of the risen Christ, saying "peace be with you" or other similar words.

<u>Gathering Hymn</u>
ELW 523 "Let Us Go Now to the Banquet" El Salvador
Refrain / Estribillo
Va-mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the
me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta-ble's set and a place is
re - te tie-ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.
1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me_es- 1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all
pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm ban-quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
neo-nle are e qual in love God has called us to work to - Refrain / Estribilit
cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu _a - mis - tad.
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.
2 Dios invita_a todos los pobres 3 Dios nos manda_a hacer de_este mundo

a esta mesa común por la fe, donde no hay acaparadores y a nadie le falta el conqué. Estribillo una mesa donde haya jgualdad, trabajando y luchando juntos, compartiendo la propiedad. Estribillo

Text: Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955, *Misa popular salvadoreña*; tr. Bret Hesla, b. 1957, and William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956 Music: VAMOS TODOS AL BANQUETE, Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955 Text and music © 1994, 1996 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Grandfather, look at our brokenness. We know that in all creation only the human family has strayed from the Sacred Way. We know that we are the ones who are divided and we are the ones who must come back together to walk the Sacred Way. Grandfather, Sacred One, teach us love, compassion, and honor, that we may heal the earth and heal each other.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

+++Word+++

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Reading Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from Revelation.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might

be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

> For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelte them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

<u>Psalm</u>

Psalm 23 from *Psalms for Praying: An Invitation to Wholeness* by Nan C. Merrill

O my Beloved, You are my shepherd, I shall not want; You bring me to green pastures for rest and lead me beside still waters renewing my spirit;

You restore my soul. You lead me in the path of goodness to follow Love's way.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I am not afraid; for You are ever with me; your rod and staff they guide me, they give me strength and comfort.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of all my fears; You bless me with oil, my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life; And I shall dwell in the heart of the Beloved forever. Amen.

Reading Romans 1:1-17

A reading from Romans.

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world. For God, whom I serve with my spirit by announcing the gospel of his Son, is my witness that without ceasing I remember you always in my prayers, asking that by God's will I may somehow at last succeed in coming to you. For I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you — or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as I have among the rest of the Gentiles. I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish — hence my eagerness to proclaim the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, "The one who is righteous will live by faith."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

ELW 171 "Halleluyen" Native American (Muscogee)

We sing the hymn through several times; feel free to sing in canon as indicated in the hymn.



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Gospel John 10:22-30

The holy gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

<u>Sermon</u>

Silence for reflection follows the sermon. The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.



Hymn of the Day



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Creed

Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

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. was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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,^{*}/₋
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.

Installation of Synod Staff

The synod staff to be installed come before the presiding minister and the assembled congregation.

A representative of the employing body addresses the presiding minister.

After prayerful deliberation, we, of the Eastern Washington Idaho Synod, have appointed Philip John Misner to serve in the position of Assistant to the Bishop; and Mary Patricia Morrow to serve in the position of Director for Evangelical Mission.

The assembly is seated.

The presiding minister addresses the individuals being installed.

Our Lord Jesus, who came among us as a servant, calls us to faith and a life of loving service to our neighbor. You come among us as one invited to render a particular service, a gift from God to inspire us to love and good works.

Phil and Mary, in the presence of this assembly

will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility,

in the confidence that it comes from God?

R: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you carry out this ministry in accordance with the holy scriptures

and with the confessions of the Lutheran church and in harmony with the constitutions

of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

R: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace and in prayer? **R:** I will, and I ask God to help me.

Trusting in God's care,

will you seek to grow in love for those you serve,

strive for excellence in your skills,

and adorn the gospel of Jesus Christ with a godly life?

R: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them. **Amen.**

The assembly stands. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, speaking on behalf of the entire church, will you receive Phil and Mary into this ministry as people sent to serve in the church of Jesus Christ? We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you pray for them, help and honor them for their work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

The presiding minister addresses the individuals being installed.

Phil and Mary, I now declare you installed as Assistant to the Bishop and Director for Evangelical Mission.

Almighty God bless + you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be a faithful servant of Christ. Amen.

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Gracious God, as you have called workers to varied tasks in the world and in your church, so you have called Phil and Mary to this ministry. Grant them joy and a spirit of bold trust, that their work may stir up each of us to a life of fruitful service; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The prayers are prayed. Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers with the commendation: Merciful God, receive these prayers and those upon our hearts, and grant us your mercy, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

+++MEAL+++

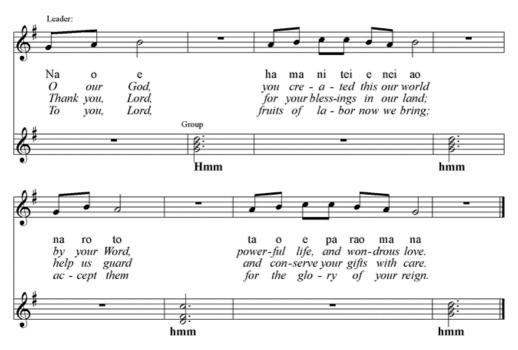
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. The table is set. Music is offered in praise to God.

"Na o e ha ma ni tei e eei ao"





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The assembly stands.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Good and gracious God, we give you thanks for these gifts of bread and wine, the work of human hands. As these gifts become for us the body and blood of Christ, transform us and make us your own, the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ELW 525

"You Are Holy"

Sweden

We sing the hymn through several times; feel free to sing in canon as indicated in the hymn.

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1* he - lig, du är hel. Du är Du är all - tid myck-et mer You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more än nån - sin kan för - stå, du är än - då. vi nä ra un-der - stand. You are hand. than we ev - er al _ ways at Väl sig - nad va - re du kom - mer hit just som nu, you com-ing Bless-ed are you com-ing near. Bless - ed are here sig - na-de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord. väl your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead. to Du är he lig, du är hel het, ho whole You are ly, you are ness, he - la du är när het kos - mos lo - var dig! Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord! you are pres ent. Ho - si - an na. ho si an na, Sing ho - san na in the high est! Gud. - an vår ho - si na, ho si -.... an na Sing ho - san - na! God! Sing ho san na to our

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^{*} May be sung in canon.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

As a reflection of our global mission assembly theme, we invite you to pray the Lord's Prayer in the language of your choice.

+++ENGLISH+++

+++Español+++

Our Father in heaven,	Padre nuestro que estás en los
hallowed be your name,	cielos,
your kingdom come,	santificado sea tu nombre;
your will be done,	venga a nos tu reino;
on earth as in heaven.	hágase tu voluntad,
Give us today our daily	así en la tierra como en el cielo;
bread.	el pan nuestro de cada día,
bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.	dánoslo hoy; y perdónanos nuestras deudas así como nosotros perdona- mos a nuestros deudores; y no nos dejes caer en la tentación; mas líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder
	y la gloria por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

+++KISWAHILI+++

+++عربى+++

Baba Yetu uliye mbinguni, Jina lako litukuzwe; Ufalme wako uje Mapenzi yako yatimizwe Duniani kama mbinguni. Utupe leo mkate wetu wa kila siku, Utusamehe makosa yetu, Kama nasi tunavyowasamehe wadeni wetu. Na usitutie majaribuni Lakini utuokoe na yule mwovu Kwa kuwa ufalme ni wako, na nguvu, na utukufu, hata milele. Amina.

أَبَانَا الذِي فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، لِيُقَدَّسَ اسْمُكَ. لِيَأْتِ مَلَكُو تُكَ، لِتَكُنْ مَشِينَتُكَ فِي الأَرْضِ كَمَا السَّمَاءِ. ارْ زُ قْنَا خُبْزَ نَا كَفَّافَ بَوْ مِنَا، وَ اعْفُ عَنْ خَطَايَانَا، فَإِنَّنَا نَعْفُو عَمَّنْ يُخْطِئُونَ بِحَقِّنَا. لاَ تُعَرّضْنَا لِلغِوَايَةِ، بَلْ نَجِّنَا مِنَ الشِّرِيرِ. فَلَكَ الْمَلَكُوتُ وَ ٱلْجَبَرُ وِ تُ وَ الْمَجْدُ أَبَداً.

Invitation to the Table

Come now, all who hunger and thirst, for Christ gives abundantly of himself.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly is seated.

Lamb of God

"Ride On, King Jesus"

Lead by Glocal Musicians

Communion

We welcome you to this the feast of our risen Lord. Christ is the host; we are all the guests. Several stations are located throughout the ballroom. Please proceed to the station closest to you. Gluten-free bread and grape juice are available at the station closest to the baptismal font. Once you receive the bread, you may choose to drink the wine from a common cup or you may dip the bread in the wine, a practice known as intinction. After receiving, you may return to your seat.

After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Merciful redeemer, by your own self-giving death you saved us from sin and the grave and by your very body and blood we are fed and nourished. Empower us now as we go forth into your world to proclaim the good news of your victory over death; in your name we pray. **Amen.**

+++SENDING+++

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

And now, may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working among you that which is pleasing in God's sight. Almighty God, the Father, the \Box Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and keep you now and forever. Amen.

Opening of a Synod Assembly

As in one body we have many members, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ.

Where two or three are gathered in my name, says the Lord, **I am there among them.**

Live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness,

making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Let us pursue what makes for justice and peace, and for mutual upbuilding.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

I declare this assembly to be in session in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** Sending Hymn

"Sithi Bonga, Sithi Bonga" South Africa





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Dismissal

Go in peace. God is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Participating in the Liturgy

Presiding Minister (at the Meal)	The Rev. Gabi Aelabouni Mission Funding Director, Fund for Leaders, ELCA
Presiding Minister (at the Word)	Ms. Gwen McQuaig Synod Council Member, EWAID Synod Churchwide Assembly Youth Voting Member, ELCA
Preaching Minister	The Rev. Kristen Kuempel Bishop, EWAID Synod
Reader	Ms. Mary Morrow Director of Evangelical Mission, EWAID Synod

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