INTRODUCTION
In Isaiah we hear that God’s house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today’s gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITARIAN CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Merciful God,
It is hard to believe there is enough to share.
We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.
We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.
We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Righteous God,
We confess that we have sinned.
Turn us again to you.
Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.
In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.

GATHERING SONG: Oh, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing (Vs. 1, 2, 6)
GREETING
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Let us pray.
God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God’s imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (SUNG)

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GOSPEL: Matthew 15: [10-20] 21-28

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew, the fifteenth chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

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

The assembly is seated.

SERMON
Pastor Rick Bliese

A moment of silent meditation follows the sermon.

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY
All Are Welcome (Vs. 1, 3, 5) ELW 641

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Or, “he descended into hell,” another translation of this text in widespread use.
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

The ushers will come forward and distribute the offering plates to the congregation.

OFFERTORY

CONSECRATION OF THE OFFERINGS
The pastor will invite the blessing of the offerings. The ushers will bring the bread, wine, and offerings they have received to the altar.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

We Give Thee But Thine Own (Verses 1, 2) ELW 686

1 We give thee but thine own, 2 May we thy bounties thus
whate'er the gift may be; as stewards true receive,
all that we have is thine alone, and gladly, as thou blessest us,
a trust, O Lord, from thee. to thee our firstfruits give.

OFFERING PRAYER
Let us pray.
God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things.
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
DIALOGUE (SUNG)
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.

PREFACE
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,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY (SUNG)
THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

LORD’S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All people are called to Christ’s table. Come, eat what is good.

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion assistants in the sanctuary and at home will say: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. and each person may respond Amen.
Those who would like to commune around the altar are invited to come up as the Communion music begins.

COMMUNION HYMNS
We Come to You for Healing Lord (Vs. 1, 2, 5) ELW 617
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (Vs. 1-3) ELW 611

The assembly stands.
POST-COMMUNION BLESSING
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table.
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING
The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and
    be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you
    and give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING SONG: In Christ There Is No East or West (Vs. 1-4) ELW 650

DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE
Hear Our Prayer.

Paul Andress.

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