

**OPEN HEARTS
OPEN MINDS
OPEN DOORS**

*Creating Access
and
Inclusion in Worship*

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INCLUSION AWARENESS DAY

WORKBOOK

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A Letter from Pathways Awareness Foundation



Dear Religious Leader:

Since we inaugurated the *Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors* inclusion movement in 1996, more congregations than ever are providing accommodations so that worshippers of all abilities can participate in worship, ministry and leadership roles in Houses of Faith.

An integral part of *the Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors* movement is the annual celebration of Inclusion Awareness Day. We are delighted that the month of October has been designate Inclusion Awareness Month in the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago. Your Diocesan Task Force on Ministry with People with Disabilities invites your congregation to observe Inclusion Awareness Day during the month of October. The Inclusion Awareness Day Workbook of liturgy planning aides is provided to encourage your participation.

Please join us in celebrating Inclusion Awareness Month in the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago. Our faith communities are strengthened when we come together to meet the needs of our members so that parishioners of all abilities can share their gifts at the altar.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shirley W. Ryan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shirley W. Ryan
Chairman

Inclusion Awareness Day
The Feast of St. Samuel Isaac Schereschewsky
A Liturgical Celebration
for
Inclusion Awareness Month in the Episcopal Diocese of
Chicago

Collect for Samuel Isaac Schereschewsky

O God, in your providence you called Samuel Isaac Schereschewsky from his home in Eastern Europe to the ministry of this Church, and sent him as a missionary to China, upholding him in his infirmity, that he might translate the Holy Scriptures into languages of that land. Lead us, we pray, to commit our lives and talents to you, in the confidence that when you give your servants any work to do, you also supply the strength to do it; through Jesus Christ your Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen



Holy Eucharist: Rite 1

**Although an asterisk indicates where the people stand, please assume any comfortable posture. Kneel, sit, or stand as you are able.*

*The Opening Acclamation	The Book of Common Prayer, p.323
Celebrant:	Blessed Be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People:	And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.
*The Collect for Purity	p.323
*The Gloria in excelsis	p.324
*the Collect for Joseph Schereschewsky (printed on page 4)	
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The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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The Prelude

The Hymn in Procession #623

O Quanta Quelia

“O What Their Joy and Their Glory Must Be”

† The Word of God †

The Opening Acclamation:

Celebrant: Blessed be the one holy and living God.

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Gloria in excelsis

Robert Powell

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God Heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

*The Collect for Samuel Schereschewsky

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you**

Celebrant: Let us pray

(The Celebrant says the collect, printed on page 4)

The Old Testament Reading

After the reading: Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 116:10-17 (chanted by choir and congregation)

- 10 How shall I repay the Lord*
For all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation*
And call upon the Name of the Lord
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord*
In the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord*
Is the death of his servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant;*
I am your servant and the child of your handmaiden;
You have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving.*
And call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord*
In the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the Lord's house,*
In the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

*The Epistle 2 Corinthians 4: 11-18
After the reading: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual Verse and Alleluia (The cantor sings the verse, all sing the response.)

Cantor: Al-le-lu-ia
People: **Al-le-lu-ia, Al—le- lu ia.**

*The Holy Gospel Luke 24: 44-48
Before the Gospel the People say: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**
After the Gospel People say: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

*The Nicene Creed (Said by 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,
With the father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He was 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

*The Prayers of the People: A Litany for Wholeness

- Leader Let us pray for God's people.
For people who are blind and cannot see and for those who can see but are blind to people around them.
- People **God, in your mercy help us to reach each other.**
- Leader For people who move slowly because of accident, illness, or disability; and for those who move too fast to be aware of the world in which they live.
- People **God, in your mercy help us to work together.**
- Leader For people who are deaf and cannot hear, and for those who can hear but who ignore the cries of others.
- People **God, in your mercy help us to respond to each other.**
- Leader For people who learn slowly, for people who learn in different ways, and for people who learn quickly and easily but often choose ignorance.
- People **God, in your mercy help us to grow in your Wisdom.**
- Leader For people who have chronic illness for which there is no known cure or relief, and for people who live in unholy fear of developing a chronic illness.
- People **God, in your mercy help us and heal us.**
- Leader For families, friends and caregivers who serve people with disabilities, and for those who feel awkward in their presence.
- People **God, in your mercy help us to see each other with your eyes.**
- Leader For people who think they are worthless and beyond your love, and for people who think they don't need your love.
- People **God in your mercy help us accept your love.**
- Leader For people who feel isolated by their disabilities, and for people who contribute to that sense of isolation.
- People **God in your mercy change our lives.**

Leader For all the people in your creation, that we may learn to respect each other and learn how to live together in your peace.

People **God, in your mercy bind us together.**

Celebrant Let us pray,

Gracious God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All **Amen**

The Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence

Celebrant and People

God of Mercy,

We confess that we have sinned against you,
Opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other,
In ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
The evil we have done,
And the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
Through our Savior Jesus Christ,
That we may abide in your love
And serve only your will, Amen

The Absolution

Celebrant

Christ, be present among your people now, you who knew suffering, who showed compassion to all you met, who ate with sinners and tax collectors, the blind, the rich and the poor. Drive out from us all indifference to the

needs of others. Drive out our fear of bodies that are weak, that look different, that do not function as they might. Drive out from us all thoughts and feelings that we might be superior, or that we might be less than others, or that we might be foolish, insignificant, repulsive, or sinful because of our disabilities. Fill us all with a sense of our own vulnerability, with kindness, and with the spirit of your unbounded hospitality as you invite all to the Feast. Move us to share that Feast as true sisters and brothers in faith, and may the God of love visit you in your times of trial and weakness, and raise you to newness of life, through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

*The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

† The Holy Communion †

*The Offertory Hymn #632 Munich

“O Christ, the World Incarnate”

*The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A, p.361

Sursum Corda

Celebrant The Lord be with you
People **And also with you**

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

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

The Celebrant continues:

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn, to proclaim the glory of your Name.

Holy, Holy, Holy (sung by choir and congregation)

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosana in the highest, Hosana in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosana in the highest, Hosana in the highest.

Celebrant

Wise and gracious God, Creator of all good things, Redeemer of this broken world, you who are present with your people, we pray to you.

We remember the truth about your fear, anger and grief, for you, too, were forsaken, ignored and despised, We pray to you, the source of love in the world, the beginning of justice in history, the origin of peace on earth. You lead your people out of bondage into freedom. You receive us into your Body and we are made complete. By your wounds we are healed.

O most Holy Spirit, who brought us together to imitate our brother Christ, unite us in one Body with him. Consecrate us and these gifts of human making. May they be for us, as we are for each other, the Body and Blood of Christ. Bless us to be the life-giving Blood of Christ to creation. Sanctify us to be his nourishing Body, so that the world may become wholly one with you.

Before Christ, who was Servant to the world, ascended to the cross, he sat down to table with those who would carry his invitation to all people. He blessed the bread and broke it, giving it to them saying: "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.”

Pilgrims in this world, we proclaim the mystery of our faith, that Christ reveals the way,

Celebrant and people

Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Celebrant continues

Lord, God of our mothers and fathers, open our minds and our hearts to see your hand at work in the world around us, especially in each other. Let us approach each person as your own child, loved not because we are capable, but because we are completely dependent upon you. God of possibilities, help us to break away from the world’s definitions of wholeness and illness, for we are all born needy and we will all die. You gave us life everlasting and you restore us to your self. Make us one with Christ, one with each other and one in service to the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory is yours,
now and for ever. Amen

Celebrant

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

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

The Fraction Anthem (sung by choir and congregation)

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread. The Bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.

Facing the people, the celebrant says the following invitation

The gifts of God for the People of God.

The people come forward to receive the Sacrament as they are able, either standing or kneeling at the Altar Rail. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher, and we will bring the Sacrament to you.

At the Communions

Hymn #440

Liebster Jesu

“Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word”

Hymn #304

Land of Rest

“I Come with Joy to meet My Lord”

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and the People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

The Blessing

The wisdom of God, the love of God and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ’s hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen**

*The Closing Hymn #539

Tidings

“O Zion Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling”

*The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world,
Rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude

Acknowledgements

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As stated in *Enriching Our Worship II* (p. 9). “The primary purpose of these materials has been to provide texts using inclusive and expansive language, that is, language which expands the images used to speak and pray to God, and language in which all worshipers find themselves, and their religious experience of God as revealed in Christ, more completely.”

This particular liturgy, in recognition of Disabilities Awareness Month, seeks to expand the language of worship to speak specifically to those with disabilities.

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