

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Opening Hymn

At the name of Jesus (verses 1, 2)

Hymnal #435

At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season, to receive a Name from the lips of sinners, unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last, brought it back victorious, when from death he passed;

bore it up triumphant, with its human light, through all ranks of creatures, to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast; filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

Name him, Christians, name him, with love strong as death, name with awe and wonder and with bated breath;
he is God the Savior, he is Christ the Lord, ever to be worshiped, trusted, and adored.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue all that is not holy, all that is not true;
crown him as your Captain in temptation's hour; let his will enfold you in its light and power.

Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again, with his Father's glory o'er the earth to reign;
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877)

Acclamation

pg. 355 in Book of Common Prayer

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

People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

Collect for Purity

Gloria

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 sin 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.

Collect of the Day

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Reading: *Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23*

²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

The Psalm: Psalm 49:1-11

¹*Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwell in the world, *
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.*

²*My mouth shall speak of wisdom, * and my heart shall meditate on understanding.*

³*I will incline my ear to a proverb * and set forth my riddle upon the harp.*

⁴*Why should I be afraid in evil days, *
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,*

⁵*The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, *
and boast of their great riches?*

⁶*We can never ransom ourselves, * or deliver to God the price of our life;*

⁷*For the ransom of our life is so great, * that we should never have enough to pay it,*

⁸*In order to live for ever and ever, * and never see the grave.*

⁹*For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish *
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.*

¹⁰*Their graves shall be their homes for ever,
their dwelling places from generation to generation, *
though they call the lands after their own names.*

¹¹*Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; * they are like the beasts that perish.*

The Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. ⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Holy Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

The Sermon

Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People - *All remain standing.*

Presider or deacon

In peace. . . We pray to the Lord in your mercy by saying, "We pray to you O Lord."

Confession of Sin

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.

The Peace

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn

Come down, O love divine

Hymnal #516

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing; O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace,
till Love create a place wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Bianco da Siena (d. 1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890)

Offertory

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer I from *Enriching Our Worship*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus *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 Blessed are you . . .

. . .Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

Celebrant Remembering his death and resurrection . . .

. . . Glory and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Music

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Hymnal #559

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, for we have no help but thee,
yet possessing every blessing, if our God our Father be.

Savior, breathe forgiveness o'er us; all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us; thou didst feel its keenest woe;
yet unfeared, persevering, to thy passion thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending, fill our hearts with heavenly joy;
love with every passion blending, pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided, nothing can our peace destroy.

James Edmeston (1791-1867), alt.

Sending Forth

Postcommunion Prayer

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

Closing Hymn

All my hope on God is founded (vs. 1, 5)

Hymnal #665

All my hope on God is founded; He doth still my trust renew,
Me through change and chance He guideth, only good and only true.
God unknown, He alone calls my heart to be His own.

Pride of man and earthly glory, Sword and crown betray His trust;
What with care and toil He buildeth, Tower and temple fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour, Is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth, Deep His wisdom, passing thought:
Splendor, light and life attend him, Beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from His store Newborn worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th'almighty Giver Bounteous gifts on us bestow;
His desire our soul delighteth, Pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand at His hand; Joy doth wait on His command.

Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising for the gift of Christ, His Son.
Christ doth call one and all: Ye who follow shall not fall.

Music: Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930) after Joachim Neander (1650-1680)
Words: *Michael*, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

Postlude



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