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**Liturgy of the Word**

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**Prelude**

Praise Medley

**Opening Hymn***By Faith* (verses 1, 2)

By faith we see the hand of God In the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth With the power of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand A place where peace and justice reign

Refrain:

We will stand as children of the promise We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done We'll walk by faith and not by sight

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**Acclamation**

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*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.*People* ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*****Collect for Purity****Gloria**

Christopher Grundy

***Glorify to the Creator, and the Christ and the Spirit so near, as it was from the start so it shall be forever – one God, always here. (repeat) One God, always here, one God, always here.***

**Collect of the Day**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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: Genesis 18:20-32**

<sup>20</sup>The LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup>I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." <sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup>And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup>Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup>Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He

answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup>Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup>He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup>Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

### **The Psalm: Psalm 138**

<sup>1</sup>*I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; \*  
before the gods I will sing your praise.*

<sup>2</sup>*I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, \*  
because of your love and faithfulness;*

<sup>3</sup>*For you have glorified your Name \* and your word above all things.*

<sup>4</sup>*When I called, you answered me; \* you increased my strength within me.*

<sup>5</sup>*All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, \*  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.*

<sup>6</sup>*They will sing of the ways of the LORD, \* that great is the glory of the LORD.*

<sup>7</sup>*Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; \* he perceives the haughty from afar.*

<sup>8</sup>*Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.*

<sup>9</sup>*The LORD will make good his purpose for me; \*  
O LORD, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands*

### **The Second Reading: Colossians 2:6-15[16-19]**

<sup>6</sup>As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. <sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup>when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. [<sup>16</sup>Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. <sup>17</sup>These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.]

### **Sequence Hymn**

*Here in this Place*

Christopher Grundy

### **Holy Gospel: Luke 11:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."<sup>2</sup>He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.'" <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>for a friend

of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’<sup>7</sup> And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’<sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.<sup>9</sup> “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.<sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.<sup>11</sup> Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

### **Gospel Response – Here in this Place**

#### **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**

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## **HOLY COMMUNION**

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#### **Offertory Music**

*The Lord’s Prayer*

#### **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 love and justice,  
the universe is overflowing with your glory!  
Blessed is the one who comes here in your name!  
Hosanna in the highest, alleluia!* Christopher Grundy

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.*

## **Fraction Anthem**

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## **Communion Music**

### *I Am the Bread of Life*

1. I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; and who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

**Refrain:** And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day.

2. The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, and if you eat of this bread, you shall live for ever, you shall live for ever. And I will raise...
3. Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his blood, drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you. And I will raise...
4. I am the Resurrection, I am the life. If you believe in me, even though you die, you shall live for ever. And I will raise...
5. Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, Who has come into the world. And I will raise...

Text: John 6; Suzanne Toolan, SM, b.1927; translator unknown

## 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 Music

#### *In Christ Alone* (verses 1, 2)

1. In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light my strength my song.  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love what depths of peace, when fears are stilled when strivings cease.  
My Comforter my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.  
For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

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### Dismissal

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

### Postlude

#### *In Christ Alone* (verse 4)

No guilt in life no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.  
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.



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