

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (verses 1, 2)

Hymnal #390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation: join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song, sounding in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth: borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth. Hast thou not seen how all thou needest hath been granted in what he ordaineth?

Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.

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

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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: *Amos 8:4-7*

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, ⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, ⁶buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." ⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The Psalm: *Psalms 113*

¹*Hallelujah!*

*Give praise, you servants of the LORD; * praise the Name of the LORD.*

²*Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, * from this time forth for evermore.*

³*From the rising of the sun to its going down * let the Name of the LORD be praised.*

⁴*The LORD is high above all nations, * and his glory above the heavens.*

⁵*Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high, *
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?*

⁶*He takes up the weak out of the dust * and lifts up the poor from the ashes.*

⁷*He sets them with the princes, * with the princes of his people.*

⁸*He makes the woman of a childless house * to be a joyful mother of children.*

The Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all - this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The Gospel – Luke 16:1-13

¹Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' ³Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. ¹⁰"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

The Sermon

Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People - All remain standing.

Presider or deacon

Blessed God, whose love calls the whole creation into covenant with you, and who puts in our hand's responsibility for the care of the earth and its creatures: we pray for all to whom you have given life and being, saying, "Lord have mercy."

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

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult

Hymnal #550

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea,
day by day his clear voice soundeth, saying, 'Christian, follow me;'

as, of old, Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store;
from each idol that would keep us, saying, 'Christian, love me more.'

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, 'Christian, love me more than these.'

Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior, make us hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.

Offertory

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

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

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 It is right, and a good and joyful thing. . .
. . . to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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 Holy and gracious Father. . .

. . . Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption. . .

. . . Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

Commit thou all that grieves thee

Hymnal #669

Commit thou all that grieves thee and fills thy heart with care
to him whose faithful mercy the skies above declare,
who gives the winds their courses, who points the clouds their way;
'tis he will guide thy footsteps and be thy staff and stay.

O trust the Lord then wholly, if thou wouldst be secure;
his work must thou consider for thy work to endure.
What profit doth it bring thee To pine in grief and care?
God ever sends his blessing In answer to thy prayer.

Thy lasting truth and mercy, O Father, see aright
the needs of all thy children, their anguish or delight:
what loving wisdom chooseth, redeeming might will do,
and bring to sure fulfillment thy counsel good and true.

Hope on, then, broken spirit; hope on, be not afraid;
fear not the friefs that plague thee and keep thy heart dismayed:
thy God, in his great mercy, will save thee, hold thee fast,
and in his own time grant thee the sun of joy at last.

Paulus Gerhardt (1607-1676); tr. Arthur William Farlander (1898-1952)
and Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), 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

God of grace and God of glory (verses 1, 4)

Hymnal #594

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient Church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore.

Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969), alt.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Postlude



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