

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Opening Hymn

America!

Katherine Lee Bates (1859-1929)

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

Acclamation

pg. 355 in Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

Collect for Purity

Gloria

Cash/Tomlin

O sov'reign God, O matchless King – the saints adore, the angels sing, and fall before the throne of grace to You belong the highest praise. Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, Three in One; Clothed in power and in grace, the name above all other names. Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the power, Yours is the glory forever. Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, Three in One; Clothed in power and in grace, the name above all other names.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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: *Jeremiah 28:5-9*

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

The Psalm: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

¹*Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing; *
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.*
²*For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; *
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.*
³*"I have made a covenant with my chosen one; *
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
⁴"I will establish your line forever, *
and preserve your throne for all generations.'"*
¹⁵*Happy are the people who know the festal shout! *
they walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.*
¹⁶*They rejoice daily in your Name; * they are jubilant in your righteousness.*
¹⁷*For you are the glory of their strength, * and by your favor our might is exalted.*
¹⁸*Truly, the LORD is our ruler; * the Holy One of Israel is our King.*

The Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23

¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. ²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Alleluia

Marty Haugen

Praise the God of all creation, God of all creation, God of mercy and compassion: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Word of truth and life!

Living water, we are thirsting for the life that you have promised: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Word of truth and life!

Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

[Jesus said,] ⁴⁰"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Gospel Response – Alleluia

Come, O Spirit, kindle fire in the hearts of all your people: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Word of truth and life!

The Sermon

Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People

All remain standing.

Presider or deacon

Let us by prayer and intercession with thanksgiving make our requests to God . . .

We pray for . . . Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Music

This Land is Your Land

Woodie Guthrie

This land is your land and this land is my land, From California to the New York island
From the redwood forest to the Gulf Stream waters, This land was made for you and me

As I went walking that ribbon of highway I saw above me that endless skyway
Saw below me that golden valley, This land was made for you and me

I roamed and rambled and I've followed my footsteps
To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts
All around me a voice was sounding, This land was made for you and me

When the sun come shining, then I was strolling
And the wheat fields waving and the dust clouds rolling
The voice was chanting as the fog was lifting, This land was made for you and me

This land is your land and this land is my land, From California to the New York island
From the redwood forest to the Gulf Stream waters, This land was made for you and me

When the sun come shining, then I was strolling
And the wheat fields waving and the dust clouds rolling
The voice come a-chanting and the fog was lifting, This land was made for you and me

Offertory

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

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.

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

Oh Jesus, I have promised

John Ernest Bode (1816-1874)

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end: be thou for ever near me, my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle, if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway, if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee, that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

Verse 1: Oh how could it be that my God would welcome me Into this mystery. Say take this bread take this wine, Now the simple made divine for any to receive.

Misc 1 (Pre-Chorus) By Your mercy we come to Your table, By Your grace You are making us faithful.

Chorus 1: Lord we remember You, And remembrance leads us to worship. And as we worship You Our worship leads to communion We respond to Your invitation (We respond to Your invitation). We remember You

Verse 2: See His body His blood. Know that He has overcome ev'ry trial we will face. And none too lost to be saved. None too broken or ashamed, all are welcome in this place.

Misc 2 (Bridge): Dying You destroyed our death, Rising You restored our life. Lord Jesus come in glory. Lord Jesus come in glory. Lord Jesus come in glory. Lord Jesus come in glory.

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.

Easter Blessing

Closing Hymn

O God of every nation

William Watkins Reid, Jr. (b. 1923)

O God of every nation, of every, race and land, redeem the whole creation with your almighty hand; where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled, in love and mercy guide us and heal our strife-torn world.

From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right, from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night, from pride of race and nation and blindness to your way, deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray!

Lord, strengthen all who labor that we may find release from fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase; when hope and courage falter, your still small voice be heard; with faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.

Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease, when hatred and division give way to love and peace, till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the spirit.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

People ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!***

Postlude

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