

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Opening Hymn

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus 1

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul. Worship His holy name, Sing like never before.
O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come.
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending, Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Ending: Worship Your holy name, Lord I'll worship Your holy name.

Acclamation

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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

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Lessons

The First Reading: *Genesis 25:19-34*

¹⁹These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, ²⁰and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. ²¹Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. ²²The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. ²³And the LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." ²⁴When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. ²⁵The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. ²⁶Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so

he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. ²⁷When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. ²⁸Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. ²⁹Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. ³⁰Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) ³¹Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." ³²Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" ³³Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

The Psalm: Psalm 119:105-112

¹⁰⁵***Your word is a lantern to my feet * and a light upon my path.***

¹⁰⁶***I have sworn and am determined * to keep your righteous judgments.***

¹⁰⁷***I am deeply troubled; * preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.***

¹⁰⁸***Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, * and teach me your judgments.***

¹⁰⁹***My life is always in my hand, * yet I do not forget your law.***

¹¹⁰***The wicked have set a trap for me, * but I have not strayed from your commandments.***

¹¹¹***Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; * truly, they are the joy of my heart.***

¹¹²***I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes * for ever and to the end.***

The Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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 13:1-9, 18-23

¹Jesus went out and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!" ¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the

word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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

Blessed Jesus at thy Word

Hymnal #440

Blessed Jesus, at thy word we are gathered all to hear thee;
let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear thee;
by thy teachings pure and holy, drawn from earth to love thee solely.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till thy Spirit breaks our night with the beams of truth unclouded;
thou alone to God canst win us; thou must work all good within us.

Gracious Lord, thyself impart! Light of Light, from God proceeding,
open thou our ears and heart, help us by thy Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry thy Church upraises; hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

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.

Verse 1: Oh heart of mine Why must you stray From One so fair. You run away And one more time. You have to pay the heaviness Of needless shame

Chorus: So come home running His arms are open wide. His name is Jesus And He understands. He is the answer You are looking for. So come home running Just as you are

Verse 2: Oh heart of mine Come back home. You've been too long Out on your own. And He's been there all along Watching for you down the road

Verse 3: Oh child of God So dearly loved And ransomed by The Savior's blood. And called by name daughter and son Wrapped in the robe of righteousness

Let us break bread together on our knees

Hymnal #325

African-American spiritual

Let us break bread together on our knees;

when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;

when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;

when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

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

Spread, O spread thou mighty word

Hymnal #530

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word, spread the kingdom of the Lord,
that to earth's remotest bound all may heed the joyful sound;

word of how the Father's will made the world, and keeps it, still;
how his only Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;

word of how the Savior's love earth's sore burden doth remove;
how forever, in its need, through his death the world is freed;

word of how the Spirit came bringing peace in Jesus' name;
how his never-failing love guides us on to heaven above.

Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the nations long,
spread abroad, until from night all the world awakes to light.

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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