

## Liturgy of the Word

**Prelude** *Waymaker* Osinachi Kalu

**Opening Hymn** *Thy Word* Michael Smith

**Chorus 1:** Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, And a light unto my path  
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**Verse 1:** When I feel afraid And I think I've lost my way, Still You're there right beside me,  
Nothing will I fear As long as You are near. Please be near me to the end

**Verse 2:** I will not forget Your love for me and yet My heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus be my guide And hold me to Your side. I will love You to the end

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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**

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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 28:10-19a*

<sup>10</sup>Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup>He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. <sup>12</sup>And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup>And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; <sup>14</sup>and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. <sup>15</sup>Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." <sup>16</sup>Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" <sup>17</sup>And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." <sup>18</sup>So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. <sup>19a</sup>He called that place Bethel.

**The Psalm:** *Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23*

<sup>1</sup>*LORD, you have searched me out and known me; \**

*you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.*

<sup>2</sup>*You trace my journeys and my resting-places \* and are acquainted with all my ways.*

<sup>3</sup>*Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \* but you, O LORD, know it altogether.*

<sup>4</sup>*You press upon me behind and before \* and lay your hand upon me.*

<sup>5</sup>*Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \* it is so high that I cannot attain to it.*

<sup>6</sup>*Where can I go then from your Spirit? \* where can I flee from your presence?*

<sup>7</sup>*If I climb up to heaven, you are there; \* if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.*

<sup>8</sup>*If I take the wings of the morning \* and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,*

<sup>9</sup>*Even there your hand will lead me \* and your right hand hold me fast.*

<sup>10</sup>*If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, \* and the light around me turn to night,"*

<sup>11</sup>*Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; \* darkness and light to you are both alike.*

<sup>22</sup>*Search me out, O God, and know my heart; \* try me and know my restless thoughts.*

<sup>23</sup>*Look well whether there be any wickedness in me \* and lead me in the way that is everlasting.*

**The Second Reading:** *Romans 8:2-25*

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

<sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

**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 13:24-30, 36-43*

<sup>24</sup>[Another parable Jesus put before the crowds:] "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;<sup>25</sup>but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup>And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' <sup>28</sup>He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' <sup>29</sup>But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

<sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." <sup>37</sup>He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup>the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the

weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup>and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

### 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

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### Offertory Music                    You Satisfy the Hungry Heart - *The Gift of Finest Wheat*

**Refrain:** You satisfy the hungry heart\_\_ with gift of finest wheat; Come give to us, O saving Lord, The bread of life to eat.

1. As when the shepherd calls his sheep\_\_ they know and heed his voice; So when you call your fam'ly, Lord, we follow and rejoice. (refrain)
2. With joyful lips we sing to you \_\_ our praise and gratitude, That you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heav'n-ly food. (refrain)
3. Is not the cup we bless and share\_\_ the blood of Christ outpoured? Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord? (refrain)
4. The mys-t'ry of your presence, Lord\_\_ no mortal tongue can tell: Whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell. (refrain)
5. You give yourself to us, O Lord\_\_ then selfless let us be, To serve each other in your name in truth and charity. (refrain)

Omer Westendorf, Robert E. Kreutz

## 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:** You are here moving in our midst, I worship You I worship You  
You are here working in this place, I worship You I worship You

**Chorus:** (You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper. Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

**Verse 2:** You are here touching ev'ry heart, I worship You I worship You  
You are here healing ev'ry heart, I worship You I worship You

**Verse 3:** You are here turning lives around, I worship You I worship You  
You are here mending ev'ry heart, I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

**Tag:** That is who You are (4X)

**Bridge:** Even when I don't see it You're working, Even when I don't feel it You're working  
You never stop You never stop working, You never stop You never stop working

### 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

*Joyful, Joyful*

Hymnal #376

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother: all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.  
Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933)

### 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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