

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Chorus: Lord I lift your name on high. Lord I love to sing your praises
I'm so glad you are in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth, to show the way From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky, Lord I lift your name on high. Chorus

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

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67*

[The man said to Rebekah and her household,] ³⁴"I am Abraham's servant. ³⁵The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. ³⁶And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. ³⁷My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; ³⁸but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

⁴²"I came today to the spring, and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! ⁴³I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," ⁴⁴and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also"—let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.' ⁴⁵"Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' ⁴⁶She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. ⁴⁷Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. ⁴⁸Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. ⁴⁹Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

⁵⁸And they called Rebekah, and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will.” ⁵⁹So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. ⁶⁰And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, “May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.” ⁶¹Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. ⁶²Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. ⁶³Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. ⁶⁴And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, ⁶⁵and said to the servant, “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. ⁶⁶And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. ⁶⁷Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

The Psalm: Psalm 45:11-18

¹¹*“Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; * forget your people and your father’s house.*
¹²*The king will have pleasure in your beauty; * he is your master; therefore do him honor.*
¹³*The people of Tyre are here with a gift; * the rich among the people seek your favor.”*
¹⁴*All glorious is the princess as she enters; * her gown is cloth-of-gold.*
¹⁵*In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; * after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.*
¹⁶*With joy and gladness they are brought, * and enter into the palace of the king.*
¹⁷*“In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; * you shall make them princes over all the earth.*
¹⁸*I will make your name to be remembered from one generation to another; * therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever.”*

The Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ 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 11:16-19, 25-30

[Jesus said,] ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ ¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

The Lord, my God, my Shepherd is

Tucker/Irvine, Crimond

The Lord my God my shepherd is; how could I want or need?
In pastures green, by streams serene, he safely doth me lead.

To wholeness he restores my soul and doth in mercy bless,
and helps me take for his Name's sake the paths of righteousness.

Yea, even when I must pass through the valley of death's shade,
I will not fear, for thou art here, to comfort and to aid.

Thou hast in grace my table spread secure in all alarms,
and filled my cup, and borne me up in everlasting arms.

Then surely I can trust thy love for all the days to come,
that I may tell thy praise, and dwell for ever in thy home.

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.

Vs. 1: Are you thirsty. Are you empty. Come and drink these Living Waters.
Tired and broken, Peace unspoken, Rest beside these Living Waters

Vs. 2: Christ is calling, Find refreshing, At the cross of Living Waters
Lay your life down, all the old gone, Rise up in these Living Waters.

Chorus: There's a river that flows with mercy and love, Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure, Do not fear anymore, Praise the Lord of Living Waters

Vs. 3: Spirit moving, Mercy washing, Healing in these living waters
Lead your children to the shore line. Life is in these Living Waters

Vs. 4: Are you thirsty. Are you empty. Come and drink these Living Waters.
Love forgiveness, Vast and boundless. Christ, He is our Living Water

There our hope is secure, Do not fear anymore, Praise the Lord of Living Waters

We will extol Thee

Grieve/Old 124th melody

We will extol you, ever-blessed Lord; your holy Name for ever be adored;
each day we live our psalm to you we raise; you, God and King, are worthy of all praise,
great and unsearchable in all your ways.

Age shall to age pass on the endless song, telling the wonders which to you belong,
your mighty acts with joy and fear relate; praise we your glory while on you we wait,
glad in the knowledge of your love so great.

You, Lord, are gracious, merciful to all, close to your children when on you they call;
and slow to anger, merciful and kind, in your compassion we your blessings find.
We love you with our heart and strength and mind.

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

Father, we thank thee who hast planted Greek, ca. 110; tr. F. Bland Tucker

Father, we thank thee who hast planted thy holy Name within our hearts.
Knowledge and faith and life immortal Jesus thy Son to us imparts.

Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy pleasure, didst give us food for all our days,
giving in Christ the Bread eternal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.

Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mercy, save it from evil, guard it still,
perfect it in thy love, unite it, cleansed and conformed unto thy will.

As grain, once scattered on the hillsides, was in this broken bread made one,
so from all lands thy Church be gathered into thy kingdom by thy Son.

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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