

Liturgy of the Word

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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*    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

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*

<sup>19</sup>These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, <sup>20</sup>and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. <sup>21</sup>Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. <sup>22</sup>The 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. <sup>23</sup>And 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." <sup>24</sup>When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. <sup>25</sup>The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. <sup>26</sup>Afterward 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. <sup>27</sup>When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. <sup>28</sup>Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. <sup>29</sup>Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. <sup>30</sup>Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) <sup>31</sup>Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." <sup>32</sup>Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" <sup>33</sup>Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. <sup>34</sup>Then 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**

<sup>105</sup>***Your word is a lantern to my feet \* and a light upon my path.***

<sup>106</sup>***I have sworn and am determined \* to keep your righteous judgments.***

<sup>107</sup>***I am deeply troubled; \* preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.***

<sup>108</sup>***Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, \* and teach me your judgments.***

<sup>109</sup>***My life is always in my hand, \* yet I do not forget your law.***

<sup>110</sup>***The wicked have set a trap for me, \* but I have not strayed from your commandments.***

<sup>111</sup>***Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \* truly, they are the joy of my heart.***

<sup>112</sup>***I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \* for ever and to the end.***

### **The Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup>For 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, <sup>4</sup>so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For 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. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For 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, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup>But 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. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteous-ness. <sup>11</sup>If 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.

### **Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus went out and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!" <sup>18</sup>"Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When 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. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet 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. <sup>22</sup>As 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. <sup>23</sup>But 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."

### **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.**

*The Presider will add a concluding Collect.*

## Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept. Leader and People*

***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.***

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## Peace

*Celebrant*            The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*                **And also with you.**

# HOLY COMMUNION

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## 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.

Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878); alt.

## 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

*People and Celebrant*

**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**

*Celebrant and People*

***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**

*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      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
People        ***Thanks be to God.***

## Postlude

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