

Liturgy of the Word

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**Prelude**

*The Blessing*

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**Opening Hymn**

*Seek Ye First*

Hymnal #711

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you; Allelu, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek, and ye shall find,  
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you; Allelu, alleluia!

**Acclamation**

pg. 355 in Book of Common Prayer

*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 God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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: 1 Kings 3:5-12**

<sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup>And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

<sup>10</sup>It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

### **The Psalm: Psalm 119:129-136**

<sup>129</sup>Your decrees are wonderful; \* therefore I obey them with all my heart.

<sup>130</sup>When your word goes forth it gives light; \* it gives understanding to the simple.

<sup>131</sup>I open my mouth and pant; \* I long for your commandments.

<sup>132</sup>Turn to me in mercy, \* as you always do to those who love your Name.

<sup>133</sup>Steady my footsteps in your word; \* let no iniquity have dominion over me.

<sup>134</sup>Rescue me from those who oppress me, \* and I will keep your commandments.

<sup>135</sup>Let your countenance shine upon your servant \* and teach me your statutes.

<sup>136</sup>My eyes shed streams of tears, \* because people do not keep your law.

### **The Second Reading: Romans 8:28:26-39**

<sup>26</sup>The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. <sup>28</sup>We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. <sup>31</sup>What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

<sup>31</sup>[Another parable Jesus put before the crowds:] "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; <sup>32</sup>it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

<sup>33</sup>He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

<sup>44</sup>"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup>on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup>when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup>"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

## **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

*Holy Spirit*

Brian and Katie Torwalt

Verse 1: There's nothing worth more that will ever come close. No thing can compare You're our living hope.  
Your Presence

Verse 2: I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves. Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone.  
In Your Presence Lord

Chorus: Holy Spirit You are welcome here. Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere.  
Your glory God is what our hearts long for, To be overcome by Your Presence Lord

Interlude: Your Presence Lord

Interlude: Your Presence Lord. Your Presence . Oh God how we love Your Presence Lord

Bridge: Let us become more aware of Your Presence. Let us experience the glory of Your goodness (Lord)

## 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.

## Communion Music

*I am the Bread of Life*

Hymnal #335

I am the bread of life; they who come to me shall not hunger; they who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me unless the Father draw them.

Refrain: And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up on the last day.

The Bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world, and they who eat of this bread, they shall live for ever.

Unless you eat of the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his Blood, you shall not have life within you.

I am the resurrection, I am the life. They who believe in me, even if they die, they shall live for ever.

Yes, Lord, we believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God who has come into the world.

## 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

*The Blessing* Kari Jobe, Cody Carnes, Chris Brown, Steve Furtick

Verse: The Lord bless you And keep you, Make his face shine upon you  
And be gracious to you. The Lord turn his Face toward you And give you peace

Chorus: Amen. Amen. Amen

Bridge: May his favor Be upon you And a thousand generations, And your family,  
And your children, And their children, And their children

Bridge: May his presence Go before you, And behind you, And beside you,  
All around you, And within you. He is with you, He is with you

Bridge: In the morning, In the evening, In your coming, And your going, In your weeping,  
And rejoicing. He is for you, He is for you

Tag: He is for you, He is for you

## Dismissal

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

## Postlude

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