

**Prelude****Opening Hymn***Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

Hymnal #608

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
 who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:  
 O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard and hushed their raging at thy word,  
 who walkedst on the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage didst sleep:  
 O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood upon the chaos dark and rude,  
 and bid its angry tumult cease, and give, for wild confusion, peace;  
 O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power, thy children shield in danger's hour;  
 from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
 thus evermore shall rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

William Whiting (1825-1878)

**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**from *The Heritage Mass* by Owen Alstott

***Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heav'nly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. 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**

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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:** *Deuteronomy 34:1-12*

<sup>1</sup>Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, <sup>2</sup>all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, <sup>3</sup>the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. <sup>4</sup>The LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” <sup>5</sup>Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD’s command. <sup>6</sup>He was

buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. <sup>7</sup>Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. <sup>8</sup>The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

<sup>9</sup>Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

<sup>10</sup>Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. <sup>11</sup>He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, <sup>12</sup>and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

The Psalm: *Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17*

<sup>1</sup>**LORD, you have been our refuge \***

**from one generation to another.**

<sup>2</sup>**Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or the land and the earth were born, \***

**from age to age you are God.**

<sup>3</sup>**You turn us back to the dust and say, \***

**“Go back, O child of earth.”**

<sup>4</sup>**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past \*  
and like a watch in the night.**

<sup>5</sup>**You sweep us away like a dream; \***

**we fade away suddenly like the grass.**

<sup>6</sup>**In the morning it is green and flourishes; \***

**in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

<sup>13</sup>**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? \***

**be gracious to your servants.**

<sup>14</sup>**Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; \***

**so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

<sup>15</sup>**Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us \***

**and the years in which we suffered adversity.**

<sup>16</sup>**Show your servants your works \***

**and your splendor to their children.**

<sup>17</sup>**May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; \***

**prosper the work of our hands;**

**prosper our handiwork.**

The Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 2:1-8*

<sup>1</sup>You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, <sup>2</sup>but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. <sup>3</sup>For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, <sup>4</sup>but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. <sup>5</sup>As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; <sup>6</sup>nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, <sup>7</sup>though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. <sup>8</sup>So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

**Alleluia – Celtic Alleluia - Refrain, Cantor, Refrain**

O'Carroll/Walker

### **Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46**

<sup>34</sup>When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup>and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup>“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” <sup>37</sup>He said to him, “ “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup>This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup>And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

<sup>41</sup>Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: <sup>42</sup>“What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” <sup>43</sup>He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

<sup>44</sup>“The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet””?

<sup>45</sup>If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” <sup>46</sup>No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

### **Gospel Response – Celtic Alleluia - Refrain**

## **The Sermon**

## **Nicene Creed**

## **Prayers of the People**

*All remain standing. Presider or deacon*

Let us offer our prayers for the healing touch of Christ among all people, saying  
***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.***

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## **HOLY COMMUNION**

### **Offertory Music**

*Praise, Praise*                      George Frideric Handel, arr. Patrick Liebergen  
St. Thomas Chancel Choir

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Eucharistic Prayer A from Book of Common Prayer*

Celebrant    The Lord be with you.  
People        ***And also with you.***  
Celebrant    Lift up your hearts.

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.

*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    It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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    Holy and gracious Father. . .

. . .Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People    **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant    We celebrate the memorial of our redemption. . .

. . .Almighty Father, now and for 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.

## Communion Music

### *Be Not Afraid*

Bob Dufford

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.

You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.

You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.

You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain:

***Be not afraid. I go before you always. Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.***

If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.  
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.  
If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side,  
know that I am with you through it all. (Refrain)

Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs.  
Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.  
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you all because of me,  
blessed, blessed are you! (Refrain)

## Sending Forth

### 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.*

## Blessing

### Closing Hymn

*Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven* (vs. 1-3)

Hymnal #410

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress;  
praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in this faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

## Dismissal

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

## Postlude

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