

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

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### Prelude

*Unstoppable God*

### Opening Hymn

*Unstoppable God*  
St. Thomas Praise Band

Brown, Furtick, Joye

Heaven thundered And the world was born, Life begins and ends In the dust You formed  
Faith commanded And the mountains moved, Fear is losing ground To our hope in You

Chorus:

***Unstoppable God, Let Your glory go on and on. Impossible things In Your name they shall be done (oh)***

Freedom conquered, All our chains undone  
Sin defeated, Jesus has overcome, Mercy triumphed  
When the third day dawned Darkness was denied, When the stone was gone

Nothing shall be impossible, Your kingdom reigns unstoppable  
We'll shout Your praise forevermore, Jesus our God unstoppable

### 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 God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

### The Lessons

#### **The First Reading:** *Revelation 7:9-17*

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have

washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. “For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

**Psalm:** *Psalm 34:1-7, 22*

- <sup>1</sup>*I will bless the LORD at all times; \*  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.*
- <sup>2</sup>*I will glory in the LORD; \*  
let the humble hear and rejoice.*
- <sup>3</sup>*Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; \*  
let us exalt his Name together.*
- <sup>4</sup>*I sought the LORD, and he answered me \*  
and delivered me out of all my terror.*
- <sup>5</sup>*Look upon him and be radiant, \*  
and let not your faces be ashamed.*
- <sup>6</sup>*I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me \*  
and saved me from all my troubles.*
- <sup>7</sup>*The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, \*  
and he will deliver them.*
- <sup>8</sup>*Taste and see that the LORD is good; \*  
happy are they who trust in him!*
- <sup>9</sup>*Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, \*  
for those who fear him lack nothing.*
- <sup>10</sup>*The young lions lack and suffer hunger, \*  
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.*
- <sup>22</sup>*The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, \*  
and none will be punished who trust in him.*

**The Second Reading:** *1 John 34:1-3*

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

O’Carroll/Walker

**Holy Gospel:** *Matthew 5:1-12*

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

## 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

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### Offertory Music

*Sine Nomine*  
St. Thomas Chancel Choir

R. Vaughan Williams

### 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.  
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. . .

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.

. . .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

### *The King of Saints*

Kevin Prosch

Great and marvelous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty  
Just and true are Thy ways oh Lord, For You are the King of saints  
Who shall not fear Thee, Who shall not glorify Thy name oh Lord  
For only Thou art holy, All the nations shall come and worship before Thee  
For Thy judgments are made manifest. For Thy judgments are made manifest  
Chorus:  
***Hallelujah (hallelujah), Hallelujah to the King of saints  
Glory hallelujah (glory hallelujah), Glory hallelujah to the King of saints***

### *Rise Up, Ye Saints of God!*

Hymnal #551

Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with lesser things,  
give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.  
Rise up, ye saints of God! His kingdom tarries long:  
Lord, bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.  
Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod;  
and quickened by the Spirit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

## 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.*

### The Collection of Pledge Cards

### Blessing

### Closing Hymn

*Oh, When the Saints Go Marchin' In - Medley*

Praise Band:

*Oh, when the Saints go marching in, Oh, when the Saints go marching in  
I want to be in that number, When the Saints go marching in*

Add Chancel Choir:

*And when the sun begins to shine, And when the sun begins to shine  
I want to be in that number, When the Saints go marching in*

Add Congregation:

***Oh, when the trumpet sound its call, Oh, when the trumpet sound its call  
I want to be in that number, When the Saints go marching in***

Praise Band, Chancel Choir and Congregation:

***Oh, when the new world is revealed, Oh, when the new world is revealed  
I want to be in that number, When the Saints go marching in***

*\*Brass/ Band Interlude & Children's Choir Processional*

ALL:

***Oh when the stars fall from the sky, Oh when the stars fall from the sky  
Oh Lord I want to be in that number, When the Saints go marching in***

ALL:

***Oh, when the Saints go marching in, Oh, when the Saints go marching in  
I want to be in that number, When the Saints go marching in***

***Glory, glory Hallelujah, The Lord goes marching on!***

### Dismissal

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

### Postlude

*Oh, When the Saints Go Marchin' In*