

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Prelude

*Great Things*

## Opening Hymn

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Come let us worship our King, Come let us bow at His feet, He has done great things  
 See what our Savior has done, See how His love overcomes  
 He has done great things, He has done great things

Chorus:

***O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave,  
 You free every captive and break every chain  
 O God You have done great things  
 We dance in Your freedom awake and alive  
 O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high  
 O God You have done great things***

You've been faithful through every storm, You'll be faithful forevermore,  
 You have done great things  
 And I know You will do it again, For Your promise is yes and amen  
 You will do great things, God You do great things

Hallelujah God above it all, Hallelujah God unshakable  
 Hallelujah You have done great things (REPEAT). You've done great things

## 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

Christopher Grundy

***Glory to the Creator, and the Christ and the Spirit so near, as it was from the start so it shall be forever – one  
 Gd, always here. One God, always here, one God, always here.***

## Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## The Lessons

The First Reading: *Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25*

<sup>1</sup>Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: 'Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. <sup>3a</sup>Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.'

<sup>14</sup>“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup>Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

<sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup>for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup>and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

<sup>19</sup>But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. <sup>20</sup>If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” <sup>21</sup>And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the LORD!” <sup>22</sup>Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” <sup>23</sup>He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.” <sup>24</sup>The people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” <sup>25</sup>So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Psalm: *Psalm 78:1-7*

<sup>1</sup>**Hear my teaching, O my people; \***

***incline your ears to the words of my mouth.***

<sup>2</sup>**I will open my mouth in a parable; \***

***I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.***

<sup>3</sup>**That which we have heard and known,  
and what our forefathers have told us, \***

***we will not hide from their children.***

<sup>4</sup>**We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, \***  
***and the wonderful works he has done.***

<sup>5</sup>**He gave his decrees to Jacob  
and established a law for Israel, \***  
***which he commanded them to teach their children;***

<sup>6</sup>**That the generations to come might know,  
and the children yet unborn; \***

***that they in their turn might tell it to their children;***

<sup>7</sup>**So that they might put their trust in God, \***  
***and not forget the deeds of God,  
but keep his commandments.***

The Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

<sup>13</sup>We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**Alleluia – God Will Make a Way** (Refrain, Verse, Refrain)

Refrain: ***God will make a way, where there seems to be no way. He works in ways we cannot see. He will make a way for me. He will be my guide, hold me closely to His side, with love and strength for each new day. He will make a way. He will make a way.***

By a roadway in the wilderness He'll lead me, and rivers in the desert will I see. Heaven and earth will fade, but His Word will still remain, He will do something new today. (Refrain)

### **Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13**

[Jesus said,] <sup>1</sup>“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

**Gospel Response – God Will Make A Way** (Refrain only)

### **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.***

## Offertory Music

### *My Country 'tis of Thee*

My country 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing  
Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrims' pride  
From every mountain side, Let freedom ring

My native country thee, Land of the noble free, Thy name I love  
I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills  
My heart with rapture thrills, Like that above

Let music swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees, Sweet freedom's song  
Let mortal tongues awake, Let all that breathe partake  
Let rocks their silence break, The sound prolong

Our fathers' God to Thee, Author of liberty, To Thee we sing  
Long may our land be bright, With freedom's holy light  
Protect us by Thy might, Great God our King

## 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 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 God of 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. 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

### *Build My Life*

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing, Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe, We live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name, Jesus the only one who could ever save  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe, We live for You. We live for You

Chorus:

***Holy there is no one like You, There is none beside You  
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are And fill me with Your heart  
And lead me in Your love to those around me***

I will build my life upon Your love, It is a firm foundation  
I will put my trust in You alone, And I will not be shaken

## 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

### *America*

Katherine Lee Bates (1859-1929)

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!  
America! America! God mend thine every flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

## Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and service the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

## Postlude

### *America* (Chorus)

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