

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Grateful

Opening Hymn

Grateful

This is the day that you have made, Whatever comes I won't complain
For all my hope is in your name, And now your joy awaits my praise

Chorus

***I give thanks for all you have done, And I will sing of your mercy and your love
Your love is unfailing Lord I am grateful***

When I was down you brought me out, And set my feet on higher ground
So here I stand you are my God, Your faithfulness my solid rock

Chorus

***I give thanks for all you have done
I won't forget all the battles you have won
Your love is unfailing Lord I am grateful***

And as we lift our hands, The heavens open heavens open
So let our lives declare, The love our God has spoken over us

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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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark,
learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which
you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and
ever. ***Amen.***

The Lessons

The First Reading: *Judges 4:1-7*

¹The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. ²So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. ³Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

⁴At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. ⁵She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. ⁶She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. ⁷I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

Psalm: *Psalm 123*

¹*To you I lift up my eyes, **

to you enthroned in the heavens.

²*As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, **

and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

³*So our eyes look to the LORD our God, **

until he show us his mercy.

⁴*Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, **

for we have had more than enough of contempt,

⁵*Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, **

and of the derision of the proud.

The Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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 25:14-30*

¹⁴[Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven will be as when] a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them;¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the

one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

Blessed Be Your Name

Beth & Matt Redman

Blessed be Your name In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow. Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness, Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord Still I will say

Chorus:

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name

You give and take away, You give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name

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

Table of Plenty

Chorus:

***Come to the feast of heaven and earth. Come to the table of plenty.
God will provide for all that we need Here at the table of plenty.***

O, come and sit at My table where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely to share the cup of My love.

O, come and eat without money. Come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit with faith and fullness of life.

My bread will ever sustain you through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness to flood the depths of your soul.

Your fields will flower in fullness; your homes will flourish in peace.
For I, the giver of home and harvest, will send my rain on the soil.

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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

10,000 Reasons/Bless the Lord

Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman

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

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:

***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.***

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.

Worship Your holy name, Lord I'll worship Your holy name.

Dismissal

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

Postlude

10,000 Reasons

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