



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER



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Liturgy of the Word, Rite II
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORDOPENING ACCLAMATION

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

All **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray. O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, *
because of their transgressions.
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we are, *
but you will blot them out.
- 4 Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there! *
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.
- 6 You make fast the mountains by your power; *
they are girded about with might.
- 7 You still the roaring of the seas, *
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor of the peoples.
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at
your marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.
- 10 You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- 12 You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law~ indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL SONG

LEVAS 115 SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God
 Spirit of the living God
 We only want to hear Your voice
 We're hanging on ev'ry word
 Spirit of the living God
 Spirit of the living God
 We want to know You more and more
 We're hanging on ev'ry word

Melt me mold me
 Fill me use me
 Spirit of the Living God
 Fall fresh on me

'Cause when You speak and when You move
When You do what only You can do
It changes us
It changes what we see and what we seek
When You come in the room
When You do what only You can do
It changes us
It changes what we see and what we seek

THE GOSPEL

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY

There will be a pause for silent reflection immediately following the homily.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Christ has gathered the Church in unity through the Spirit. With sure and certain hope, let us pray for the Church and for the World saying: In the power of the Holy Spirit, **make us your advocate.**

Silence

Leader Maker of all things, in the beginning, you created heaven and earth. In the fullness of time, you restored all things in Christ. Renew our world, in this day, with your grace and mercy. In the power of the Holy Spirit,

People **Make us your advocate.**

Leader Holy Trinity of Love, you desire the unity of all people. Set aflame the whole Church with the fire of your Spirit, and inspire us to live in the world as a sign of your love. In the power of the Holy Spirit,

People **Make us your advocate.**

Leader Life of the world, you breathed new life into the flesh you first created. By your Spirit, breathe new life into the children of earth. Turn hatred into love, sorrow into joy, and war into peace. In the power of the Holy Spirit,

People **Make us your advocate.**

Leader We give thanks for all healthcare workers and all public servants in our community, and for all the blessings of this life. I invite your thanksgivings from grateful hearts. In the power of the Holy Spirit,

People **Make us your advocate.**

Leader God of compassion, through your Spirit you supply every human need. Heal the sick, comfort the distressed, befriend the friendless, and free the forgotten, remembering especially, all those effected by the corona virus; and those you wish to name. In the power of the Holy Spirit,

People **Make us your advocate.**

Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died. We pray that they may rest in the comfort of your saving embrace; and that we may share with them in your eternal kingdom. In the power of the Holy Spirit,

People **Make us your advocate.**

Leader Source of peace, your Spirit restores our anxious spirits. In our labor, give us rest; in our temptation, give us strength; in our sadness, give us solace. In the power of the Holy Spirit,

People **Make us your advocate.**

Leader Faithful God, your Spirit empowered the first disciples to witness to your truth. Empower us, and all who believe, to speak your word and do your will, that the world may know the life and love of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All **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 Officiant, stands and says

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Officiant

**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 PRAYER FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Following the Blessing, the people respond

Amen.

THE PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

POSTLUDE

JOHN CROUCH/KAREN STAFFEIRA

THY WORD

AMY GRANT/MICHAEL W. SMITH

IN THANKSGIVING & MEMORY

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE CELEBRATING:

Birthdays in the next week: Jim Vance, Sue Parkes, Kate Cosgrove, Michelle Kirk, Stephanie Gaither, Anna Harris, Rhys Rodway, Lincoln Rogers, Cynthia Blocksom, Mike Eriksen, Ryan Mills, Blair Brokamp, Clair Hopper, Andrew MacAoidh Jergens, Jim Neely, Kate Kattman, Linda Callard, Candy Federl, Philip DeVaul, Betsy Schram.

Anniversaries in the coming week: Julia & Bradley Joyce, Beverly & David Richards, Melanie & Matthew Schottelkotte, Maria & Chuck Hardy.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Officiant

Preacher

Deacon

Lector

Psalmist

Lay Reader

Intercessor

Organist

Song of Praise Leader

Gospel Song Leader

The Rev. Melanie W. J. Slane

The Rev. Philip DeVaul

The Rev. Gary Lubin

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