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**Call to Worship**

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All your works praise you, O Lord, and your faithful servants  
bless you.

The Lord upholds all those who fall; he lifts up those who  
are bowed down.

The Lord is generous in all his ways and loving in all his  
works.

**Hymn**      *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You*      #376

- 1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee,  
their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away; giver of immortal  
gladness, fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven  
reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and  
mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea, chanting  
bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.
- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy  
rest! Thou our Father, Christ our Brother: all who live in  
love are thine; teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O Lord, grant that the course of this world may be peaceably governed by your providence; and that your Church may joyfully serve you in confidence and serenity through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lessons**

A reading from the Second Book of Kings *2 Kings 4:42-44*

A man brought the prophet Elisha some freshly cut grain and 20 loaves of bread made from the first barley that was harvested.

Elisha said, "Give it to the people so they can eat."

"There's not enough here for 100 people," his servant said.

"Give it to them," Elisha replied. "The Lord has promised there will be more than enough."

So the servant served the bread and grain to the people. They ate and still had some left over, just as the Lord had promised.

The Word of the Lord.           **Thanks be to God.**

The psalm for this morning is Psalm 145:10-19

All your works praise you, O Lord,

**and your faithful servants bless you.**

They make known the glory of your kingdom

**and speak of your power;**

That the peoples may know of your power

**and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;

**your dominion endures throughout all ages.**

The Lord is faithful in all his words

**and merciful in all his deeds.**

The Lord upholds all those who fall;

**he lifts up those who are bowed down.**

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,

**and you give them their food in due season.**

You open wide your hand

**and satisfy the needs of every living creature.**

The Lord is righteous in all his ways

**and loving in all his works.**

The Lord is near to those who call upon him,

**to all who call upon him faithfully.**

A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians *Ep. 3:14-21*

This is why I kneel before the Father: Every family in heaven or on earth is recognized by him. I ask that he will strengthen you in your inner selves from the riches of his glory through the Spirit. I ask that Christ will live in your hearts through faith. As a result of having strong roots in love, I ask that you'll have the power to grasp love's width and length, height and depth, together with all believers. I ask that you'll know the love of Christ that is beyond knowledge so that you will be filled entirely with the fullness of God.

Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us; glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus for all generations, forever and always. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Gradual Hymn**      *God is Love*      1982 Hymnal #379

1 God is Love, let heaven adore him; God is Love, let earth rejoice; let creation sing before him and exalt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foundation, God who spread the heaven above, God who breathes through all creation: God is Love, eternal Love.

2 God is Love; and Love enfolds us, all the world in one embrace: with unfailing grasp God holds us, every child of

every race. And when human hearts are breaking under sorrow's iron rod, then we find that selfsame aching deep within the heart of God.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.** *John 6:1-21*

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be

lost.” So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The Gospel of the Lord.      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Gradual Hymn**      *God Be in My Head*      Hymnal #694

God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes, and in my looking; God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking; God be at mine end, and at my departing.

**The Sermon**

The Rev. David J. Marshall

## 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**

By the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their need.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop, for our clergy and church leaders; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. I ask you prayers for all who protect us at home and abroad.

We urgently pray for peace in Gaza, Israel and Ukraine.

Pray for justice and peace. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find, and be found, by him. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for those in Hospice that they will receive rest and peace, especially Mary Jo and Ellen. I ask your prayers for the departed, especially those we name now.

*Silence*

Pray for those who have died. *Silence*



I ask your prayers for all who suffer, especially: Downs IV, Holden, Anne, Victoria, Kim, Michael, Barbara, Lorraine, Maria Christine, Caitlin, Dennis, Angie and Amy Jo. Help Anne Roberts to recover from her surgery. Bring them all your rest and peace.

I ask your prayers for all who receive the care of skilled nursing, especially Timothy, Barbara, Kim, Lou and Ann. Give peace to those going through cancer treatments, and those in remission, especially, Margaret, Downs III, Victoria, Alex, Connie, Douglas, Frank, Gerta, Lauren, TJ, Jim, Stephanie, Cara, Todd, Valerie, Violet, Joan and Nancy. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

I ask your thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life. *Silence*  
Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Silence*

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence*

**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.**

*Celebrant:* 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 Peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Greetings, Announcements and Introductions**

**The Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
praise him all creatures here below,  
Praise him above ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**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**

Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebeka, Jacob and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Bring us to your Table for solace and for strength; for pardon and for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread. Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN.

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

**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.**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## Communion Music

### Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

### The Blessing

**Closing Hymn** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* #493

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

2 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim and spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy Name.

3 Jesus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

6 Glory to God and praise and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

## **The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

**Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia**