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Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* #657

1 Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth
come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful
mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure,
unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter
every trembling heart.

2 Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be alway blessing, serve thee as thy hosts
above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy
perfect love.

3 Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us
be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our
place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder,
love, and praise.

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

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

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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 Prophet Ezekiel

Ez. 2:1-5

The Lord said, “Ezekiel, son of man, I want you to stand up and listen.” After he said this, his Spirit took control of me and lifted me to my feet. Then the Lord said:

Ezekiel, I am sending you to the people of Israel. They are just like their ancestors who rebelled against me and refused to stop. They are stubborn and hardheaded. But I, the Lord God, have chosen you to tell them what I say. Those rebels may not even listen, but at least they will know that a prophet has come to them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The psalm for this morning is Psalm 123.

To you I lift up my eyes,

to you enthroned in the heavens.

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

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

So our eyes look to the Lord our God,

until he show us his mercy.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy,

for we have had more than enough of contempt,

Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,

and of the derision of the proud.

A reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians

2 Cor. 12:2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations.

Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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 Mark
Glory to you, Lord Christ. *Mark 6:1-13*

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed

that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

Reflection Hymn *Pie Jesu (from Requiem)* Gabriel Fauré
Cynthia Tate, Flute

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.

A brief silence

Heavenly Father, Jesus sent out his followers to pray, to anoint the sick and to heal. Give to your Church the grace to accomplish your will and help us heal and comfort those in need.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have given us this good land as our heritage. Let us always remember your generosity. Save us from violence, discord, confusion, and every evil course of action. Give us what outward prosperity may be your will; but above all

things, give us faith in you, that our nation may glorify your name and be a blessing to all peoples.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Keep our military personnel and first responders in your care. Equip them to secure the blessings of peace, justice, and liberty. Help us to support and encourage their families. Heal all whose lives have been shattered by the violence of war.

And we urgently pray for peace in Gaza, Israel and Ukraine. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Breathe health, wholeness, and hope into the hearts of all who suffer, especially: Downs IV, Holden, Anne, Victoria, Kim, Michael, Barbara, Lorraine, Maria Christine, Caitlin, Dennis, Angie and Amy Jo. Bring them rest and peace.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give the comfort of your Holy Spirit to 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. We pray for those in Hospice that they will have comfort in you, especially Mary Jo.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Most holy Father, we thank you for the lives of your faithful people who have gone before us. Give all who grieve your peace. By the merits of our Savior, Jesus Christ, bring us into your blessed Kingdom, where with all whom you have redeemed, we will praise, adore, and glorify you in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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

Offertory Anthem *Creator of All Time and Space*

Creator of all time and space, we read your image on each face. Great Spirit of the cosmic whole, you made us body, mind and soul. We thank you for the human mind, in mystic harmony designed, for word and image, dream and thought, for lessons learned and answers sought. O God of planet, moon, and sun, we wonder, knowing all you've done, that you befriend the human race, and fill our lives with love and grace. For miracles as large as space, as small as cells, and deep as grace, we offer you our thanks and praise, and pledge to serve you all our days.

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 Christ, the Word Incarnate* #632

1 O Christ, the Word Incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth, unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky;
we praise thee for the radiance that from the scripture's
page, a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

2 The Church from our dear Master received the word
divine, and still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass that o'er life's surging sea,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands, still guides, O Christ, to
thee.

3 O make thy Church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold,
to bear before the nations thy true light as of old; O teach
thy wandering pilgrims by this their path to trace, till, clouds
and darkness ended, they see thee face to face.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia