

Opening Hymn 437

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

You hear, O God, the prayer of those whose faith is the size of a mustard seed. Give us humility of heart, that we may work with all our strength for the growth of your kingdom, yet assist us in recognizing that we are only useless servants whom you have called in order to reveal the wonders your love has accomplished. May we humbly confess our sins against you and our neighbor.

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.

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.

Lord, open our lips

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: **O come, let us adore him.**

Psalm 63:1-8 Deus, Deus meus

- O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; * my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
- * that I might behold your power and your glory.
 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; * my lips shall give you praise.
- So will I bless you as long as I live * and lift up my hands in your Name.
- My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, * and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- When I remember you upon my bed, * and meditate on you in the night watches.

For you have been my helper, * and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

My soul clings to you; * your right hand holds me fast.

Psalm 137: 1-6

- 1 By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, when we remembered you, O Zion.
- 2 As for our harps, we hung them up *on the trees in the midst of that land.
- 3 For those who led us away captive asked us for a song, and our oppressors called for mirth: * "Sing us one of the songs of Zion."
- 4 How shall we sing the Lord's song *upon an alien soil.
- 5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, * let my right hand forget its skill.
- 6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, * if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.

First Lesson Lamentations 1:1-6

- How lonely sits the city that once was full of people!
- How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations!
- She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal.
- She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies.
- Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress.

The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter.

Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the LORD has made her suffer for the multitude of her trans-gressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe.

From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Canticle 12: The Song of Creation

- Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
- In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
- Let the earth glorify the Lord, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
- Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills, and all that grows upon the earth, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
- Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, * O whales and all that move in the waters.
- All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
- Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, * and all you flocks and herds.
- O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen**

Second Lesson / Epistle 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of selfdiscipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. **Amen.** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God.

Canticle H: A Song of Hosea Hosea 6:1-3

- Come, let us return to our God, * who has torn us and will heal us.
- God has struck us and will bind up our wounds, * after two days revive us,
- On the third day restore us, * that in God's presence we may live.
- Let us humble ourselves, let us strive to know the Lord, * whose justice dawns like morning light, its dawning as sure as the sunrise.
- God's justice will come to us like a shower, * like spring rains that water the earth.

A reading from the **Gospel** according to *Luke 17:5-10*

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, `Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, `Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, `Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink!? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, `We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"

Here ends the Gospel reading.

Here follows 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

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

Collects

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Almighty Father, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he are one: Grant that your Church, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom you have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Sermon

Canon Mark Hall

Sermon Music

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the whole human family and for the world of which we are a part, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

(As you feel called, please take turns reading one or more of the petitions. Please observe a short silence at the indicated times.)

O God, you are unresting in movement, serene in the stillness, inspiring zeal while counseling

patience, calling us from paths that lead to ease and indifference. Washed anew each day by our baptism, we wait for your coming, not hardening our hearts nor forsaking our faith, but vowing dedication in mind and in will and lifting hearts and hands in holy obedience to your will: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That leaders of all segments of society, government and military, business and industry, all popular and social endeavor, will reject impotent rhetoric and will speak the truth for the honest edification of the kingdom among us: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That we together with those in our families and in our communities, those who suffer from illness and disease, loneliness and despair, and those we name silently before you, may bask in the warmth and joy and love of the Spirit: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

That those we criticize, and scorn will become our brothers and sisters, and that we take the first step toward reconciliation: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

That all who serve our nation in the military, those who are far from home, and those in harms way, may be protected by your almighty hand: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

That the memory of our loved ones and of all the saints will keep us steadily on the path to which you point us: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For aged, the infirm, the lonely, the homeless, and for all who need help to live with dignity: We offer prayers for Jim F, Ed V, Jennifer D, and Kathleen, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Hear these words, O Lord, as you hear and understand the unspoken thoughts of our hearts and minds, and grant their fulfillment through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory: Walk in love as Christ loved us and offered himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (*Ephesians 5:2*)

Offertory Hymn 538

Prayer over the gifts

God of truth, receive all we offer you this day. Make us worthy servants, strong to follow in the pattern of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving (EP A)

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might (*Repeat*) Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest (*Repeat*) Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest (*Repeat*).

(The People stand or kneel.)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself...

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father,...

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now as our Savior taught us, we are bold to pray (sung):

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your peace.

Then the celebrant and people pray together. Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation or other suitable words. They will come from east and west and from north and south to sit at table in the kingdom of God: Blessed are those who are called to the banquet of the Lamb.

Communion of the People

After Communion, the Celebrant says Almighty God, may we who have been strengthened by this eucharist remain in your steadfast love, and show in our lives the saving mystery that we celebrate. 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 forever. Amen.

Knowing that all of our community cannot share the Eucharist in person, we affirm that the true mystical communion of Christ and His Church is a bond of spirit and heart, grounded in faith. Therefore, we commit ourselves to this deep bond of the Spirit in union with Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing:

May the Father direct your path to himself, showing you how to walk each day in love and peace, and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you. Greet one another in the Lord's name.

Announcements

Thanksgiving Prayer: We give you thanks, O God, for your many blessings: for our days of celebration, for the love that surrounds us, for your healing presence in our lives. Keep us in your care, we pray, and help us to live as truly thankful people. Amen.

Closing Hymn 490

Dismissal:

Seeking to be disciples who share generously and serve humbly, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.