

## **Opening Hymn 665**

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

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**.

## Penitential Rite

As a mother comforts her child, O God, you clasp a broken world to your bosom and send your Son's disciples to bear your gift of peace to all peoples. Let us go, then, into your harvest not as its masters but as your laborers, seeking not to be successful but only to be faithful, rejoicing that our names are written in heaven. Strengthen our brokenness as we confess our sins against you and our neighbors.

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.

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: **Come let us adore him.** 

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.

## 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 30

## Exaltabo te, Domine

1 I will exalt you, O Lord,

because you have lifted me up \*

and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

2 O Lord my God, I cried out to you, \*

and you restored me to health.

3 You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; \* you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

4 Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; \* give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness. 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,\* his favor for a lifetime.

6 Weeping may spend the night, \*

but joy comes in the morning.

7 While I felt secure, I said,

"I shall never be disturbed. \*

You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

8 Then you hid your face, \*

and I was filled with fear.

9 I cried to you, O Lord; \*

I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? \*

will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

11 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; \* O Lord, be my helper."

12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; \* you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; \*

O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

*The Celebrant says to the people* The Lord be with you.

### And also with you.

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 first reading is from 2 Kings 5:1-14 Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a guarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of

the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. 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

# The second reading is from Galatians 6:(1-6)7-16

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.] Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised-- only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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### Canticle G: A Song of Ezekiel Ezekiel 36:24-28

- I will take you from among all nations; \* and gather you from all lands to bring you home.
- I will sprinkle clean water upon you; \* and purify you from false gods and uncleanness.
- A new heart I will give you \* and a new spirit put within you.
- I will take the stone heart from your chest \* and give you a heart of flesh.
- I will help you walk in my laws \* and cherish my commandments and do them.

You shall be my people, \* and I will be your God.

# The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

## Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, `The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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

## The Sermon

Music

#### Affirmation of Faith:

- We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.
- We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.
- We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.
- We believe in one God; Father, Son, and holy Spirit. Amen.

# The Prayers of the People

God, the mother who nurtures us, is also God of power without end. We call on this God of comfort and might, saying: O mighty and gracious God, hear our prayer.

For your church, that the good news we spread always heed the physical and social needs of our listeners, **O mighty and gracious God, hear our prayer.** 

For leaders of nations, that they bring peace to their lands, destroying the demons of poverty and inequality, **O mighty and gracious God, hear our prayer.** 

For the dying among us, that they be granted dignity and serenity as they await the comforting arms of their mothering God, **O mighty and** gracious God, hear our prayer.

For people of all ages nearing breakdown, that they glimpse Jerusalem's hope, and that their hearts rejoice again, **O mighty and gracious God**, hear our prayer.

## (Here other intercessions may be offered.)

God of glory and tenderness, engrave in us the images of your sacred stories. Relieve us of our many burdens, and let our lives give honest testimony to your dominion, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

## **Offertory sentence**

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

## Offertory Hymn - Tune 78

- A rabbi scattered hope like seeds beneath a desert sky; he knew in every waking plant a sacred force would rise to break the ground, to reach for life, to search with leaf and root, and draw the strength of earth and sky to bear the promised fruit.
- 2 The rabbi saw the desert bloom, the Eden of his prayer, a garden ripe with hope and life and also ripe for care. "So come," he says, "my friends, with me to tend, to sing, to plod the earth cries out to celebrate the greening love of God."

## Prayer over the gifts:

God of heaven and earth, receive our sacrifice of praise, and strengthen us for the perfect freedom of your service, through our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

### The Great Thanksgiving

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 him 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.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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, 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.

We give thanks to you, O God, . . . .

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.** 

Because in Christ we have received the Spirit of adoption, as sons and daughters of God we dare to pray:

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-

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

God's holy gifts for God's holy people: Draw near with awe and faith, with praise and thanksgiving.

#### After Communion, the Celebrant says

Eternal God, may we who share Christ's banquet be one with him as he is one with you. Let us pray.

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.

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 the reality that Christ is with us wherever we are. **Amen.** 

### **Blessing**

May God, who gives patience and encouragement, give you a spirit of unity to live in harmony as you follow Jesus Christ, so that with one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; 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.

#### Announcements

#### Anniversary/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 719**

As disciples of Jesus, servants of the gospel and neighbors to all in need, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.