

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
riches beyond imagination.
Pour into our hearts such love toward you,
that we, loving you above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 17:22-31

Reader: Wes Turner

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown God.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Reader Thanks be to God.

*Cantor first, then all sing the refrain.
The Choir sings the verses and the Congregation sings the refrain where indicated*



- Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God, "How awesome your deeds!"

Refrain

"Before you all the earth shall bow down,
shall sing to you, sing to your name!"
Come and see the works of God:
awesome his deeds among the children of men.

Refrain

He turned the sea into dry land:
they passed through the river on foot.
Let your joy, then, be in him;
he rules forever by his might.

Refrain

Come and hear, all who fear God:
I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blest be God, who did not reject my prayer,
nor withhold from me his merciful love.

Refrain

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

Reader: Wes Turner

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a

good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Music: *Hankey* William Gustavus Fischer (1835-1912)

Text: Katherine Hankey (1834-1911)



I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove, of
I love to tell the sto - ry, more won - der - ful it seems than
I love to tell the sto ry, for those who know it best seem

5
Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love. I
all the gol - den fan - cies of all our gol - den dreams. I
hun - ger-ing and thirst-ing to hear it like the rest. And

9
love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true, it
love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er - heard the
when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing, the new, new song, 'twill

13
sa - tis-fied my long - ings as noth - ing else can do. I
mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.
be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

17
love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill be my theme in glo-ry, to tell the old, old

22
sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

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

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rector

All stand

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,
All **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.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Diane Turner

Leader In joy and hope let us pray to the Father, saying “in Christ our Lord.”

People That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his glorious
and life giving resurrection; let us pray to the Father,
in Christ our Lord.

Leader That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength
in the good news of Easter; let us pray to the Father,

People **in Christ our Lord.**

Leader That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter;
let us pray to the Father,

People **in Christ our Lord.**

Leader That by his power war and famine may cease through all the world;
let us pray to the Father,

People **in Christ our Lord.**

Leader That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick,
the weak, and the dying, especially to comfort and strengthen them;
let us pray to the Father,

People **in Christ our Lord.**

Leader That, according to his promises, all who have died in the faith of the
resurrection, may rejoice in eternal life; let us pray to the Father,

People **in Christ our Lord.**

Leader That he may send forth the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people,
so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection;
let us pray to the Father,

People **in Christ our Lord.**

Celebrant O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the
week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting
life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make
us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation
of your kingdom on the last great Day; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution are omitted for the Great Fifty Days of Easter

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WORDS OF WELCOME

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

HYMN 497

Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples
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;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
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.

All Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.
We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,

the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

People Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Lord, we died with you on the cross.
People **Now we are raised to new life.**

Celebrant We were buried in your tomb.
People **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Celebrant Live in us, that we may live in you.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.
People **Thanks be to God.**

LAMB OF GOD

Common Praise, no. 690

Gluten free wafers are available. Please make your need known at the altar.

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back, guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-ey'd Love, observing me grow slack from my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning, if I lack'd anything.

A guest, I answer'd, worthy to be here: Love said, You shall be he.
I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear, I cannot look on thee.
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply, who made the eyes but I?

Truth, Lord, but I have marr'd them: let my shame go where it doth deserve.
And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame? My dear, then I will serve.
You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat: So I did sit and eat.

-George Herbert (1593-1633)

After communion, all stand for

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant All your works praise you, O Lord.
All **And your faithful servants bless you.**

**Gracious God
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son
Jesus Christ.
May we, who share his body,
live his risen life;
we, who drink his cup,
bring life to others;
we, whom the Spirit lights,
give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
So that we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant May God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen
you to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God Almighty, the
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.
People **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Gospeller Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

HYMN 505

Be Thou My Vision

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