

The Gloria

Let us say together:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

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

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson: A Reading from the Prophet Amos [7:7-15]

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.' " And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

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

Psalm 85:8-13

We will read responsively on the half verse

8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *

**for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.**

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, * **that his glory may dwell in our land.**

10 Mercy and truth have met together; * **righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, * **and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, * **and our land will yield its increase.**

13 Righteousness shall go before him, * **and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians [1:3-14]

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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The Holy Gospel of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark [6:14-29]

Glory to you Lord Christ

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

Please be seated.

Sermon

Please stand.

The Nicene Creed

Let us say together:

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

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church, **that we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you
that your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishop Doug, our Interim Priest Judith, our new Rector John, and all those who are preparing to serve you in ordained ministry
that they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world,
that there may be justice and peace on the earth.

We ask your blessing on all those who have dedicated their lives to freedom and justice throughout the world. Give us grace to fulfill your purpose in all that we undertake, especially in preparing for new ministry and welcoming the Lein family,
that our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, who suffers in body, mind, or spirit . . . especially on those we now name, silently or aloud. (*pause*)
that they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Joseph Correia and those we now name, silently or aloud. [Pause] . . . Draw them to you in love, that they may rest in that place where there is no pain or grief. [Pause]
let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
may we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

**O God, make our hearts large, so that they may be big enough
to share the greatness of your love,
to hold all those who want to believe in you,
to hold all those we sometimes forget,
to hold all those who are no longer with us—
so that we bring love and peace to everyone we meet. Amen**

Please kneel

The Confession and Absolution

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God 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.

The Priest stands and says

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

Please stand. The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

Hymn

Steal Away

WLP #804

Cathy Poch, soloist

Please stand.

The Great Thanksgiving

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

Lift up your hearts. **We have lifted them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Savior, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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 the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.

And we offer our praise and thanksgiving to you, O Creator 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 Christ in his self-offering, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of 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 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 Christ has taught us, we are bold to say the prayer Our Lord taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for in Christ we all share in the one bread, one cup

Communion Hymn

Please stand.

Jeff Lukas

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us say together:

Holy and Loving God, your Holy Spirit gives breath to all living things; fill our lives with the light of your Holy Spirit until they overflow with gladness and gratitude; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

As you have been loved – love.

As you have been welcomed – welcome.

As you have been fed – feed.

As you have received – give.

And may the boundless love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit be always with you. **Amen**

Closing Hymn *Amazing Grace*

Hymnal #671

*1 Amazing grace (how sweet the sound) that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.*

*2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!*

*3 Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.*

*4 The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.*

Dismissal: *Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Thanks be to God. Alleluia.*

Postlude

Fanfare

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens [1823-1881]