

Opening Hymn 450 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

¹ All hail the power of Jesus' Name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!
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and crown him Lord of all!

² Crown him ye martyrs of our God,
who from his altar call:
praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
and crown him Lord of all!
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and crown him Lord of all!

³ Hail him, the Heir of David's line,
whom David Lord did call,
the God incarnate, Man divine,
and crown him Lord of all!
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and crown him Lord of all!

⁴ Ye heirs of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!
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and crown him Lord of all!

Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

All: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity (Book of Common Prayer, pg. 355)

Gloria (sung) Hymnal S 278

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Reading from Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 read by Dennis DiVincenzo

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 1 *Beatus Vir* To be read responsively- led by Dennis DiVincenzo

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

A Reading from 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 *Read by Sharon DeVivo*

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts.

As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ.

But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

Sequence Hymn 680 O God, Our Help in Ages Past (*Verses 1-2, Gospel, Alleluia, Verses 3-4*)

¹ How lovely is thy dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts, to me!
My thirsty soul desired and longs
Within thy courts to be;
My very heart and flesh cry out
O living God, for thees

² Beside thine altars, gracious Lord
The swallows find a nest;
How happy they who dwell with thee
And praise thee without rest,
And happy they whose hearts are set
Upon the pilgrim's quest.

³ They who go through the desert vale
Will find it filled with springs,
And they shall climb from height to height
Till Zion's temple rings
With praise to thee
In glory throned,
Lord God, great King of Kings.

⁴ One day within thy courts excels
a thousand spent a way;
how happy they who keep thy laws
nor from thy precepts stray,
for thou shalt surely bless all those
who live the words they pray

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 22: 34-46

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ (Remain standing)*

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said

to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’?”

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?”

No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ

Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Varghese Mathew

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.

Prayer for Peace *read together, led by Sharon Devivo*

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer for Sound Government *Led by Sharon Devivo*

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

Lord, keep this nation under your care.

To the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To Senators and Representatives, and those who make our laws in States, Cities, and Towns, give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all people here below.
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving BCP p. 361 (Eucharistic Prayer A)

Priest The Lord be with you
People *And also with you*
Priest Lift up your hearts
People *We lift them up to the Lord*
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
People *It is right to give him thanks and praise*

Priest continues with Eucharistic Prayer A

Sanctus (sung) Hymnal S 131

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of your Glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation (Sung) Hymnal S 135

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

Amen (Sung) Hymnal S 147

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Communion Hymn 517 How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place

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³ They who go through the desert vale Will find it filled with springs, And they shall climb from height to height Till Zion's temple rings With praise to thee In glory throned, Lord God, great King of Kings.	⁴ One day within thy courts excels a thousand spent a way; how happy they who keep thy laws nor from thy precepts stray, for thou shalt surely bless all those who live the words they pray

Communion Hymn 314 Humbly I Adore Thee

¹ Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen, who thy glory hidest 'neath these shadows mean; lo, to thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed, tranced as it beholds thee, shrined within the cloud.	² Taste and touch and vision to discern thee fail; faith, that comes by hearing, pierces through the veil. I believe whate'er the Son of God hath told; what the Truth hath spoken, that for truth I hold.
³ O memorial wondrous of the Lord's own death; living Bread that givest all thy creatures breath, grant my spirit ever by thy life may live, to my taste thy sweetness never failing give	⁴ Jesus, whom now hidden, I by faith behold, what my soul doth long for, that thy word foretold; face to face thy splendor I at last shall see, in the glorious vision, blessed Lord, of thee.

Post-Communion Prayer

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.

Closing Hymn

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Lift High the Cross

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.

¹Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conquering combine
Refrain

²Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on their brow the seal of him who died
Refrain

³O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw the world to thee
Refrain

⁴So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory
Refrain

The Blessing

Dismissal

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!*