



Apostles

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Liturgy for Contemporary Service

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Prayer as we prepare to welcome a refugee family ...

*Lord Jesus, you have revealed the Father's love for us and sent the Holy Spirit to be our helper. Renew in us the selfless and sacrificial heart you modeled on the cross. Empower us to expand the family of God by opening our lives in the welcoming embrace of the lost, the longing, the hurt, the poor, the foreigner, the widow, the orphan, and the stranger. Enable us to see every person as you do: treasured, worthy of love, and infinitely valuable. Enliven in us the true markers of those called by your name: people of love, forgiveness, generosity, hospitality, and unity. We will follow you wherever you lead us, Almighty God. **Amen.***

- Trevor Durbin

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE BELL

OPENING SONGS

Christ Be Magnified

(Verse 1)

*Were creation suddenly articulate
With a thousand tongues to lift one cry
Then from North to South and East to West
We'd hear Christ be magnified*

(Verse 2)

*Were the whole Earth echoing His eminence
His name would burst from sea and sky
From rivers to the mountain tops
We'd hear Christ be magnified*

(Chorus)

*Oh! Christ be magnified
Let His praise arise
Christ be magnified in me
Oh! Christ be magnified
From the altar of my life
Christ be magnified in me*

(Verse 3)

*When every creature finds its inmost melody
And every human heart its native cry
Then in one enraptured hymn of praise
We'll sing Christ be magnified*

(Bridge)

*I won't bow to idols, I'll stand strong and worship You
And if it puts me in the fire, I'll rejoice 'cause You're there too
I won't be formed by feelings, I hold fast to what is true
If the cross brings transformation then I'll be crucified with You
'Cause death is just the doorway into resurrection life
And if I join You in Your suffering, then I'll join You when You rise
And when You return in glory with all the angels and the saints
My heart will still be singing, my song will be the same*

Holy Spirit

(Verse)

*There's nothing worth more, that will ever come close
No thing can compare, You're our living hope
Your presence, Lord
I've tasted and seen, of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free, and my shame is undone
Your presence, Lord*

(Chorus)

*Holy Spirit You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your presence Lord*

(Bridge)

*Let us become more aware of Your presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness*

Minister: I will make you as a light for the nations,

People: That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS *(congregation seated)*

Amos 3:1-11

3 Hear this word that the LORD has spoken against you, O people of Israel, against the whole family that I brought up out of the land of Egypt:

² You only have I known
of all the families of the earth;
therefore I will punish you
for all your iniquities.

³ Do two walk together
unless they have made an appointment?

⁴ Does a lion roar in the forest,
when it has no prey?
Does a young lion cry out from its den,
if it has caught nothing?

⁵ Does a bird fall into a snare on the earth,
when there is no trap for it?
Does a snare spring up from the ground,
when it has taken nothing?

⁶ Is a trumpet blown in a city,
and the people are not afraid?
Does disaster befall a city,
unless the LORD has done it?

⁷ Surely the Lord GOD does nothing,
without revealing his secret
to his servants the prophets.

⁸ The lion has roared;
who will not fear?

The Lord GOD has spoken;
who can but prophesy?

⁹ Proclaim to the strongholds in Ashdod,
and to the strongholds in the land of Egypt,
and say, 'Assemble yourselves on Mount Samaria,
and see what great tumults are within it,
and what oppressions are in its midst.'

¹⁰ They do not know how to do right, says the LORD,
those who store up violence and robbery in their strongholds.

¹¹ Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD:
An adversary shall surround the land,
and strip you of your defence;
and your strongholds shall be plundered.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 139:1-18

¹ O LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you understand my thoughts
from afar.

² You examine my path and my places of rest, *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

³ Indeed, there is not a word on my tongue, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

⁴ You have enclosed me behind and before, *
and have laid your hand upon me.

⁵ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, *
so excellent I cannot attain to it.

- ⁶ Where shall I go then from your Spirit, *
or where shall I flee from your presence?
- ⁷ If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make my bed in the Grave, you are there also.
- ⁸ If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- ⁹ Even there shall your hand lead me, *
and your right hand shall hold me.
- ¹⁰ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me," *
then shall my night be turned to day.
- ¹¹ Even the darkness is not dark to you, and the night is as clear as the day; *
the darkness and the light to you are both alike.
- ¹² For you yourself made my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- ¹³ I will give thanks to you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; *
marvelous are your works, and my soul knows it very well.
- ¹⁴ My bones were not hidden from you *
when I was made in secret and fashioned in the depths of the earth.
- ¹⁵ Your eyes beheld my substance, while I was yet unformed; *
and in your book were all my members written,
- ¹⁶ Which day by day were fashioned, *
when as yet there was none of them.
- ¹⁷ How dear to me are your thoughts, O God. *
How great is the sum of them!

¹⁸ If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand. *
When I wake up, I am present with you.

All: *Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.*

1 Corinthians 1:10-17

¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

The Gospel (*congregation standing*)

***Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness;
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak O Lord, and fulfill in us
All your purposes for your glory.***

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Matthew 4:12-22

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ ‘Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.’

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’ ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

*Speak O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built,
And the earth is filled with your glory.*

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED *(congregation stand)*

*We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten 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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 *(congregation standing or kneeling)*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: *Hear our prayer.*

For Foley, our Archbishop, and Mark, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: *Hear our prayer.*

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: *Hear our prayer.*

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: *Hear our prayer.*

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service especially Joe, our president, Andy, our governor, and Linda, our mayor.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: *Hear our prayer.*

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: *Hear our prayer.*

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

*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, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *(congregation standing)*

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And with your spirit.*

THE OFFERTORY

The Doxology (*congregation standing*)

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.***

THE SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who took on our mortal flesh to reveal his glory; that he might bring us out of darkness and into his own glorious light.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

***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.***

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

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, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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 forever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And 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 FRACTION

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people gathered around every altar of your Church, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.

THE PRAYER OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Heavenly Father,

***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 for ever. Amen.***

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

THE RECESSIONAL (*congregation standing*)

CLOSING SONG

Build My Life

(Verse 1)

*Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for you, for You*

(Verse 2)

*Jesus, the Name above every other name
Jesus, the only One Who could ever save
You're worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, we live for You*

(Chorus)

*Holy, there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
And show me Who You are and fill me
With Your heart and lead me
In Your love to those around me*

(Bridge)

*I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken
I will not be shaken*

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia