

# WORSHIP ON THE LORD'S DAY

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And the Lion shall lie down with the Lamb...

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

Psalm 145: 8-14

The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**The Lord is good to all,  
and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,  
**and all your faithful shall bless you.**

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,  
and tell of your power,  
to make known to all people your mighty deeds,  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

The Lord is faithful in all his words,  
and gracious in all his deeds.

**The Lord upholds all who are falling,  
and raises up all who are bowed down.**

Let us pray:

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 draws all people to himself.

Amen.

## Song of Praise

## “Rising”

From the rising of the sun  
Till the sun goes down  
Let the name of the Lord be praised

We Gather to worship  
Becoming a choir to sing Your praise  
Lifting our voices  
Joining our hearts in this house today  
People of God, in the power of God  
For the kingdom of God  
We sing

[Chorus]

From the sky, to the depths  
From the east to the west  
We give You praise  
We gather to go out  
To cities and towns we take Your name  
Into the nations  
Shining the light in the darkest place  
People of God, in the power of God  
For the kingdom of God  
We live

[Chorus]

From the sky, to the depths  
From the east to the west  
We give You praise

[Chorus]

Songwriters: Matthew Redman & Paul Baloche

## Greeting & Announcements

- Prayer Book for Daily Devotions
- Blood Drive
- Adopt-a-Highway
- Vacation Time

## The Service of the Word

### Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed we might experience your grace and be transformed. Amen.

### A Reading from the Law of Moses

Genesis 24: 1-9

Now Abraham was old, well advanced in years; and the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things. Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his house, who had charge of all that he had, "Put your hand under my thigh and I will make you swear by the Lord, the God of heaven and earth, that you will not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I live, but will go to my country and to my kindred and get a wife for my son Isaac."

The servant said to him, "Perhaps the woman may not be willing to follow me to this land; must I then take your son back to the land from which you came?"

Abraham said to him, "See to it that you do not take my son back there. The Lord, the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my birth, and who spoke to me and swore to me, 'To your offspring I will give this land,' he will send his angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there. But if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you will be free from this oath of mine; only you must not take my son back there."

So the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master and swore to him concerning this matter.

Here ends the reading.

### A Reading from the Letters of Paul

Ephesians 4: 1-6, 11-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But

speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Here ends the reading.

### The Holy Gospel

Matthew 11: 2-6, 28-30

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

### Homily

"With the End In View"

### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

#### Christ's Invitation, Our Confession

*All Standing.*

Christ our Lord invites to his Table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and who seek to live in love and charity with others, as he has loved us. Therefore, let us make our fervent and humble confession before God and one another:

*All think on the sin and brokenness which separate us from God.*

Merciful God... we confess that we have sinned in our thoughts, words, and deeds 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 upon us: that we may delight in your will and walk in your way, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

## Forgiveness and Reconciliation

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly hosts:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

May the peace of Christ stay with us now and always.  
Let us greet our neighbors with a wave!

*All are invited to look to and wave at those around them.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

May the LORD be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift 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, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. Therefore with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your Name and join their unending hymn:

**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!**

*Please be seated.*

Holy are you and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captive and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners; and by the baptism of his suffering, death,

and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit. Putting our whole trust in his grace, we offer our prayers to you, O God, remembering especially:

*The prayers of the people are lifted, aloud or silently.*

These and all our prayers we ask in Jesus' name, who lived our life, who knew our hope and grief, and who, on the night in which he gave himself for us, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, when the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you. This is the cup of the new covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves, our souls and bodies, in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the Body and Blood of Christ, that we might be for the world the Body of Christ redeemed by his Blood. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your Holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

**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 forever. Amen.**

By the gift and power of the Spirit, the bread that each of us holds is a sharing in the Body of Christ: Feed on his grace in your heart with thanksgiving.

*All take the bread together, followed by silent meditation.*

And by that same gift and power, the cup to which each of us clings is a sharing in the Blood of Christ: May he wash away all our sins and keep us unto everlasting life.

*All take the cup together, followed by silent meditation.*

Eternal God.... we give you thanks for this Holy Mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Empower us by this means of grace to go into the world and give your love to others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Song of Exaltation

### “America the Beautiful”

1. O beautiful for spacious skies,  
for amber waves of grain;  
for purple mountain majesties  
above the fruited plain!  
America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood  
from sea to shining sea.

2. O beautiful for heroes proved  
in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved,  
and mercy more than life!  
America! America!  
May God thy gold refine,  
till all success be nobleness,  
and every gain divine.

3. O beautiful for patriot dream  
that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam,  
undimmed by human tears!  
America! America!  
God mend thine every flaw,  
confirm thy soul in self-control,  
thy liberty in law.

Hymn: Katherine Bates (1859-1929)  
Tune: *Materna* by Samuel Ward (1847-1903)

### Closing Prayer & Benediction

Almighty God... you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common prayers to you, and you have promised, through your well-beloved Son, that when two or three are gathered together in your Name you will be in the midst of them; fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of your servants, as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. Amen.



## Community Announcements & Prayer Requests