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Prelude

Processional Hymn *Please Stand* "Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng"

♩ Rejoice, O pilgrim throng! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
Your festal banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.
~Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

♩ With voice as full and strong As ocean's surging praise,
Send forth the sturdy hymns of old, The psalms of ancient days. ~Rejoice…

♩ With all the angel choirs, With all the saints on earth
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, True rapture, noblest mirth. ~Rejoice…

♩ Yet on and onward still, With hymn and chant and song,
Through gate and porch and columned aisle The hallowed pathways throng. ~Rejoice…

♩ Still lift your standard high, Still march in firm array,
As pilgrims through the darkness wend Till dawns the golden day. ~Rejoice…

♩ At last the march shall end; The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest. ~Rejoice…

♩ Praise Him who reigns on high, The Lord whom we adore:
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, One God forevermore. ~Rejoice….

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Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b*
Amen.
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into His presence with singing!
Know that the Lord, He is God!
It is He who made us, and we are His;
We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.
Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!
Give thanks to Him; bless His name!
For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever,
And His faithfulness to all generations. *Psalm 100*

Confession and Absolution

O Lord, we confess:
Your steadfast love endures forever. You are the source of all good things. Yet, for our thankless hearts, that is often not good enough. We do not recognize Your blessings or

return Your generosity with gratitude. Our stubborn, sinful nature hoards for itself and refuses to share the overflow we have been given. Forgive us, O Lord, and stir us to thankfulness for Your gifts in this life, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus, through whom we have gifts for the life to come. Amen. *A Time of Silence*

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of my Lord, Jesus Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive You all Your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Please Be Seated* Deuteronomy 8:1–10

1"The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers. **2**And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. **3**And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. **4**Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. **5**Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you. **6**So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. **7**For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, **8**a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, **9**a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. **10**And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Philippians 4:6–20

…**6**do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. **7**And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. **9**What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

[10]I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. [11]Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned, in whatever situation I am, to be content. [12]I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. [13]I can do all things through him who strengthens me.
[14]Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. [15]And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. [16]Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. [17]Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. [18]I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. [19]And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. [20]To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

♩ Come, ye thankful people come; Raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come; Raise the song of harvest home.

♩ All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown, Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.

♩ For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His harvest home,
From His field shall in that day All offenses purge away,
Give His angels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store In His garner evermore.

♩ Even so, Lord, quickly come To Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified, In Thy garner to abide:
Come with all Thine angels, come, Raise the glorious harvest home.

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The Holy Gospel *Please Stand*

Luke 17:11–19

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

[11]On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. [12]And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance [13]and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." [14]When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. [15]Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; [16]and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. [17]Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? [18]Was

no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" [19]And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

The Hymn *Please Be Seated* "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

♩ Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given, Jesus Christ His Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given, Jesus Christ His Son.
And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks, give thanks.

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Proclamation of the Word

"A Friend in Need is a Friend in Deed"
Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you and you will glorify me. Psalm 50:15

Offering and Musical Offering

Prayer of the Church *Please Stand*
It is good to give thanks to the Lord and to sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High.
O Lord, open our lips, and our mouths will declare Your praise.
For our homes and families, that they might be shelters from danger and havens of Your peace, we pray. Lord, in Your mercy,
Hear our prayer.
For our nation's economy, that all people might be able to apply themselves to honest work, we pray. Lord, in Your mercy,
Hear our prayer.
For schools and universities, that students might be safe and have guidance to grow into honorable citizens, we pray. Lord, in Your mercy,
Hear our prayer.
For clinics, hospitals, and research laboratories, that healthful medicines and therapies could be delivered with compassion and integrity, we pray. Lord, in Your mercy,
Hear our prayer.
For all who govern our land, that they would lead as servants and bring dignity to their office, we pray. Lord, in Your mercy,
Hear our prayer.
For all who rely on charity, that their needs would be met and their feet would be put on paths toward positive outcomes, we pray. Lord, in Your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For productive agriculture, that Your care for humanity might shine through those who feed others, we pray. Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For those who defend our country and those who respond in emergencies, that they would be esteemed rightly and find satisfaction in how they serve, we pray. Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For Your holy church, that believers might stand firm in the truth and stand up for the hurting and helpless, we pray. Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the earth and the gifts of clean air and water, that You would continue to sustain life through this world's beauty and abundance, we pray. Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the many gifts we neglect to thank You for that we now recognize in our hearts, we pray.

Silent prayer

For these and all other things You know we need, we offer our gratitude. Increase our faith that we might always look to You for our blessings and return to You the thanks You are due; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Admonition to Communicants

I exhort you in Christ that you give attention to His Testament in true faith, and above all take to heart the words with which He presents to us His body and blood for our forgiveness; that you take note of and give thanks for the boundless love that he showed us when he saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell by His blood; and that you then externally receive the bread and the wine, that is, His body and blood, as a guarantee and pledge. Let us then in His name, according to His command, and with His own words administer and receive the Testament.

Lord's Prayer

Words of Our Lord

The Peace of the Lord

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Distribution Hymn *Please Be Seated* "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

♩ Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood."

♩ Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise: I am with you evermore"?

♩ Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.

♩ Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.
As within the veil You entered, Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,
Here on earth both priest and victim In the Eucharistic feast.

♩ Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood."

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Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on You with favor and + give You peace. *Numbers 6:24–26*

Amen.

Recessional Hymn

"Now Thank We All Our God"

♩ Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.

♩ Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts And blessèd peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!

♩ All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

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Postlude