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Introducing Today's Liturgy

There is an iconic photograph taken shortly after Hurricane Katrina had struck New Orleans ten years ago this summer. The photo shows the devastation of a cemetery in the historic district of the Big Easy – trees have been toppled, debris covers the ground, and several burial vaults are broken open and smashed.

But in the middle of all this devastation, entirely untouched by the storm, stands a statue of the risen Christ, arms extended wide, offering to this scene a benediction of calm amidst all the chaos. Such is the image conveyed in today's gospel – the image of Christ with his arms extended wide over the chaos of our individual lives, over our beloved congregation, and over a world in turmoil, saying, "Peace! Be Still!"

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Preservice Music

Welcome

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna,
the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider, help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

Gathering Song: "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

ELW 775

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise: "Glory to God in the highest"

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Prayer of the Day

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm.
By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and
by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Job 38:1-11

¹The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

²"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

⁷when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

⁸"Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb?—

⁹when I made the clouds its garment,

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it,

and set bars and doors,

¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 (*read responsively*)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the ¹LORD is good,
for God’s mercy en- ¹dures forever.

²**Let the redeemed of the ¹LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand ¹of the foe,**

³gathering them in ¹from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and ¹from the south.

²³**Some went down to the ¹sea in ships,
plying their trade ¹in deep waters.**

²⁴They beheld the works ¹of the LORD,
God’s wonderful works ¹in the deep.

²⁵**Then God spoke, and a stormy ¹wind arose,
which tossed high the waves ¹of the sea.**

²⁶They mounted up to the heavens and descended ¹to the depths;
their souls melted away ¹in their peril.

²⁷**They staggered and ¹reeled like drunkards,
and all their skill was of ¹no avail.**

²⁸Then in their trouble they cried ¹to the LORD,
and you delivered them from ¹their distress.

²⁹**You stilled the storm ¹to a whisper
and silenced the waves ¹of the sea.**

³⁰Then were they glad when ¹it grew calm,
when you guided them to the harbor ¹they desired.

³¹**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your ¹steadfast love
and your wonderful works ¹for all people.**

³²Let them exalt you in the assembly ¹of the people;
in the council of the elders, let them sing ¹hallelujah!

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

¹As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as

servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵When evening had come, Jesus said to the disciples, “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon — Pastor Jerry Nuernberger

Brief silence for reflection.

Hymn of the Day: “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

ELW 756

Prayers of Intercession

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

A brief silence.

Equip your faithful people to approach this world with a sense of wonder. Make your church a safe place to explore big questions, troubling doubts, and honest laments.

Humble our hearts to repent of the ways that communities of faith have inflicted pain or trauma. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You spoke creation into order from the chaos of the swirling deep. May your name be praised by rivers and seas, wetlands and waterfalls. Secure clean water for all people and protect water sources from contamination or exploitation. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Amid whirlwinds of division, violence, and conflict, remind us again that you are as steadfast as the foundations of the earth. Rejuvenate those who work for peace and advocate for justice. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Deliver your people from their distress, O God. We lift before you all who are sick or struggling (*especially*). Grant consolation and peace to all who live with chronic, terminal, or persistent illness. In times of affliction or hardship, sustain us in faith. Merciful God,

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Enfold all travelers with your protection. Bless the comings and goings of this assembly as we travel for leisure or for work. Let all journeys be met with hospitality on the way, and let community members return to us with celebration. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation for all the redeemed of the Lord. Joined together with the great cloud of witnesses, we give thanks for your steadfast love and your wonderful works. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We share the peace of Christ with others.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering Song: "Come to the Table"

Part I
Come to the ta - ble, come to the ta - ble.

Part II
Come one, come all. Come one, come all.

All is now read - y, come one and all. Come, oh, come.

Come one, come all. Come one, come all.

Offering Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.

Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.

Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

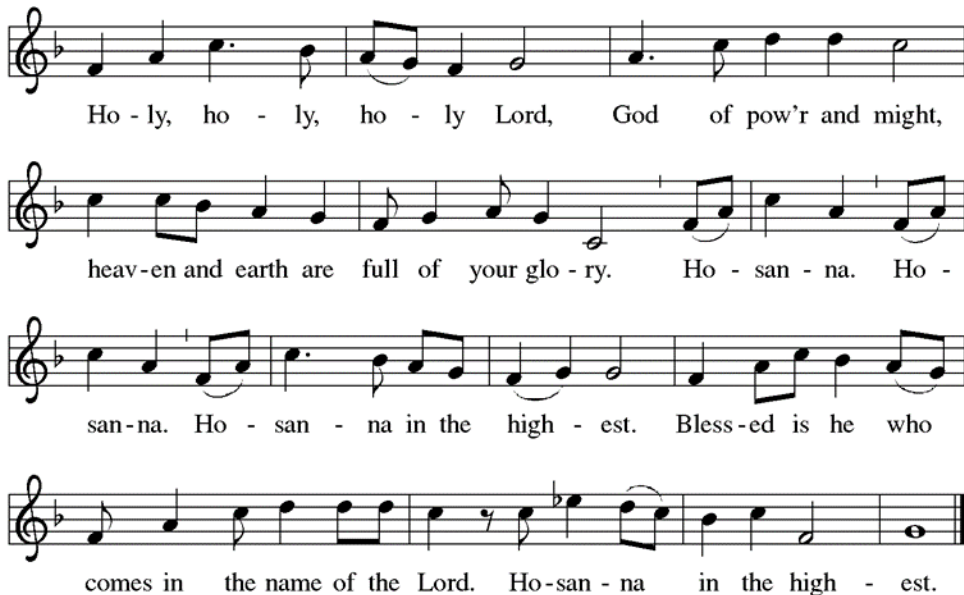
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

On the day of creation,
you calmed the chaos of the waters
and with a word, brought forth the earth and its riches.
You sent to us your Son, Jesus the Christ,
and in him we have encountered a peacemaker
who is undaunted even in the wildest of storms.

Christ's Words of Institution.

We remember that,
though he died a violent death on the cross,
you raised him up and gave him the power
to subdue the enemy of death,
and to release from its terrors all who trust in him.
Therefore, our hearts are lifted high,
and we rejoice in this gift of his body and blood
which forgives our sins
and strengthens us as we face the storms of life.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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Invitation to Communion

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come to the table!

Lamb of God

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Songs of the Lord's Table: "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

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Prayer after Communion

Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.
Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song: “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

ELW 773

Dismissal

Together, we go into the world —
**sharing God’s word, serving others, growing in faith, and
practicing stewardship as a way of life.**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

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*We invite you to be seated during the postlude. In the same way that the prelude
prepares our hearts for worship, the postlude reflects the day's worship theme,
inspiring us to take the light of Christ out into the world.*

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