



## **THE WORD OF GOD**

### **OPENING SENTENCES**

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**Celebrant:** *Alleluia! Christ is risen.*

**Congregation:** *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

### **THE COLLECT OF PURITY**

*Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **GLORIA**

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING (seated)

Acts 10:44-48

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

Psalm 98

Chanted

- <sup>1</sup> Sing to the Lord a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.
- <sup>2</sup> With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.
- <sup>3</sup> The Lord has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- <sup>4</sup> He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- <sup>5</sup> Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- <sup>6</sup> Sing to the Lord with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.
- <sup>7</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- <sup>8</sup> Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- <sup>9</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- <sup>10</sup> In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**THE GOSPEL**      John 15:9-17

The Rev. Deacon Kathleen Comer

**Celebrant:**      *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

**Congregation:**    **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Congregation: Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**THE SERMON**    (seated)

The Rev. Jerry Phillips

**THE NICENE CREED**    (standing)

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*Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.*

*Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Shannon and Jerry, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.*

*And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life*

*We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.*

*Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.*

*And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor (names) and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.*

*And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of St. Augustine and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.*

*Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.*

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS**

**THE PEACE** (standing)

**Celebrant:** *The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

**Congregation:** ***And with thy spirit.***

# **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Celebrant:** *The Rev. Jerry Phillips*

## **THE OFFERTORY**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Eucharistic Prayer II*

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**Celebrant:** *The Lord be with you.*

**Congregation:** ***And with thy spirit.***

**Celebrant:** *Lift up your hearts.*

**Congregation:** ***We lift them up unto the Lord.***

**Celebrant:** *Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.*

**Congregation:** ***It is meet and right so to do.***

## **THE SANCTUS**

*The Congregation stands or kneels*

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

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### **THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

### **THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** *(standing or kneeling)*

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### **THE COMMISSIONING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**