

PRELUDE

All stand and face the back of the sanctuary, following the cross as it enters.

SOLEMN PROCESSION

P: I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,
even though they die.
And everyone who has life
and has committed himself/herself to me in faith,
shall not die forever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.
After my awaking, he will raise me up;
and in my body I shall see God.
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself,
and none becomes his own master when he dies.
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,
and if we die, we die in the Lord.
So, then, whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's possession.

In the midst of life, we are in death;
from whom can we seek help?
From you alone, O Lord,
who by our sins are justly angered.

When all are in place, the presiding minister addresses the congregation, acknowledging the occasion that has brought them together.

GREETING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

KYRIE

For those who hunger and thirst for bread, for love, for freedom and justice, for all people in their urgent need and suffering

Lord, have mercy.

For those who live in worry and anxiety, for those in deep concern the lives of loved ones, for those who have died, and for us, when death approaches:

Lord, have mercy

For those who seek shelter from the hot sun, water for their thirst, food for their hunger, and medicine for their ills:

Lord, have mercy.

For those isolated and alone, in the panic and fear that grows as danger increases day-by-day:

Lord, have mercy.

For those who have used chaos as an opportunity for violence, and disaster as a pretext for theft and so increase terror and misery:

Lord, have mercy.

For those who have been uprooted from family and home, from work, and from joy and who still journey into more uncertainty and upheaval:

Lord, have mercy.

For those in desperation and fear, for whom there is no rest and for whom the light of deliverance does not appear:

Lord, have mercy.

For those called to tend the sick, protect the innocent, rescue the trapped, and comfort the grieving:

Lord, have mercy.

For government leaders at all levels, entrusted with responsibility, to lead, inspire and act for the common good time of urgent crisis:

Lord, have mercy.

For those who hear the call to volunteer, to house, to feed, to clothe, heal and welcome:

Lord, have mercy.

Behold, Lord, your people wait for you.

We wait for you and long for your appearing. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God, our refuge and our fortress, we tremble in the present moment: Our strength has gone; we look for light but find darkness; we are undone. Gather us under your wings and fulfill your promise to be with us in trouble. Show us your salvation as we put our trust in you, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 40: 1, 27-31

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah:

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God...

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,

‘My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God?’

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

³¹but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 130

Read either in unison or responsively.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you,

so that you may be revered.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,

and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord

more than those who watch for the morning,

more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,

and with him is great power to redeem.

**It is God who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.
O Israel, hope in the LORD
from this time on and forevermore.**

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8: 14-19, 34-35, 37-39

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans:

¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God;

³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

As the gospel book is carried into the midst of the congregation, the people stand and sing:

ALLELUIA VERSE

Irish Alleluia

Arr. by Richard Proulx

The congregation sings the refrain.

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -
lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia.

Verse

All of us go down to the dust, but even at the grave we make our song: **Alleluia**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe* in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.’

‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.

‘I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation sings the Alleluia verse as the gospel is returned to the chancel.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

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CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection + of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS

Dr. Herbert Brokering, Wheat Ridge Ministries

Lord, Be with ...

those who go out after a storm, picking up the pieces;
those who after the fight look for loved ones among the wounded;
those who after the high wind look for personal belongings strewn shamefully among the public;
those whose trees are uprooted, whose water is polluted,
whose fences are broken, and whose hopes are shattered.

Lord, be with the broken-hearted ...

whose refrigerators are robbed by wind and rain,
whose beds are soaked by storm, whose picture windows are crushed by hail,
whose rugs are covered by mud, and whose privacy is invaded by searchlights.

Lord, be with ...

the flooded,
the rained out.
the uprooted
those who are refugees of fierce weather.

Prayers may also be offered for the blessings, those who are ill, the church and the saints.

Give to them, in these frightened times, such people who can help them pick up pieces and put life back together. Jesus Christ, show us how to begin again; let all ravaged life be made new. Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with always.
And also with you.

You are invited to share the peace with one another.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God,
ruler of heaven and earth.
Day by day you shower us with blessings.
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,
give us glad and generous hearts,
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need;
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

THE 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, who gave your only Son that all those who believe in him might not perish but have everlasting life. You comfort your people with the hope of the resurrection, and call us to be your people. You meet us in our doubts and fill us with life and peace.

You are the one who was and is, and is to come — the beginning and the end — who breathed life into the earth and its creatures. Our ancestors put their trust in you and celebrated your mighty acts of salvation.

You sent your child, Jesus, as a faithful witness to your goodness and love. He was killed by the powerful, but you raised him up, the firstborn from the dead that we too might be your New Creation. Appearing behind the locked doors of our fear he breathed Holy Spirit into us and commissioned us to carry his words of peace and mercy to the world. Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

On the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Again after supper he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and drink; this cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...

**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,
and the power,
and the glory,
forever and ever.**

Amen.

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PRECIOUS LORD (ELW 773)

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God,
you have invited us to call upon you in all our need and distress,
moreover you have called us to be bread for the hungry
as we partake of the body of Christ, may we also be the body of Christ for the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BENEDICTION

May the Lord guide you and embrace you with his presence. May he shine upon you and be with you in this time to quiet fears, to calm trembling hearts, to comfort grief and to strengthen you through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

GUIDE ME EVER GREAT REDEEMER

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DISMISSAL

Marked with the cross of Christ, go in peace, to serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God.