## Opening Hymn: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

- 1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
  "Come unto Me and rest;
  lay down, O weary one, lay down
  your head upon My breast."
  I came to Jesus as I was,
  so weary, worn, and sad;
  I found in Him a resting place,
  and He has made me glad.
- 2. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one; stoop down, and drink, and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.
- 3. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this lone world's Light; look unto Me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my Star, my Sun; and in that Light of life I'll walk, till trav'ling days are done.

## All My Days

1. You know my words before they're said, You know my need and I am fed; You give me life, You know my ways My strength, my path, for all my days; My strength, my path, for all my days.

ALL: 2. If I should fly beyond the dawn, The darkness will not overcome If I lie down in deepest night, Still you are there to be my light; Still you are there to be my light.

3. Our every thought, each word we say: The whole of time, the present day,

Are held within your mighty hand, Too wonderful to comprehend; Too wonderful to comprehend!

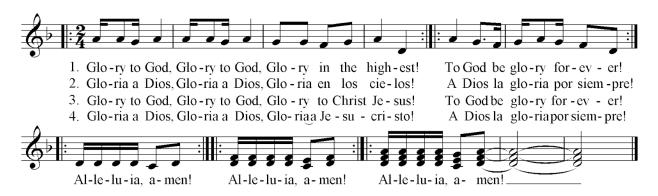
4. O mend my heart and free my voice: From sin released, I will rejoice. "O search me now!" my spirit cries "And let my song of praise arise,

And let my song of praise arise!"

**Officiant:** Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

## Gloria verses 1 &3



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

**People:** And also with you.

**Officiant:** Let us pray

**Collect:** Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

## Children's Message

### Jonah 3:1-5, 10

**Lector:** A reading from Jonah

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

pause

**Lector:** The word of the Lord **People:** Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 62:6-14



- 6. For God alone my soul in | **si-lence** waits; \* truly, my hope | **is in** him.
- 7. He alone is my rock and | **my sal-**vation,\* my stronghold, so that I shall | **not be** shaken.
- 8. In God is my safety | **and my** honor;\* God is my strong rock | **and my** refuge.
- 9. Put your trust in him al | -ways, O people,\* pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.
- 10. Those of high degree are but a | **fleet-ing** breath,\* even those of low estate can | **-not be** trusted.
- 11. On the scales they are lighter | **than a** breath,\* all of | **them to-**gether.

- 12. Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no | **emp-ty** pride; \* though wealth increase, set not your | **heart up-**on it.
- 13. God has spoken once, twice | **have I** heard it,\* that power be | **-longs to** God.
- 14 Steadfast love is | **yours, O** Lord,\* for you repay everyone according | **to his** deeds.

## **Contemporary Reading:**

"Die Before You Die" Rabia of Basra 8<sup>th</sup> century, Islamic saint

Ironic, but one of the most intimate acts of our body is death.

So beautiful appeared my death—knowing who then I would kiss, I died a thousand times before I died.

"Die before you die," said the Prophet Muhammad.

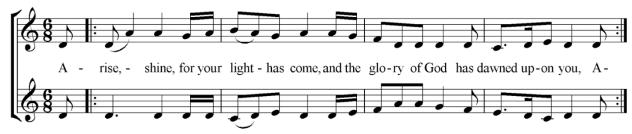
Have wings that feared ever touched the Sun?

I was born when all I once feared—I could love.

**Lector:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

## **Sequence**



A - rise, shine, for your light - has come, and the glo-ry of God has dawned up-on you, A-

## Mark 1:14-20

**Officiant:** The holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

## People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

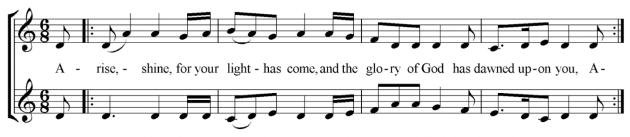
After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

**Officiant:** The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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### The Nicene Creed

Officiant: Lets us stand and reaffirm our faith by reciting the words of the Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

# We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **Prayers of the People**

Prayer requests and thanksgivings invited

**Leader:** We reverently speak in the presence of the Great Parent God:

People: We give grateful thanks that you have enabled us to live this day, the whole day, in obedience to the excellent spirit of your ways.

**Leader:** Our Lord, indeed we have heard the call to faith: 'Believe in your Lord,' and we have believed.

People: Our Lord, so forgive us our sins and remove from us our misdeeds and cause us to die with the righteous.

**Leader:** Oh God, lead us from the unreal to the Real. Oh God, lead us from darkness to light.

People: Oh God, lead us from death to immortality.

**Leader:** Make our hands respect the things You have made, our ears sharp to hear your voice.

People: Make us wise, so that we may know the lesson you have hidden in every leaf and rock.

**Leader:** May we merit to bring about the day when war and bloodshed cease, and a great peace embraces the whole universe.

People: "No nation will lift up a sword to another, and the art of war will no longer be studied." (Isaiah 2:4)

Intercessions and thanksgivings offered

**Officiant:** O God of stars and journeys, you lead us day by day to the joyful vision of your light. Move us by the power of your word that we too might open our gifts for others and so receive in our hearts the child of Bethlehem. So may you be praised and adored through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.** 

- Adapted from Shinto, Muslim, Hindu, Sioux and Jewish prayers

**Announcements:** *Please see the insert* 

## **Birthday Prayer**

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N. as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Anniversary Prayer**

O God, be with N. and N., as they celebrate another year together. Deepen their love for each other, grant them joy, and make their life together a blessing to all, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Offertory Anthem**: Pescador de Hombres (Cesáreo Gabaráin)

## The Great Thanksgiving

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Officiant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**Officiant:** God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

**Officiant:** At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

Officiant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with

memory, reason, and skill. You made us

the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed

your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

**Officiant:** Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

**Officiant:** And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



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**Officiant:** And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

**Officiant**: Lord God of our Fathers: Abraham, Isaac, Ishmael, and Jacob, Lord God of our Mothers: Sarah, Hagar, Rebekah, Leah and Rachel, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

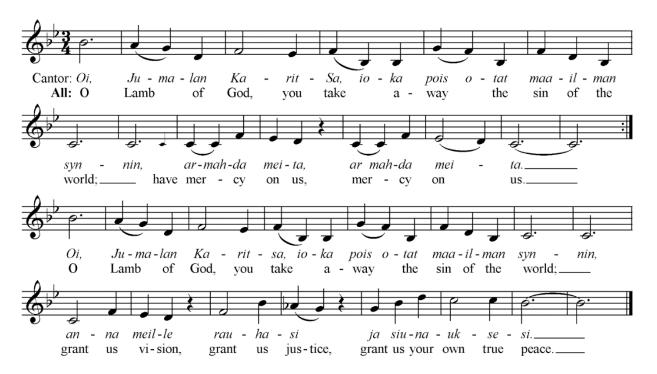
**Officiant:** Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN*.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,



Officiant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

## People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!



## Communion Hymn: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus



## **Post Communion Prayer**

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

## **Blessing:**

May the blessing of God,
Who sanctifies the breath of your living,
Inspire your words and actions,
Thoughts and feelings,
That you may be the messenger
Of God's blessing in this world today.
And the blessing of God, Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer
Be with you this day and forever more. **Amen** 

## Closing Hymn: Down by the Riverside

1. Gonna lay down my sword and shield: down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside! gonna lay down my sword and shield down by the riverside; gonna study war no more.

I ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more! ain't gonna study war no more.

2. Gonna lay down my burden: down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside! Gonna lay down my burden: down by the riverside; gonna study war no more.

I ain't gonna study war no more...

## **Dismissal**

**Leader** Let us go forth into the world,

rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.