

Welcome to Grace Church!

As part of our observance of Lent
please keep silence

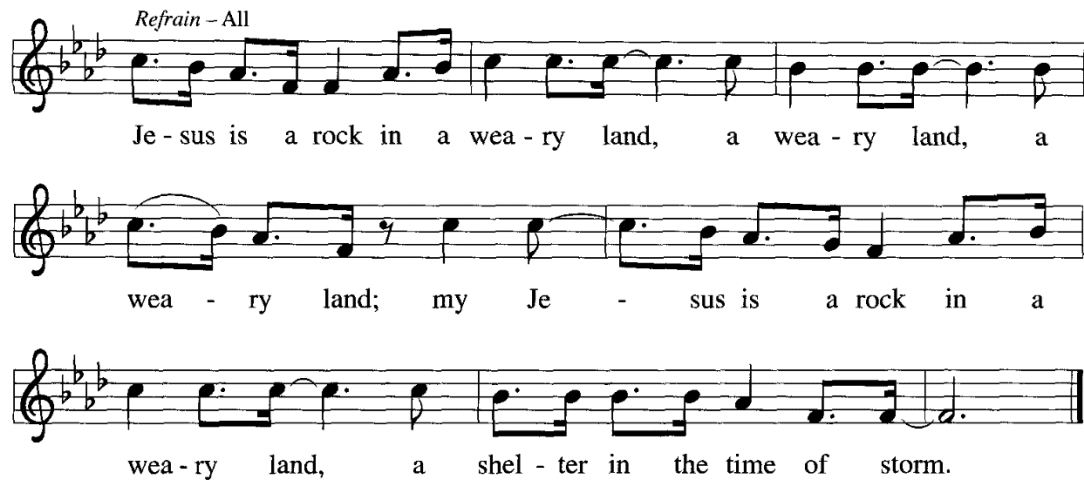
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Prelude

Introit: Nada te turbe – Choir (11 o'clock service)


Opening Hymn: Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land

Refrain – All




Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a
wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a
wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

Leader or All




1 No one can do like Je - sus, not a
2 When Je - sus was on earth, the . .
3 Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, him . .



mum-bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz-
flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird-
whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic-

Refrain



- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.
ed him - self and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.
- to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

Officiant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins

People: Whose mercy endures forever.

Officiant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You will love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: You will love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - - - - son.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."

The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Pause

Lector: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95

Lector: Let us read psalm 95 by whole verse

- 1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
- 8 Harden not your hearts,
as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
when they tempted me.

- 9 They put me to the test, *
 though they had seen my works.
- 10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
 "This people are wayward in their hearts;
 they do not know my ways."
- 11 So I swore in my wrath, *
 "They shall not enter into my rest."

Romans 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

pause

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence: You've Got to Go to the Lonesome Valley

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is simple and folk-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

You've got to go to the lone-some val-ley,— you've got to go there by your-
 self, No-bod-y else can go there for you, You've got to go there by your-self.

John 4:5-42

Officiant: the holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the

harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Repeated Sequence: You've Got to Go to the Lonesome Valley

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: "You've got to go to the lone-some val-ley,— you've got to go there by your- self, No-bod-y else can go there for you, You've got to go there by your - self." The first staff covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second staff covers the last two lines. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Sermon

Officiant: Let 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,
consubstantial to 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 human.
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 God.
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.
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
Who 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.**

Thanksgivings and Prayer Requests

Prayers of the People

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from prayers of gratitude made by members of Grace Church Van Vorst

For the coming season of spring and time for reflection during Lent, for the blessing of music each week, the choir and the warmth of this community

Lord, we thank you.

For our diversity, for a genuine sense of community and for the way this congregation actively uses its gifts.

Lord, we thank you.

For this church family, its loving support and the seed of faith all who come here give to one another

Lord, we thank you.

For opportunities to love and feel loved, to get insights into other perspectives, to serve others, to get to meet others through “Breaking Bread” where strangers become close friends.

Lord, we thank you.

For the strength the leaders of this church had when they kept us connected virtually through the worst of the pandemic and for the joy we had when they opened the doors again as soon as it was safe to bring the congregation together in person.

Lord, we thank you.

For creating a space here for the spirit to thrive in a world that so often crushes the spirit with intolerance, judgement and apathy. For the opportunities to give back love.

Lord, we thank you.

For the people in this world who continue to show love and support to those who experience hardships, for your faithfulness, for making us members of your household.

Lord, we thank you.

For the work this community is doing to identify and own how we have benefited from systemic racism. Help us to continue and learn from this work and strive for the beloved community.

O God, please help us.

Help us Lord to see your light shining in each other. Help us to exercise patience, speak words of encouragement, not admonishment, to stop letting fear motivate us, to enjoy and honor creation.

O God, please help us.

May all be blessed with the wisdom and love that comes from your spirit, may that spirit reach all who seek you God, especially those in the deepest need. **Amen.**

Private Reflection Time

Silence is kept for 5 minutes. If you would like to offer thanksgivings anonymously to be used for the prayers of the people next Sunday, please write it on the index card and place it in the envelope that is in your bulletin. You may put the confession in the offertory plate during communion.

Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Peace

Announcements

Birthday Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N. as s/he begins another year. Grant that s/he may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his/her trust in your goodness all the days of her/ his 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: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1. I ___ heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me ___ and rest; Lay _
2. I ___ heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give the ___
3. I ___ heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I ___ am this lone world's light; Look

down, O wear - y one, lay down your head up - on ___ my breast." I
liv - ing wa - ter; thirs - ty one, stoop down, and drink, and live." I ___
un - to me, your morn shall rise, and ___ all your day ___ be bright." I

came to Je - sus as I was, so ___ wea - ry, ___ worn, and sad; I ___
came to Je - sus, and I drank of ___ that life - giv - ing stream; My ___
looked to Je - sus, and I found in ___ him my ___ star, my sun; and ___

found in him ___ a ___ rest - ing place, and ___ he has made me glad.
thirst was quenched, my ___ soul re - vived, and ___ now I live ___ in him.
in that light of ___ life I'll walk till ___ trav - 'ling days ___ are done.

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.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.'

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: Iona

Part 1

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of_ power and_ might,
 (2. Bless - ed,) bless - ed the one who comes in the name of our God.

Part 2

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of_ power and_ might,
 (2. Bless - ed,) bless - ed the one who comes in the name of our God.

hea - ven, earth, heav-en and earth are_ full of your glo - ry.
 Bless - ed, bless - ed the one who comes in the name of our God._

heav - en, earth, heav-en and earth are_ full of your glo - ry.
 Bless - ed bless - ed the one who comes in the name of our God._

All glo - ry to your name. All glo - ry to your
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the

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All glo - ry to your name. 2. Bless - ed,
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

People: He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

People: After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. AMEN.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Our Father: Kedrov

Simply

p Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be your name, your king - dom come,
your will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.
Give us this day our dai - ly bread, and for - give us our tres - pass - es, as we for - give those who tres -
pass a - gainst us, and lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion,
but de - liv - er us from e - vil. A - men.

broaden

Cantor: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of five systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic marking. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system continues the lyrics. The fourth system includes a *broaden* dynamic marking above the vocal line. The fifth system concludes the prayer with the word 'Amen'. A separate line of text for the Cantor is provided below the fourth system.

Fraction

Officiant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei: Iona

(Sung in canon)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us your peace.
Grant us your peace.

Invitation to Communion

11 am: Show Us Christ

Prepare our hearts, O God
Help us to receive
Break the hard and stony ground
Help our unbelief
Plant Your Word down deep in us
Cause it to bear fruit
Open up our ears to hear
Lead us in Your truth

Refrain

Show us Christ, show us Christ
O God, reveal Your glory
Through the preaching of Your Word
Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord

Your Word is living light
Upon our darkened eyes
Guards us through temptations
Makes the simple wise
Your Word is food for famished ones
Freedom for the slave
Riches for the needy soul
Come speak to us today
[Refrain]

Where else can we go, Lord
Where else can we go
You have the words of eternal life
[Refrain]

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith towards you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen,

Blessing

The peace of God be in your heart
The grace of God be in your words
The love of God be in your hands
The joy of God be in your soul
and in the song that your life sings.

Closing Hymn: Bread of Heaven

Refrain:

Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven
feed me till I want no more.

Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven
feed me till I want no more.

Guide me oh thou Great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak but thou are Mighty.
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven
feed me till I want no more.

Refrain:

Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven
feed me till I want no more.

Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven
feed me till I want no more.

Dismissal

Acolyte: Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!