



Gathering Song

Geoff Bullock

Oh, the mercy of God
Resurrection Choir

Oh, the mercy of God, the glory of grace,
that you chose to redeem us, To forgive and restore,
and you call us your children chosen in him
to be holy and blameless to the glory of God.

To the praise of his glorious grace, to the praise of his glory and power,
To him be all the glory, honor and praise, forever and ever and ever, Amen.

Oh, the richness of grace, the depths of his love,
In him is redemption, the forgiveness of sin.
You called us as righteous, predestined in him
For the praise of his glory, included in Christ.

To the praise of his glorious grace, to the praise of his glory and power,
To him be all the glory, honor and praise, forever and ever and ever, Amen.

Oh, the glory of God expressed in his Son,
his image and likeness revealed to us all;
The plea of the ages completed in Christ,
That we be presented perfected in him.

To the praise of his glorious grace, to the praise of his glory and power,
To him be all the glory, honor and praise, forever and ever and ever, Amen.

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect of Purity

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

Hymn of Praise

Mark Schweizer

King of glory, King of peace
The Choir of All Saints’

King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee;
and that love may never cease, I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.
Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll thee:
e'en eternity's too short to extol thee.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson

Jonah 3:10-4:11

When God saw what the people of Nineveh 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.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the

city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:1-8

Officiant and People

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, ***
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you ***
and praise your Name for ever and ever.

- 3 **Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; ***
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 **One generation shall praise your works to another ***
and shall declare your power.
- 5 **I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty ***
and all your marvelous works.
- 6 **They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, ***
and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 **They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; ***
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 **The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, ***
slow to anger and of great kindness.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.

Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Reverend Jackie Whitfield

The Nicene Creed

Officiant and People

**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

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.

The Prayers of the People

From Praying the Scriptures, by Jeremiah D. Williamson

Leader: Sisters and brothers, turn for help to the Lord your strength and constantly seek God's presence. Let us pray to our generous God, saying, "Lead us with gladness, O God; *cover us with shouts of joy!*"

Generous God, you have chosen us to do the work of your kingdom; you have called us to labor in your vineyard. With grateful hearts, we offer to you the best of what we have. *Silence.*

Lead us with gladness, O God;
People: **Cover us with shouts of joy.**

Leader: Generous God, you hear the cry of the hungry. Give bread to all those who face starvation. Use us, as you will, to relieve suffering in our world. *Silence.*

Lead us with gladness, O God;
People: **Cover us with shouts of joy.**

Leader: Generous God, you make rivers to run in dry places. You have blessed this earth with bountiful resources. Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. *Silence.*

Lead us with gladness, O God;
People: **Cover us with shouts of joy.**

Leader: Generous God, there is enough kingdom work for everyone. Give us eyes to see the opportunities in our own neighborhood. Guide us that we may live in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. *Silence.*

Lead us with gladness, O God;
People: **Cover us with shouts of joy.**

Leader: Generous God, you hear the cries of the desperate. Marvelous are your works, O God. May the sick and suffering rejoice in you. May the sorrowful call upon your name. *The people are invited to add their petitions and thanksgivings, followed by silence.*

Lead us with gladness, O God;
People: **Cover us with shouts of joy.**

Leader: Generous God, living is Christ and dying is gain. May those who now rest from their labors find their comfort in you. Let light perpetual shine upon them. *Silence.*

Lead us with gladness, O God;
People: **Cover us with shouts of joy.**

Confession of Sin

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People: **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.**

Absolution

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant and People

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

The Blessing

Closing Song

Hymnal 1982 – 551

Festal Song

Rise up, O saints of God!

Jennifer Cook, soprano

1. Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with lesser things,
give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.

2. Rise up, ye saints of God! His kingdom tarries long:

Lord, bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.

3. Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod;
and quickened by the Spirit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

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Voluntary

Sir Arthur Bliss

A Fanfare

Brian Sapp-Moore, organ

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Prayers of the Parish

Prayers have been requested for healthcare nurses: Sheri, Kristin, Christy, Laurie, and Diane. Prayers have been requested for: Kim, Geymi, Edwin, Jackie, Jan, Elizabeth, Norma, Frank, De, Janice, Bruce, Sharon, Rebecca, Regina, Sheila, and Vicky.

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