

Very early in
the morning,
while it was
still dark, Jesus got
up, left the house
and went off to
a solitary place,
where he prayed.

Mark 1:35

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Setting Seven

In Isaiah the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars also strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.



Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, †one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

C. Amen

P. Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P. Holy God,

C. **you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin – our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.**

P. How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living our Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

C. Amen

Gathering Hymn

God Is Here!

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Greeting

P. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Ghost, be
with you all. Amen.



C. And also with you.



Hymn of Praise



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
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Y en la tie - rra paz pa - ra a - que - llos que a - ma el Se - ñor.
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo - ple. Glo - ry to God.



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Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray

C. **Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in;
who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.
Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,
"My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"?
Have 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.
He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;
but 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.

P. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God

Psalmody

Psalm 147:1-12

read responsively

Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises ¹ to our God!
How pleasant it is to honor ¹ God with praise!

**The LORD re- ¹ builds Jerusalem,
and gathers the ex- ¹ iles of Israel.**

The LORD heals the ¹ brokenhearted
and binds ¹ up their wounds.

**The LORD counts the number ¹ of the stars
and calls them all ¹ by their names.**

Great is our LORD and might- ¹ y in power;
there is no limit ¹ to God's wisdom.

**The LORD lifts ¹ up the lowly,
but casts the wicked ¹ to the ground.**

Sing to the LORD ¹ with thanksgiving;
make music upon the harp ¹ to our God,

**who covers the heav- ¹ ens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth,
making grass to grow up- ¹ on the mountains.**

God provides food ¹ for the cattle
and for the young ravens ¹ when they cry.

**God is not impressed by the might ¹ of a horse,
and has no pleasure in the speed ¹ of a runner,**

but finds pleasure in those who ¹ fear the LORD,
in those who await God's ¹ steadfast love.

**Worship the LORD, ¹ O Jerusalem;
praise your ¹ God, O Zion.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

P. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation



¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,
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a - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu - ya!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



P. The holy gospel according to Saint Mark, chapter one.

As soon as Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

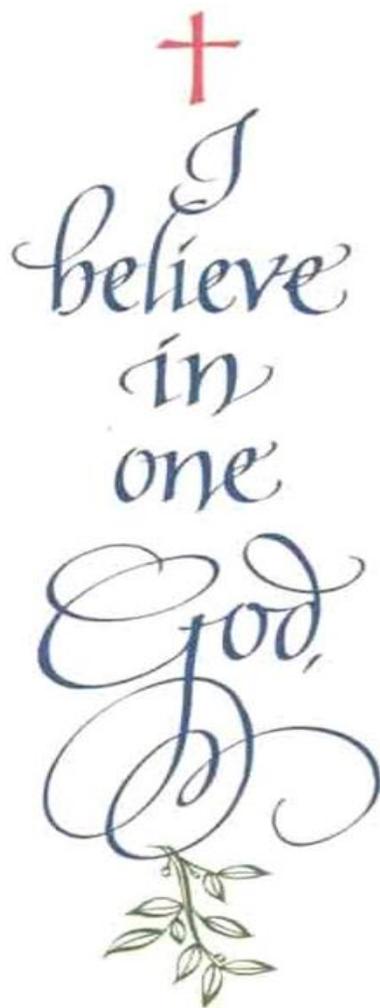
That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

P. The gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you O Christ.





Apostle's Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of 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 of Intercession

P. Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence

For the church: for ministries of healing and wholeness, for hospital, hospice, and military chaplains, for those serving in prison ministry, for all who proclaim freedom and release in the name of Christ, let us pray.

C. Have mercy, O God.

P. Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C. Amen

peace

BE WITH YOU

The Peace

P. Jesus said, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled. May His peace be with you always.

C. **And also with you.**

The Great Thanksgiving

P. The Lord be with you.

C. **And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

C. **We lift them to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P. It is indeed right . . .



The Sanctus



San - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God,



Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.



San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God,



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God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.



Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on



tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el
earth. Blest is he who comes in the



nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el
name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



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The LORD'S Prayer

*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!

Lamb of God

slowly

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer-cy, have mer-cy on us.

Je - sus, bear-er of our sins, have mer-cy, have mer-cy on us.

Je - sus, re-deem-er of the world, give us your peace.

Invitation to Communion

P. Beloved: here is bread; here is wine.
Here is Jesus. Come and be fed.

C. Amen

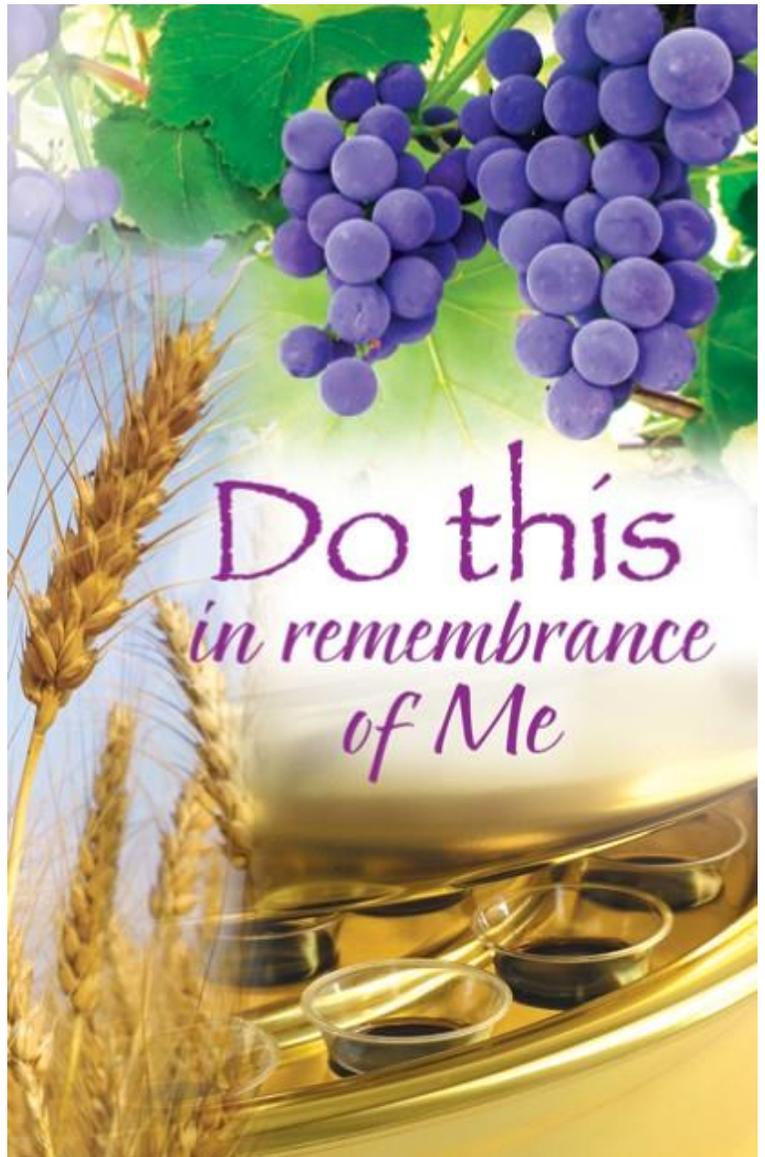
P. The body of Christ broken for you.
(*Congregants eat the bread.*)

P. The blood of Christ shed for you.
(*Congregants drink the wine.*)

Communion Hymn

Jesus, Remember Me

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Post Communion Blessing and Canticle

P. Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name.

C. Amen

Lord, Now You Let Your Servant Go in Peace



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace. Your WORD has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the SAL-VA-TION which



You have pre-pared in the sight of ev'-ry peo-ple: a LIGHT, to re -



veal You to the na-tions, and the GLO-RY of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el!



Glo ry! Glo-ry to the FA - THER! Glo - ry! Glo-ry to the SON! And



Glo - ry! Glo - ry to the HO - LY SPI - RIT!



As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and will be for -



ev - er, A - men.

A - men.

A - men.

Blessing

P. God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter † keep you in peace.

C. Amen

Sending Hymn

Beautiful Savior

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Dismissal

P. Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C. Thanks be to God.



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