Please rise, as you are able.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Call to Worship and Greeting

Leader: The Lord be with you
People: And also with you.
Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts.
People: The whole earth is full of God’s glory.

Introit Saints bound for heaven arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

Our bondage it shall end by and by. From Egypt’s yoke set free, hail the glorious Jubilee, and to Canaan we’ll return by and by. Shouting “Glory to our King”, till the vaults of heaven ring, and through all eternity we’ll rejoice! Traditional

Hymn 116 The God of Abraham praise LEONI

Collect (in unison)

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
**Kyrie**

from Missa Brevis No. 1

Healey Willan (1880–1968)

Kyrie eleison,  
Lord, have mercy,

Christe eleison,  
Christ, have mercy,

Kyrie eleison.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Assurance of Pardon**

*Leader:* If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*All:* Thanks be to God.

**Lesson**  
Genesis 12:1–9

*Lector:* A lesson from the Book of Genesis, chapter 12, verses 1–9:

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Anthem**  
Draw us in the Spirit’s tether

Harold Friedell (1905–1958)

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; For when humbly, in thy name, Two or three are met together, Thou are in the midst of them: Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather In the name of Christ to sup, Then with thanks to God the Father Break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.
All our meals and all our living Make as sacraments of thee,
That by caring, helping, giving, We may true disciples be.
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.  

Percy Dearmer (1867–1936)

Lesson  Romans 4:13–25

Lector:  A lesson from St. Paul’s epistle to the Romans, chapter 4, verses 13–25:

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Lector:  The Word of the Lord.

People:  Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33:1-12

The antiphon is sung twice, first by choir alone, and then by choir and congregation.

🎵  Antiphon (sung by all)

Praise the Lord, ye saints, and sing;
all the powers of music bring.
Cantor: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous!
       Delight in praise, O you upright!
People: Praise the Lord with the lyre,
       make melody to the Lord with the harp of ten strings!
Cantor: Sing to the Lord a new song,
       play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
People: Upright is the word of the Lord,
       whose work is done in faithfulness.
Cantor: The Lord loves righteousness and justice;
       the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.
People: By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
       and all their host by the breath of God’s mouth.
Cantor: The Lord gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle
       and put the deeps in storehouses.
People: Let all the earth fear the Lord,
       let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe!
Cantor: For the Lord spoke, and it came to be;
       the Lord commanded, and it stood forth.
People: The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing
       and frustrates the plans of the peoples.
Cantor: The counsel of the Lord stands for ever,
       the thoughts of God’s heart to all generations.
People: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
       the people whom the Lord has chosen as a heritage! ♫

♫ Gloria Patri (sung by all)  Westminster Abbey

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one;
one in might and one in glory, while endless ages run.
As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners." Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?" And Jesus said to them, "The wedding attendants cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast. No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak, for the patch pulls away from the cloak, and a worse tear is made. Neither is new wine put into old wineskins; otherwise, the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins are ruined, but new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved." While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." and instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

“St. Matthew’s ‘Workquake’”

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Be thou my vision
Call to Prayer

Lead me, Lord (sung by all)

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;
Make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,
That maketh me dwell in safety.

Prayers of the People and 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Response

FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius (1865–1957)

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth’s kingdoms: Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done. Let Christ be lifted up 'til all shall serve him, and hearts united learn to live as one. O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations; myself I give thee—let thy will be done.

Georgia Harkness (1891–1974)

Offertory Sentences

At the Offertory

My soul, there is a country

My soul, there is a country far beyond the stars,
Where stands a wingèd sentry, all skillful in the wars.

There, above noise and danger, sweet Peace sits crowned with smiles,
And One, born in a manger, commands the beauteous files.

He is thy gracious friend, and (O my soul, awake!) Did in pure love descend, to die here for thy sake.

If thou canst get but thither, there grows the flower of peace, The Rose that cannot wither, thy fortress, and thy ease.

Leave, then, thy foolish ranges, for none can thee secure But one who never changes, thy God, thy life, thy cure.

C. Hubert H. Parry (1848–1918)

Henry Vaughan (1622–1695)
Presentation of the Gifts (sung by all) adapted by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav’n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

Offertory Prayer

Hymn 549 Where charity and love prevail St. Peter

Benediction

Response God be in my head arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking. God be at mine end and at my departing. Old English Prayer from Sarum Primer

Postlude

The preacher is the Rev. Dr. Regina L. Walton, Denominational Counselor for Anglican/Episcopal Students and Lecturer at Harvard Divinity School.
The conductor and organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Director of Music.

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