



For thus says the LORD the God of Israel:

The jar of meal

will not be emptied

and the jug of oil

will not fail ...

1 KINGS 17:14, NRSV

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All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

SINGING BOWL

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

PRELUDE: *“Open up the Heavens”*

Verse 1:

We've waited for this day. We're gathered in Your Name, calling out to You.

Your glory, like a fire, awakening your desire, will burn our hearts with truth.

Pre-Chorus:

You're the reason we're here
You're the reason we're singing.

Chorus:

Open up the heavens. We want to see You.
Open up the flood gates, a mighty river,
Flowing from Your heart, filling ev'ry part of our praise.

Verse 2:

Your presence in this place, Your glory on our face,
We're looking to the sky.
Descending like a cloud, You're standing with us now.
Lord, unveil our eyes.

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge:

Show us, show us Your glory.
Show us, show us Your power.
Show us, show us Your glory, Lord

Repeat Bridge

Chorus

Repeat Chorus

WELCOME

Please Stand



SHARING OF THE PEACE

*P: Christ sympathizes with us in our weakness and comes to us in our need. In gratitude for this great gift, let us share signs of Christ's peace with one another.
The peace of Christ is with you.*

All: And also with you.

Please safely share God's peace with one another.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Rejoice and be glad, people of God.

All: God is making all things new.

L: Shout aloud and sing for joy, followers of Christ.

All: God offers us water from the well of salvation.

L: Sing praises to our Creator, children of the Spirit.

All: God has turned our sorrow into laughter.

L: Rejoice and be glad, people of God.

All: God is making all things new.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

All: Amen.

P: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

All: we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and

**our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free.
Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may
live just and generous lives for the good of your
world and the care of our neighbors, following in the
servant way of Jesus.**

*P: These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our
sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death
forever. For his sake, we are forgiven and God
remembers our sin no more.*

**All: Let our heart be glad again, and rejoice in our
salvation. Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: “You Are My All in All”

You are my strength when I am weak;
You are the treasure that I seek.
You are my all in all

Seeking you as a precious jewel
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool.
You are my all in all.

Chorus:

Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is your name

Taking my sin, my cross my shame,
Rising again, I bless your name
You are my all in all

When I fall down, you pick me up;
When I am dry, you fill my cup.
You are my all in all.

Chorus 2X

GREETING

*P: God of hosts most gracious, God the Son who saves us,
God the Spirit placed upon us, is with you all.*

All: And also with you.

LITURGY: *“Together We Shall Go On” – Roddy Hamilton*

L: In the loving of neighbor and the sharing of love,

All: together we shall go on.

L: In the celebration of life and the sharing of that life together,

All: together we shall go on.

L: In the caring of the earth and the sharing of her harvest,

All: together we shall go on.

L: In the variety of people and the sharing of our talents,

All: together we shall go on.

L: In the laughter we make and the sharing of the journey,

All: together we shall go on

L: In the love of this community and the sharing of our faith,

All: together we shall go on

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy.

All: Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Be Seated



WE LISTEN AND THINK

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

R: As we listen to the words of life,

All: may they inspire us to pursue righteousness, holy living, faithfulness, love, endurance, and gentleness.

R: The first reading is from First Kings, chapter seventeen, beginning with the eighth verse.

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:8-16

Then the word of God came to [Elijah] and said, “Now go to Zarephath, a village of Sidon, and stay there. I have commanded a widow there to supply you with food.” So he went to Zarephath. When arrived at the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, “Could you bring me a little water in a jar for me to drink?” As she was going to get the water, he called out, “And please bring me a piece of bread.” “As Yahweh lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. I am gathering a couple of sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my child. We will eat it—and then we will die.” Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid! Go home and do what you said. But first make a small cake of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me; and then make something for yourself and for your child. For this what Yahweh, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day Yahweh makes it rain on the land.’ ” She went away and did what Elijah told her to do. And there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. The jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of God spoken by Elijah.

R: Here ends the reading.

R: The second reading is from Hebrews, chapter nine, beginning with the twenty-fourth verse.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:24-28

For Christ didn't go into a holy place made by human hands, a copy of the real one. Christ went into heaven itself and now appears on our behalf in the presence of God. High priests of old went into the Most Holy Place every year with the blood of an animal. But Christ didn't make a self-offering more than that one time; otherwise, Christ would have had to suffer many times ever since the creation of the world. But now that the Consummation is upon us, Christ has appeared once and for all, to remove sin through self-sacrifice. It is appointed that everyone must die once and then be judged by God. In the same way, Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many, and then will appear a second time—not to deal with sin, but to save those who are waiting for Christ's appearing.

R: Here ends the reading.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

R: May we be rich in good things:

All: attending to the poor and caring for those in need.

R: May we be generous with our lives:

All: giving treasure and time to make this world a better place.

R: May we take hold of what is truly life,

All: the goodness of God flowing in and through us.

Please Stand



ALLELUIA VERSE

All: Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Creator.

GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44

As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

P: The Gospel of the Risen Savior.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

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CHILDREN'S TIME: Pastor Tim



Please Stand

PRE-MESSAGE SONG: "Thy Word"

Chorus:

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path

Verse 1:

When I feel afraid
And I think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear
As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end

Chorus

Verse 2:

I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to Your side
I will love You to the end

Chorus

And a light unto my path
You're the light unto my path

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MESSAGE: Pastor Tim

WE SHARE THE LORD'S SUPPER

Please Stand

APOSTLE'S CREED

L: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed:

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by 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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

L: Children of God, we have received much from God—grace, mercy, abundance, the love of Christ, and the gift of life itself.

All: In our worship, we praise God and give God thanks for these gifts. Let us now offer what we can as a way of saying, "Thank you." In gratitude for God's generosity, let us share God's abundance with one another.

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THANKFUL OFFERING

OFFERING SONG: “*Of My Hands*” vs. 1,2,4

Verse 1:

Of my hands I give to you, O Lord
Of my hands I give to you
I give to you as you gave to me
Of my hands I give to you

Verse 2:

Of my heart I give to you, O Lord
Of my heart I give to you
I give to you as you gave to me
Of my heart I give to you

Verse 4:

Of my gifts I give to you, O Lord
Of my gifts I give to you
I give to you as you gave to me
Of my gifts I give to you

Please Stand



OFFERTORY

Refrain

All: As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Gracious and loving God, we thank you for these gifts and ask that they be used to help the needy in our community and throughout the world.

All: As we offer you these gifts, we offer ourselves as well, that together we might transform the world with your grace and love. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation. Renew your church, O God. Make us servants to one another for the sake of the gospel. Instill a heart for service and a passion for justice in our bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

L: Renew the nations, O God. Heal our nation's veterans from the unseen wounds of war. Tend to their trauma and soothe burdened consciences. Guide leaders of the world to end conflicts and pursue peace. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

L: Renew your people, O God. Protect those in our communities who are vulnerable or ill. Accompany persons who are unemployed or underemployed, children who are in foster care, and those who live alone. Watch over and uphold them. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

L: Renew this congregation, O God. Give us clarity in our mission and boldness in our witness. Bless our ministries that attend to basic needs of any who lack sufficient resources, that all may live with dignity. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

L: God of all, hear now the prayers of our heart said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

L: We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

All: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: God is with you.

All: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to our Creator.

L: Let us give thanks to our Creator.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: We give thanks and praise to you, God of love and grace! With gratitude, we recall how you formed us from the very earth, made covenant with us from the beginning of time, and call us again and again to be your people.

All: In your amazing love, you came as one of us in the form of Jesus the Christ, showing us the way of unconditional love and the path of self-giving service.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be a communion in the body and blood of our Savior. Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, and inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation of our hearts.

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

FRACTION RITE

P: This is a table where all are welcome: the poor and the rich, the righteous and the sinful, the courageous and the timid.

All: Whether we have wandered far or remained close, Christ invites us to this table of grace, this abundant feast of love for all.

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LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Holy Communion is open to all.

Wine is red, grape juice is yellow, water is in the center of the tray.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Let an usher know if you need communion brought to you.

For walking communion:

You may come down the center aisle. Hold out your hand for the pastor to drop the host into, then take a cup of wine (red), grape juice (yellow), or water (clear, center) from the assistant's tray, then return to your seat via the side aisles, depositing your empty cup in the provided bowls. You may walk behind the Praise Band.

COMMUNION SONG: *“Come to the Table”*

Come to the table of mercy
Prepared with the wine and the bread
All who are hungry and thirsty
Come and your souls will be fed

Come at the Lord's invitation
Receive from his nail-scarred hands
Eat of the bread of salvation
Drink of the blood of the Lamb

COMMUNION SONG: *“Eat this Bread”*

Eat this bread, drink this cup
Come to me and never be hungry
Eat this bread, drink this cup
Trust in me and you will not thirst

SINGING BOWL

Please Stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: O God, you are Hospitality. You are Welcome. You are the Invitation, the Table, the Feast. By your spirit may we learn to receive and offer grace, to share from the sustenance of our lives and not simply its crumbs.

All: Embolden us as we serve as the voice of those who continue to ask the church for justice and bread. In Christ we pray. Amen.

POST COMMUNION THANKS



All: Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the
weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!
Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -
mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.
From of old you loved and sought us: Thanks be to you for
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us.
Thanks be to you for ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE CARRY GOD'S LOVE TO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION

P: The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

SENDING SONG: "Revelation"

Verse 1:

My life has led me down the road that's so uncertain
Now I am left alone and I am broken
Tryin' to find my way tryin' to find the faith
That's gone

Verse 2:

This time I know
That You are holding all the answers
I'm tired of losing hope and taking chances on roads
That never seem to be the ones that bring me home

Chorus:

Give me a revelation
Show me what to do
'Cause I've been tryin' to find my way
I haven't got a clue
Tell me should I stay here or do I need to move
Give me a revelation
I've got nothing without You
I've got nothing without You

Verse 3:

My life has led me down
This path that's ever winding
Through ev'ry twist and turn
I'm always finding that I am lost again
Tell me when this road will ever end

Chorus:

Give me a revelation
Show me what to do
'Cause I've been tryin' to find my way
I haven't got a clue
Tell me should I stay here or do I need to move
Give me a revelation
I've got nothing without You
I've got nothing without
I've got nothing without You

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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