



**HYMNALS WE USE:** H82 (Blue); LEVAS (Black and Red); WLP (Green)

**PRELUDE**

**OPENING SENTENCE**

*Please stand as you are able*

*Officiant*      May God be with you.  
*People*            And also with you.  
*Officiant*      Let us pray.

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." *Psalm 122:1*

**HYMN**

**God of the prophets, bless the prophets' heirs**

**H82 #359**

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Officiant:*      Kneeling as you are able, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*All*                **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will.**

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

**INVITATORY AND PSALTER**

*Please stand as you are able*

*Officiant*      O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

*People*            **And your glory all the day long.**

*All*                **Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

**VENITE**

*Psalm 95:1-7*

*Officiant*      The holy and undivided Trinity, one God:  
                    O come let us worship.

*All*                **Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.**

**For you are a great God, you are great above all gods.**

**In your hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are yours also.**

**The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For you are our God, and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!**

*All*        **The holy and undivided Trinity, one  
God: O come let us worship.**

<sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

<sup>2</sup>All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.

<sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

<sup>4</sup>Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

<sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

<sup>6</sup>My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

<sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night.

<sup>8</sup>I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

<sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup>For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit.

<sup>11</sup>You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

*All*        **The holy and undivided Trinity, one  
God: O come let us worship.**

## THE LESSONS

*Please be seated for the lessons, and stand as you are able for the canticles*

### THE FIRST LESSON

*Please be seated*

1 Kings 19:15-16,19-21

*A Reading from the First Book of Kings.*

Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

### CANTICLE 16

*Please stand as you are able*

The Song of Zechariah  
Luke 1: 68-79

*Officiant*    Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
you have come to your people and set them free

*All*        **You have raised up for us a mighty savior,  
born of the house of your servant David.**

**Through your holy prophets you promised of old,  
that you would save us from our enemies, from  
the hands of all who hate us.**

**To show mercy to our forebears and to remember  
your holy covenant.**

**This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham,  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship you without fear, holy and  
righteous before you, all the days of our life.**

**And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the  
Most High, for you will go before the Lord to  
prepare the way,**

**To give God's people knowledge of salvation by the  
forgiveness of their sins.**

**In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from  
on high shall break upon us,**

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the  
shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the  
way of peace.**

*All*        **The holy and undivided Trinity, one  
God: O come let us worship.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

Galatians 5:1,13-25

*A Reading from the Letter to the Galatians.*

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

## CANTICLE K

*Please stand as you are able*

A Song of Our Adoption  
*Ephesians 1:3-10*

*Officiant*   Blessed are you, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for you have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

*All*           **Before the world was made, you chose us to be yours in Christ, that we should be holy and blameless before you.**

**You destined us for adoption as your children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of your will,**

**To the praise of your glorious grace, that you have freely given us in the Beloved.**

**In you, we have redemption through the blood of Christ, the forgiveness of our sins, According to the riches of your grace which you have lavished upon us.**

**You have made known to us, in all wisdom and insight, the mystery of your will, According to your good pleasure which you set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, To gather together all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth.**

*All*           **The holy and undivided Trinity, one God: O come let us worship.**

## HYMN

**O Jesus, I have promised**

**H82 #655**

## THE THIRD LESSON

*Please be seated*

Luke 9:51-62

*A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke.*

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow

you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Please stand as you are able*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please be seated*

### HYMN

He who would valiant be

**H82 #565**

*Please stand as you are able*

### THE PRAYERS

*Officiant*        Hear our cry, O God.  
*People*            **And listen to our prayer.**  
*Officiant*        Let us pray.

### 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.

### SUFFRAGES

*all seated or kneeling*

V. Help us, O God our Savior;  
**R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**  
V. Look upon your congregation;  
**R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.**  
V. Declare your glory among the nations;  
**R. And your wonders among all peoples.**  
V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

**R. Never forget the lives of your poor.**  
V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;  
**R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.**  
V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;  
**R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## A PRAYER FOR MISSION

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Frank D. Ashburn Chapel, Brooks School, North Andover; St. Anne's Church, Billerica; All Saints' Church, West Newbury; St. Mark's Church, Westford; Episcopal City Mission. For our city and neighborhood, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray together.

For those dear to us who have sought our prayers this morning, especially: Anne J., Jim, Catherine P., Carla, Chris, Alexis, Ken, Kenneth, Lynnette, Christina, Carol, Julie, Stanley, Mary, Catherine, Michael, Parker, Sergio, Martha, Anne, Patricia, Maureen, Rachael, Louise, Scott, Kathleen, Paul, Eddy, Christopher, Julie Ann, Joan, Bob, and those we now name silently or aloud (*pause*).

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*All* Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

## A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

*All* Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

## CONCLUDING SENTENCE

*Please stand as you are able*

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Officiant:* Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**  
*Ephesians 3:20,21*

## HYMN

Take My Hand, Precious Lord

LEVAS #106

## POSTLUDE

