



THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING SENTENCES

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

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

THE COLLECT OF PURITY

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

GLORIA

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING (seated)

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

¹*A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.*

²*The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all.*

⁸*Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail.*

⁹*Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.*

²²*Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate;*

²³*for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.*

The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM *Psalm 125*

Chanted

¹ *Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, *
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.*

² *The hills stand about Jerusalem; *
so does the Lord stand round about his people,
from this time forth for evermore.*

³ *The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, *
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.*

⁴ *Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good *
and to those who are true of heart.*

⁵ *As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,
the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; *
but peace be upon Israel.*

THE SECOND READING

James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17

¹*My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made*

distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [¹¹For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL *Mark 7:24-37*

The Rev. Deacon Kathleen Comer

Celebrant: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.*

Congregation: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

²⁴From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his

tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON (seated)

The Rev. Jerry Phillips

THE NICENE CREED (standing)

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Shannon and Jerry, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor (names), and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. We pray also for the staff and students of Bissonet Plaza school.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of St. Augustine and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

THE PEACE (standing)

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

Congregation: *And with thy spirit.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION
Celebrant: *The Rev. Jerry Phillips*

THE OFFERTORY

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer II

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Celebrant: *The Lord be with you.*

Congregation: *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant: *Lift up your hearts.*

Congregation: *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Celebrant: *Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.*

Congregation: *It is meet and right so to do.*

THE SANCTUS

The Congregation stands or kneels

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (standing or kneeling)

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THE COMMISSIONING OF GOD'S PEOPLE