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## OPENING SONG

SCANDAL OF GRACE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*At this time, preschool & elementary aged children are invited to the back of the sanctuary to join kids chapel.*

*Please stand as you are able*

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

*Said by one*

The first commandment is this:

Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself.

There is no other commandment greater than these.

## THE CANTICLE

A SONG OF JUDITH

*Said by all*

*Judith 16:13-16*

**I will sing a new song to my God, \***

**for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible.**

**Let the whole creation serve you, \***

**for you spoke and all things came into being.**

**You sent your breath and it formed them, \***

**no one is able to resist your voice.**

**Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, \***

**rocks melt like wax at your presence.**

**But to those who fear you, \***

you continue to show mercy.

No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, \*

but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight for ever.

## SONG OF PRAISE

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STILL

*Verse 1*

I believe that You are God alone

But sometimes I still try to take control

Cause I get scared when I can't see the end

And all You want from me is to let go

*Chorus*

You're parting waters

Making a way for me

You're moving mountains that I don't even see

You've answered my prayer before I even speak

All You need for me to be is still

*Verse 2*

I bring my praise before I bring my need

Cause there's no fear You've not already seen

I rest my heart on all Your promises

Cause I have seen and know Your faithfulness

*Chorus*

*Bridge*

And know that You are God

Be still

And know that You, trust that You are parting waters

Lord, You whispered my name

Oh, You answered my prayer

You're moving mountains

*Chorus*

## READING

John 20:19-31

*Read by one*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

## HOMILY AND CONVERSATION

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### BAPTISMAL COVENANT

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<i>Leader</i>	God is
<i>All</i>	<b>One God, the almighty, creator of heaven and earth, of all that is - seen and unseen.</b>
<i>Leader</i>	God is
<i>All</i>	<b>Jesus Christ, the eternal Son, divine and human, our Savior. His life, death, and resurrection reveal to us that God is love.</b>
<i>Leader</i>	God is
<i>All</i>	<b>The Holy Spirit, at work in the world. Speaking through prophets past and present, inspiring us, holding us accountable, leading us to grow into the full stature of Christ.</b>

Leader With God's help  
All **We will continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers.**

Leader With God's help  
All **We will persevere in resisting evil, and when falling into sin, we will repent and return to God.**

Leader With God's help  
All **We will proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.**

Leader With God's help  
All **We will seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourself.**

Leader With God's help  
All **We will strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.**

## PRAYERS

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*You are invited to offer your own prayers after each petition either silently or aloud.*

In the silence of our hearts or in spoken words, let us pray.

In the silence of our hearts or in spoken words let us give thanks for the gift of this day and every day ...

In the silence of our hearts or in spoken words let us pray for peace and healing throughout the world ...

In the silence of our hearts or in spoken words let us pray for the church, for our ministries, and the communities in which we serve ...

In the silence of our hearts or in spoken words let us pray for our needs and for the needs of others ...

In the silence of our hearts or in spoken words let us pray for those who have died and those who grieve ...

In the silence of our hearts or in spoken words let us pray to be guided by God's wisdom, grace, and love ...

## PEACE

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## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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*At the culmination of Jesus' earthly ministry, he invited his friends to share a meal.*

*This meal became a defining ritual in our common life as Christians. We call it communion.*

*Jesus invited his friends to the table. They gathered it around it together. They shared this meal, this holy nourishment of God's love.*

*Today Jesus invites us again to the table. You are invited to follow the cross and draw near. If you would like to join us near the altar, you are welcome. If you would like to stand back a bit and watch, you are welcome. If you believe this meal is for you, you are welcome, if you are unsure or unready, or simply do not want to partake, you are welcome. This is our communion with God. You are invited as you are.*

Walk in love, as Christ loves us

## SONG

ALLELUIA

## COMMUNION PRAYER

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*The Eucharistic Prayer has been adapted from St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church, San Francisco.*

It is with all our hearts and all our minds

**We give thanks to you, Mother and Father of all creation**

**You make all things and call them good.**

**You love us into being,**

**You form us in your image**

**and breathe into us the breath of life.**

When we turn away, when we ignore your love

**You remain steadfast. You are faithful to us.**

**You liberate us from captivity,**

**Freeing us to love your world more fully**

**You set before us the way of life.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By his baptism of suffering and death

you give your people birth into a living hope.

Raising Jesus from the dead,

you make a new covenant with us,

by water and the Spirit,

and give us to one another

**We who were lost people are now your people,  
declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,  
who calls us out of death into his Life.**

On the night when he gave himself up for us,  
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,  
gave it to his disciples, and said,  
“Take, eat: this is my Body which is broken for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”  
When the supper was over he took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said,  
“Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new Covenant,  
which is shed for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.”

On the third day you raised Jesus from the dead  
and revealed him to the women  
who came to the tomb to care for his body.

On that day Jesus was recognized by his disciples  
in the breaking of bread.  
And so, remembering these your  
mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

We offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice,  
and we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you  
our God.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ  
that we may be for the world  
the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.  
By your spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other,  
and one in loving service to all the world,  
until all may feast at your heavenly banquet.  
Through your Son Jesus Christ, and  
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
we are bold to say

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.

## COMMUNION MUSIC

HE LIVES

### *Verse 1*

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;  
I know that He is living, whatever others say;  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need Him He's always near.

### *Chorus*

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

### *Verse 2*

In all the world around me I see His loving care,

And though my heart grows weary I never will despair;  
I now that He is leading through all the stormy blast,  
The day of His appearing will come at last.

*Chorus*

*Verse 3*

Rejoice, rejoice. O Christian, lift up your voice and sing.  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!  
The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find,  
None other is so loving, so good and kind.

*Chorus*

## PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

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*Said by all, please turn to face the rear of the nave, as we prepare to go into the world.*

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

## BLESSING

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Lord, you now have set your servant free  
    **to go in peace as you have promised;**  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,  
    **whom you have prepared for all the world to see:**  
A Light to enlighten the nations,  
    **and the glory of your people Israel.**

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# PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer!

We love the sound of kids in our service.

Here are some ideas to keep them engaged:

**Relax:** It's OK for kids to be kids. We offer coloring pages, worship bags, and books they can use during the service.

**Sit Close:** Consider sitting up front where it's easier for kids to see.

**Explain:** Kids are curious! Explain what's happening in the service.

**Participate:** Kids learn by mimicking what you do. So sing, pray, respond, etc. and kids will follow your lead.

**Wander:** It's OK to move around. Sometimes it's easier to let fidgety kids wander.

**Need to Leave?** No problem, there are spaces to take a break - kids need that sometimes. Come back when you're ready!

**Ask:** Questions or need help? Just ask our ushers.

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."

**Matthew 19:14 NRSV**

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