

## **Opening Hymn: Gather Us In**

Here in this place new light is streaming,  
now are the shadows vanished away;  
see in this place our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in, and free us from shame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery,  
we are the old who yearn for your face;  
we have been sung throughout all of history,  
called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,  
here we will take the bread of new birth;  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion,  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

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

**People:** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

**Officiant:** God be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Officiant:** Let us pray

**Collect:** Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

## **Children's Sermon**

## **Job 42:1-6, 10-17**

**Lector:** A reading from Job

*pause*

Job answered the LORD:

“I know that you can do all things,  
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’

Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,  
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

‘Hear, and I will speak;  
I will question you, and you declare to me.’

I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,  
but now my eye sees you;

therefore I despise myself,  
and repent in dust and ashes.”

And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Kerenhappuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job’s daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children’s children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

*pause*

**Lector:** The word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm 34:1-22**

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; \*  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the LORD; \*  
let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; \*  
let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me \*  
and delivered me out of all my terror.

- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, \*  
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me \*  
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, \*  
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; \*  
happy are they who trust in him!
- 19 [Many are the troubles of the righteous, \*  
but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.
- 20 He will keep safe all his bones; \*  
not one of them shall be broken.
- 21 Evil shall slay the wicked, \*  
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
- 22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, \*  
and none will be punished who trust in him.]

### **Hebrews 7:23-28**

*pause*

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

*pause*

Lector: The word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems, each with a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are 'Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,' for the first system and 'Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!' for the second system.

### Mark 10:46-52

**Officiant:** The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**People:** Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

**Officiant:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## Sequence

Al - le - lu - ia,  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

## The Nicene Creed

**Officiant:** Lets us stand and reaffirm our faith by reciting the words of the Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

Lord, you are the giver of every good gift, especially the gift of your son. Help us carry out Christ's mission of generosity and forgiveness of debts here on earth as it is in heaven.

**People: We pray to you, O Lord.**

Grant us the ability to honestly evaluate our lives that we might live them in ways that reflect a desire to walk closer with you.

**People: O Lord, hear our prayer**

Thank you for the abundance and abilities with which you have blessed us. Help us embrace your love and joyfully share our gifts. Teach us to say "yes" more than "no" to opportunities to share and love without judgment.

**People: We pray to you, O Lord.**

We pray for the world, our nation and Jersey City, especially in those places torn apart by violence and poverty, and for those who live without hope.

**People: O Lord, hear our prayer**

We pray the church, your son's beloved bride, that it might be an instrument of healing and resurrection for all peoples.

**People: We pray to you, O Lord.**

*Prayer Concerns and Thanksgivings*

**Officiant:** O God, Inspire us not to conform ourselves to the world as it is, but help us to boldly imagine your Kingdom here and now. We ask this in your son's holy name. **AMEN**

**Officiant:** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you**

**in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

### **Absolution**

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

### **Peace**

### **Announcements and Prayer Requests**

#### **Birthday Prayer**

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N. as s/he begins another year. Grant that s/he may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his trust in your goodness all the days of her/ his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Anniversary Prayer**

O God, be with N. and N., as they celebrate another year together. Deepen their love for each other, grant them joy, and make their life together a blessing to all, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Offertory Hymn: Amazing Grace**

1 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace first taught my heart to fear  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

3 The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

4 Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we first begun.

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

**Officiant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Officiant:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Officiant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Officiant:** God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and  
praise

**People:** **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

**Officiant:** At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space,  
galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**People:** **By your will they were created and have their being.**

**Officiant:** From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with  
memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and  
betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**People:** **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

**Officiant:** Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed  
your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to  
fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**People:** **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

**Officiant:** And therefore, we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets,  
apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to  
proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

## Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of pow-er and might. Heav-en and  
earth are full of your glo - - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Blest is the  
one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

**Officiant:** And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**People:** We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

**Officiant:** God of our Fathers: Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, and Jacob; God of our Mothers, Sarah, Hagar, Rebeka and Rachel. God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**People:** Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

**Officiant:** Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

**Officiant:** As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray

**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.**

**Officiant:** Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

**People:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

**Fraction**

Je - sus, Lamb of God, \_\_\_\_\_ you take a - way the sins of the  
world; have mer - cy on us, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy on us.  
Je - sus, Lamb of God, \_\_\_\_\_ you take a - way\_ the sins of the  
world; have mer - cy on us, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy on us.  
Je - sus, Lamb of God, \_\_\_\_\_ you take a - way\_ the sins of the  
world; \_\_\_\_\_ Grant us peace, \_\_\_\_\_ grant us peace. \_\_\_\_\_

**Invitation to Communion**

**Officiant:** The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Communion Hymn: Taste and See**

*Refrain*

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are: "Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The accompaniment consists of chords in the bass line.

Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the Lord.

O taste and see, taste and see the

good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

**Post Communion Prayer**

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Blessing**

**Closing Hymn: I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me**

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
Singing glory Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.

Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.  
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.  
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.  
Singing glory Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.  
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.  
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.  
Singing glory Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me.

**Dismissal**

Alleluia! Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**