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A NOTE REGARDING HEART-FELT LITURGY

We, Episcopalians, are for the most part pretty smart cookies. We love to engage our minds in wrestling with theological concepts. Many of us have engaged in formation programming like Education For Ministry or other curricula that build up our intellect in regard to the faith. We immerse ourselves in studying the Bible or Church History through the lives of holy women and holy men. It's not bad. It's good.

And, sorry Enlightenment reformers, reason is NOT the ground of ALL being. We, humans, experience the world not just through our minds, but equally or sometimes more so through our guts and our hearts. The liturgy that follows is meant to engage our hearts, to bring our feelings to forefront in our worshiping encounter with God.

Hey, if you don't like it, it's just an experiment. We won't ever get rid of the beloved liturgy we have from our Book of Common Prayer. We invite you to open up. We invite you to get curious. We invite you to encounter God in a way that might be new and unfamiliar, all the while discovering what we always do—that we are beloved of God.

THE HEART-FELT LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE

“Prelude in E minor” Op. 28, No. 4, Frédéric Chopin

OPENING HYMN

“God is love, let heaven adore him” vs. 1-3, The Hymnal 379

The People stand as able for the Hymn and opening

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind-ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -
ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant

Blessings on God, One in Three—Lover, Beloved, and Love

People

And blessings on all of God's glory in creation—yesterday, today and always.

God of Love, you know us, trust us and love us. Our lives are wide open to your care and nurture. There are no secrets between us. Let your Spirit soften us, help us to be open and curious, so that we have an abiding sense of our own belovedness. Let your light shine through us and upon others in need of living in your love. **Amen.**

REPEATING VERSICLE

“Take, O Take Me As I Am”

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall
be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God is with you.
People **And God is with you, too.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

God of grace, sustain us and strengthen us to do your loving work in the world; teach us to love not only in mind and heart but in purpose and action, in intent and impact; through Jesus Christ, who loves with you and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The People Sit

THE LETTER

A READING FROM BROTHER ROGER'S LAST LETTER TO TAIZE

All who choose to love and to say it with their life are led to ask themselves one of the most compelling questions of all: how can we ease the pain and the torment of others, whether they are close at hand or far away? But what does it mean to love? Could it be to share the suffering of the most ill-treated? Yes, that's it. Could it mean having infinite kind-heartedness and forgetting oneself for others, selflessly? Yes, certainly. And again: what does it mean to love? Loving means forgiving, living as people who are reconciled. And reconciliation always brings a springtime to the soul.

THE POEM

LITTLE PRAYER BY DANEZ SMITH

The Lector will read the poem once, then we will all read it together, then the Lector will read it alone a third time

let ruin end here	let ruin end here	let ruin end here
let them find honey where there was once a slaughter	let them find honey where there was once a slaughter	let them find honey where there was once a slaughter
let them enter the lion's cage & find a field of lilacs	let them enter the lion's cage & find a field of lilacs	let them enter the lion's cage & find a field of lilacs
let this be the healing & if not let it be	let this be the healing & if not let it be	let this be the healing & if not let it be

THE STORY

MARK 12:28-34

THE REFLECTION

A moment of silence will be observed for reflection

Jimmy Bartz



AN AFFIRMATION AND ASPIRATION OF BELIEF

The People stand as able and say together

**We believe in a God
Both strong and loving
Maker of all that is
Both the known and the mysterious.
We believe in a God come among us, Emmanuel, Jesus,
There in the beginning of time, and here today,
Creating, Teaching, Healing, Loving humanity
And all creatures and creation.
An eye to eye, nose to nose, chin to chin God
Come down from Heaven to remind us we are loved.
He suffered, as we have suffered.
He died a violent death.
And three days past, he was among us, again,
Alive, again, and loving, he nurtures us
To a new way of living in the light.
We believe in a God who is Spirit,
One with Creator and Jesus
There, too, in the beginning of time and here today.
She is always alongside us, as we live a life of love.
She animates us and calls us to higher living.
She speaks to us in dreams, visions, prayers, and experiences
drawing us closer to Her Kingdom.
We believe we are the shelter of each other.
We remember through ritual, song and story
All the while looking for God come again.**

HEARTFELT PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Intercessor Prays the prayers. The People respond with "Yes, God Yes!"

Brother Jesus, quiet our racing minds. Open us up. Soften our hearts. Come alongside us and guide us back toward the central truth of our lives—your unconditional love for us. Remind us that we are enough.

God, open unto us.

Yes, God, Yes!

Sister Spirit, breathe your breath into our lives. Partner with us to bring comfort, care, nurture and healing into the lives of all who are within our reach. Help us to reach out to one another in the work of mending broken hearts, restoring distressed minds, and strengthening weakened bodies. Hear us as we pray for those we love.

We invite a chorus of prayers for those we love.

God, open unto us.

Yes, God, Yes!

Father, Mother, Creator, open our hearts, minds and hands, so that your love can flow through us. Awaken us to the poetry of everyday life—in our waking and in our sleeping, in meals shared, in laughter and in tears, in the expansive beauty of your creation. Bring us the courage to love others and to receive their love in return.

God, open unto us.

Yes, God, Yes!

God of love, hear the impassioned prayers rising deep from within us. Open unto us as we open our hearts and our souls unto you and strengthen us to know and to love, as you do; through our brother Jesus, our sister Spirit, and our Creator God. **Amen.**

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Fred & Julia Gaston
Chris & Meredy Stieh

*Names will be kept on the
prayer list for one month, unless
requested otherwise. All prayer
list requests and inquiries should
be sent to a member of the clergy
or the pastoral care team.*

HEARTFELT CONFESSION

The People kneel or stand as able

Celebrant Let's speak transparently about our struggle.

God, you are merciful.

We struggle to connect with you

In what we think, in what we say, and in what we do.

Sometimes we're afraid to act at all.

Sometimes your love feels like it's just too much,

And we get scared.

Sometimes it feels unbelievable—too good to be true.

We are afraid to love ourselves

As we are afraid to love others

Meet us here, God,

So that we might live the life of love

You built for us.

Celebrant There, there. You're alright. You're in the soft but strong grip of God.
Take a breath. Reconnect. You're right where you're supposed to be.
You are enough. You are beloved. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The People stand as able

Celebrant May God's peaceful nature settle into your hearts.

People **And into yours.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The People sit. See the Revelations e-Newsletter for what is happening around the parish or sign up on our website.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

“Change My Heart, O God” Eddie Espinosa

Refrain

Change my heart, O God; make it ev-er true.

End

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.

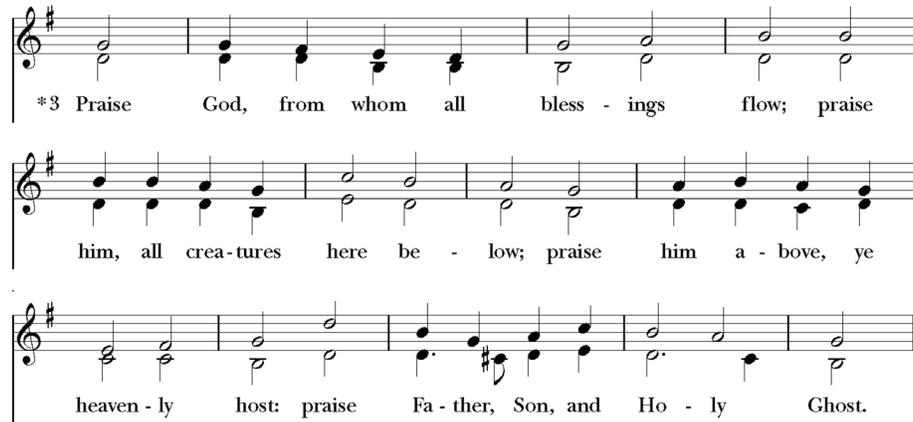
Refrain

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

PRESENTATION HYMN

“From All that Dwell Below the Skies” v. 3, The Hymnal 380

The People stand as able



*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye
heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

A GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR CHILDREN

The People stand as able

Celebrant

God is with you.

People

And God is with you, too.

Celebrant

Open our hearts wide.

People

Our hearts are open and loving.

Celebrant

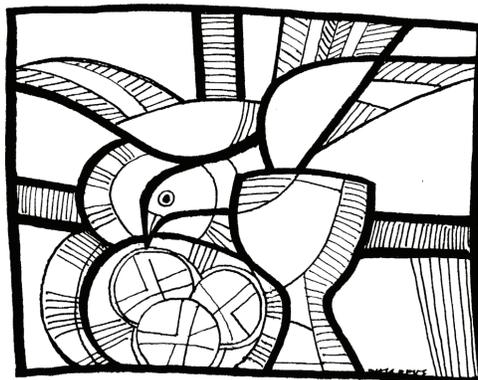
Let us be grateful.

People

It is good to be grateful to God.

Thank you, God of Love, for making us and our wonderful world. Wherever we are in your world, we are surrounded by your creative and loving work. Brother Jesus lived as one of us; Brother Jesus died on the cross for us; Brother Jesus is alive, again; Brother Jesus is with us now.

So, with the angels and everyone in heaven, we sing together:



SANCTUS

The Glendalough Mass, Liam Lawton

The Celebrant & the People sing together

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People kneel or stand as the Celebrant continues with the Great Thanksgiving

Great and wonderful God, we remember when Brother Jesus had dinner with his friends the night before he died, he took bread, he thanked you, broke it, and gave it to his friends and said: Take this and eat it – this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me, showing us the that time around the table together is essential in our practice of the faith.

After supper, Brother Jesus took the cup of wine; he thanked you, gave it to his friends and said: All of you drink from this cup, because this is my blood – the promise of God’s love spoken and lived in a new way. Do this every time you drink it to remember me and our way of being together.

Together we remember that Brother Jesus is always with us as we say:

*Celebrant
& People*

**Christ has died.
Christ is with us.
Christ will always be with us.**

So loving God, remembering how dearly Brother Jesus loves, we will love him too. Send your Holy Spirit, gentle as a dove, on us and on these gifts, so that, with everyone who eats and drinks this bread and wine, the body and blood of Jesus, we may be full of your life and goodness. Help us all to walk hand in hand with Brother Jesus and to live our lives for him.

All honor and glory belong to you, Father, through Brother Jesus, your Son, with the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

*Celebrant
& People*

**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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

As the Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, a period of silence is kept

The Glendalough Mass, Liam Lawton



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

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.



This is Christ's table, and Christ is our host at this feast. All are welcome to receive communion. In the spirit of caring for one another in this time of pandemic the bread only will be distributed. After disinfecting their own hands, the priest will place the communion wafers in the hands of the people. For now, no common cup will be served. If you are unable to come forward, and desire communion, please notify an usher, and the priest will bring the bread to you. If, for whatever reason, you do not wish to receive bread, you are invited to come forward for a blessing.

A member of St. John's Healing Ministry is available to be a companion in prayer in the Columbarium during Communion.

COMMUNION HYMN

"I Have Loved You" Michael Joncas



I have loved you with an ev - er - last - ing love, I have

called you and you are mine; I have loved you with an

ev - er - last - ing love, I have called you and you are mine.

Verses

1. Seek the face of the Lord and long for
 2. Seek the face of the Lord and long for
 3. Seek the face of the Lord and long for

D.C.

him: He will bring you his light and his peace.
 him: He will bring you his joy and his hope.
 him: He will bring you his care and his love.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Prayer: Open Unto Me, Howard Thurman

The People kneel or stand as able

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant & People

Open unto me — light for my darkness.
Open unto me — courage for my fear.
Open unto me — hope for my despair.
Open unto me — peace for my turmoil.
Open unto me — joy for my sorrow.
Open unto me — strength for my weakness.
Open unto me — wisdom for my confusion.
Open unto me — forgiveness for my sins.
Open unto me — love for my hates.
Open unto me — thy Self for my self.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people

God blesses you and loves you; God's face shines through your face; God's heart beats through your heart. Walk gracefully with God as God lifts you up and offers you peace. And may the blessing of God, Mother, Father, Brother, Sister be upon you today and every day to come. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"



1. Lord, whose love in hum - ble serv - ice Bore the
2. Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; Still the
3. As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till your
4. Called from wor - ship in - to serv - ice Forth in



weight of hu - man need, Who did on the Cross for -
hun - gry cry for bread; Still the cap - tives long for
love's re - veal - ing light, Till the height and depth and
your great name we go, To the child, the youth, the



sak - en, Show us mer - cy's per - fect deed; We, your
free - dom; Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O
great - ness Dawns up - on our hu - man sight: Mak - ing
a - ged, Love in liv - ing deeds to show; Hope and



ser - vants, bring the wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but
Lord, your deep com - pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the
known the needs and bur - dens Your com - pas - sion bids us
health, good - will and com - fort, Coun - sel, aid, and peace we



heart: Con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose Ev - 'ry
soul, Use the love your Spir - it kin - dles Still to
bear, Stir - ring us to faith - ful serv - ice, Your a -
give That your chil - dren, Lord, in free - dom, May your



gift which you im - part.
save and make us whole.
bun - dant life to share.
mer - cy know and live.

THE DISMISSAL

As the procession passes down the aisle, you are invited to face the doors of the church for the Dismissal

Deacon

Happy, happy, joy, joy! Go into the world with a full and loving heart to do God's work.

People

Thank you God! Happy, happy, joy, joy!

POSTLUDE

"Tocatta in D-minor" BWV 565, Johann Sebastian Bach

*Join us for a Spook-tacular Coffee Hour in Hansen Hall
followed by a Halloween scavenger hunt around the campus.*





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