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Song of Entrance: “**Be Thou My Vision**” *Slane, arr. Tan*

(See lyrics at the end of this document)

PRESIDER: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

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

Song of Praise “**As It Is In Heaven**” *Maher/Cash*

(See lyrics at the end of this document)

PRESIDER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

PRESIDER: Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON – 2 PETER 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 85:1-2, 8-13

Antiphon

From "Amazing Grace"
By Newton, New Britain



- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.
- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Antiphon

- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
 righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
 and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
 and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
 and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Antiphon

THE GOSPEL – MARK 1:1-8

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

PEOPLE: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
 who will prepare your way;

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
 make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

PRESIDER: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE MESSAGE

THE 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

PRAYER LEADER: Together we hope, as we get ready to receive God's Incarnation anew. Lord, your coming brought heaven to earth and opened the way of life to us. May we rejoice in your light as we sing,

PEOPLE: **Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.**

PRAYER LEADER: We pray for the whole Church, your wonderful and sacred mystery. Enable us, by the power of your Spirit, to live true to the way of Jesus, sharing generously the mercy that you have shared with us. May we rejoice in your light as we sing,

PEOPLE: **Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.**

PRAYER LEADER: We pray for the United States of America and the nations of the world. Bless all elected officials to bring their best abilities to the tasks of government. Help us practice our citizenship in ways that support the common good. May we rejoice in your light as we sing,

PEOPLE: **Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.**

PRAYER LEADER: We give thanks for the opportunity to serve others. We ask your blessing, Lord, on Hope and Resurrection School in South Sudan, which we support through the Giving Tree, and on Lespwa Timoun Health Clinic in Haiti, which we support through the Tap Tap Collective. May we rejoice in your light as we sing,

PEOPLE: **Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.**

PRAYER LEADER: We pray for the world, Lord, as you prayed, blessed are those who are poor or hungry or weeping. We pray for our enemies and those who hate or curse us. Help us to do unto others as we would have them do to us. We pray especially for those who need your healing touch, whom we name now, silently or aloud ... May we rejoice in your light as we sing,

PEOPLE: **Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.**

PRAYER LEADER: Finally, we give thanks for those we love but see no longer, that their souls and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, may rest in peace. We pray especially for those we name at this time, silently or aloud, including May we, like them, rejoice in your light as we sing,

PEOPLE: **Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel**

PRAYER LEADER: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

ALL: **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.**

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.**

THE PEACE

PRESIDER: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO PRESENT YOUR OFFERINGS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

PRESIDER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

PRESIDER: Lift up your hearts.

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

PRESIDER: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

PRESIDER: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

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

PRESIDER: 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.**

PRESIDER: 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.**

PRESIDER: 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.**

PRESIDER: 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:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly, Lord God of pow'r and might. Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed, bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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.**

PRESIDER: Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; 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.**

PRESIDER: 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.**

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

ALL: **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.**

PRESIDER: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

PRESIDER: Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. **Amen.**

PRESIDER: 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.

Song of the Table: **“Here I Am To Worship”**

Hughes

(See lyrics at the end of this document)

PRESIDER: Let us pray.

ALL: **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Song of Dismissal: **“Soon and Very Soon”** Crouch

(See lyrics at the end of this document)

PRESIDER: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

“BE THOU MY VISION”

**Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
All else be naught to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word,
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, thine own may I be,
Thou in me dwelling, and I one with Thee.**

**High King of heaven, when victory is won.
May I reach heaven’s joys, bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

"AS IT IS IN HEAVEN"

**Our Father Who art in Heaven
Hallowed be Thy name
Come and let Your glory come
And let Your glory fall
Our Father Who art in Heaven
The rocks cry out Your fame
Come and let Your glory come
And let Your glory fall**

**I will sing sing a new song
I will sing sing a new song
I will sing sing a new song
To the Lord**

Chorus

**Let Your Kingdom come
Let Your will be done
On earth as it is in Heaven
Ev'ry heart proclaim
The mercy of Your name
On earth as it is in Heaven**

**God give us new ev'ry morning
Mercy as daily bread
In the name of Jesus
In the name of Jesus we pray
And lead us not to temptation
But deliver us with Your hand
In the name of Jesus
In the name of Jesus we pray
Father we pray**

**For the Kingdom is Yours
And the power is Yours
And the glory forever amen
And the Kingdom is Yours
And the power is Yours
And the glory forever amen**

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"HERE I AM TO WORSHIP"

**Light of the world You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You**

CHORUS

***So here I am to worship here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me***

**King of all days oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor**

(BRIDGE)

**And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross**

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"SOON AND VERY SOON"

**Soon and very soon, we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon, we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon, we are goin' to see the King,**

**Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
We're goin' to see the King.**

**No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
(repeat)**

**No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
(repeat)**

**Soon and very soon, we are goin' to see the King,
(repeat)**

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