**Opening Hymn: When morning gilds the sky**

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| When morning gilds the skies,  my heart awaking cries,  May Jesus Christ be praised:  Alike at work and prayer  to Jesus I repair;  May Jesus Christ be praised.  The night becomes as day,  when from the heart we say,  May Jesus Christ be praised:  The powers of darkness fear,  when this sweet chant they hear,  May Jesus Christ be praised. | In heaven’s eternal bliss  the loveliest strain is this,  May Jesus Christ be praised:  Let air, and sea, and sky  from depth to height reply,  May Jesus Christ be praised.  Be this, while life is mine,  my canticle divine,  May Jesus Christ be praised:  Be this th’eternal song  through all the ages on,  May Jesus Christ be praised.  *Laudes Domini 473ii NEH* |

**The Collect**

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you,

mercifully accept our prayers

and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you,

grant us the help of your grace,

that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**The Old Testament Reading**

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Adam and Eve heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, ‘Where are you?’ He said, ‘I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.’ He said, ‘Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?’ The man said, ‘The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.’ Then the Lord God said to the woman, ‘What is this that you have done?’ The woman said, ‘The serpent tricked me, and I ate.’ The Lord God said to the serpent,

‘Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.  
I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers;

he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.’

This is the word of the Lord. *Genesis 3: 8–15*

**Thanks be to God.**

**The New Testament Readings**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—‘I believed, and so I spoke’—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

This is the word of the Lord. *2 Corinthians 4: 13–5: 1*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation: If ye love me**

If ye love me, keep my commandments.

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter,

that he may bide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth.

*Thomas Tallis (c 1505–85)*

**The Gospel**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his companions could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, ‘He has gone out of his mind.’ And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, ‘He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.’ And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, ‘How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

‘Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin’— for they had said, ‘He has an unclean spirit.’

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, ‘Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.’ And he replied, ‘Who are my mother and my brothers?’ And looking at those who sat around him, he said, ‘Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord. *St Mark 3: 20–end*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Creed:**

Let us declare our faith in the living God.

**We believe in God the Father,**

**from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,**

**who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,**

**who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;**

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Offertory Hymn: Let us build a house**

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| Let us build a house where love can dwell   and all can safely live,  a place where saints and children   tell how hearts learn to forgive.  Built of hopes and dreams and visions,   rock of faith and vault of grace;  here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  *Refrain:*  *All are welcome, all are welcome,*  *all are welcome in this place.* | |
| Let us build a house where prophets speak,   and words are strong and true,  where all God’s children dare to seek   to dream God’s reign anew.  Here the cross shall stand as witness   and as symbol of God’s grace;  here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain* :  Let us build a house where hands will reach   beyond the wood and stone  to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  and live the Word they’ve known.  Here the outcast and the stranger   bear the image of God’s face;  Let us bring an end to fear and danger: *Refrain:* | Let us build a house where love is found,   in water, wine and wheat:  a banquet hall on holy ground,   where peace and justice meet.  Here the love of God, through Jesus,   is revealed in time and space;  as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain* :  Let us build a house where all are named,  their songs and visions heard  and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  as words within the Word.  Built of tears and cries and laughter,   prayers of faith and songs of grace,  let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain :*  *Let us build 365 AM* |

**Communion Hymn: We pray thee, heavenly Father**

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| We pray thee, heavenly Father,  to hear us in thy love,  and pour upon thy children  the unction from above;  that so in love abiding,  from all defilement free,  we may in pureness offer  our eucharist to thee.  All that we have we offer,  for it is all thine own,  all gifts, by thine appointment,  in bread and cup are shown;  one thing alone we bring not,  the wilfulness of sin,  and all we bring is nothing  save that which is within. | Within the pure oblation,  beneath the outward sign,  by that his operation—  the Holy Ghost divine—  lies hid the sacred body,  lies hid the precious blood,  once slain, now ever glorious,  of Christ our Lord and God.  Wherefore, though all unworthy  to offer sacrifice,  we pray that this our duty  be pleasing in thine eyes;  for praise, and thanks, and worship,  for mercy and for aid,  the catholic oblation  of Jesus Christ is made.  *Meirionydd 311 NEH* |

**Anthem: Lead me, Lord**

Lead me, Lord, in thy righteousness: make thy way plain before my face.

For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

*Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–76)*

*from Psalm 5*

**Dismissal:**

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| He who would valiant be,  ’gainst all disaster,  let him in constancy  follow the master.  There’s no discouragement  shall make him once relent  his first avowed intent  to be a pilgrim. | Whoso beset him round  with dismal stories,  do but themselves confound,  his strength the more is.  No foes shall stay his might,  though he with giants fight,  he will make good his right  to be a pilgrim. |
| Since, Lord, thou dost defend  us with thy spirit;  we know we at the end  shall life inherit.  Then, fancies, flee away!  I’ll fear not what men say,  I’ll labour night and day  to be a pilgrim.  *Monk’s Gate 372 NEH* | |