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Year A

**Prelude**

As The Deer (CCLI: 1431)

**The Word of God**

*The people standing the Celebrant says*

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

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

*Celebrant*

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.

*Celebrant and People*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
People And also with you.  
Celebrant Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### *Silence*

### The Lessons

#### First Lesson

#### *Genesis 32:22-31*

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Reader The Word of the Lord.  
People Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 17:1-7, 16

#### *Exaudi, Domine*

- 1 Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord;  
give heed to my cry; \*  
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- 2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; \*  
let your eyes be fixed on justice.
- 3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, \*  
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- 4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; \*  
I have heeded the words of your lips.

- 5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; \*  
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.
- 6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; \*  
incline your ear to me and hear my words.
- 7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, \*  
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand  
from those who rise up against them.
- 16 But at my vindication I shall see your face; \*  
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding  
your likeness.

## Second Lesson

### *Romans 9:1-5*

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Hymn

Open Our Eyes, Lord

## The Gospel

### *Matthew 14:13-21*

*Deacon*           The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People*            Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

*Deacon*           The Gospel of the Lord  
*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Sermon

## 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

## The Prayers of the People

Let us journey to the waters of God's refreshing kindness, offering our prayers and responding, "Hear us, good Lord."

That we may be prepared for the struggles of life, knowing that through suffering we receive grace, and that in the midst of trials Jesus is forming us in love; let us pray.  
*Hear us, good Lord.*

That we may be satisfied beholding the likeness of others, seeing in them the face of Christ, especially through those who are poor, homeless, imprisoned, alone, orphaned, afraid, grieving, and lost; let us pray.

*Hear us, good Lord.*

That we may take responsibility for sharing our ideas and lending our support to those who lead the Church, government, and public institutions, that we may share in the building of the social and spiritual fabric of society; let us pray.

*Hear us, good Lord.*

That we may trust in the transforming power of Jesus to take even our meager offerings and create the resources that reveal the promises of the kingdom; let us pray.

*Hear us, good Lord.*

That we may honor the writers of the scriptures, whose unique contributions form our sacred texts, and those in our own day who bring the light of God through books, articles, websites, and blogs; let us pray.

*Hear us, good Lord.*

We pray that your presence is strong in our congregation as we prepare our hearts for our new rector. Unite us in love and bind our spirits together as we move forward. We especially seek your blessings and guidance for our vestry, for the search committee, and for the person you are preparing to be the new rector of Christ Church; let us pray.

*Hear us, good Lord.*

That light perpetual may shine upon the faithful departed as they come into their true home in the unending joy of the saints; let us pray.

*Hear us, good Lord.*

In the fellowship of the one who is full of graciousness and compassion, let us continue our prayers. (Please offer your prayers either silently or aloud.)

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and **for ever**. *Amen.*

### **Prayer 27**

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart [and especially the hearts of the people of this land], that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **The Offertory**

### **Offertory Hymn**

Down To The River To Pray

## **The Lord's Prayer**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*People and Celebrant*

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,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### **The Dismissal**

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words*

*Deacon*            Let us go forth in the name of God.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

### **Closing Hymn**

We Are Marching