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Organ Prelude  Faith Of Our Fathers (St. Catherine)  
       Lani Smith

Opening Hymn  "O bless the Lord, my soul"  
(Seated) You may read, hum or lightly sing.

1 O bless the Lord, my soul!  
His grace to thee proclaim!  
And all that is within me join  
To bless his holy name!

2 O bless the Lord, my soul!  
His mercies bear in mind!  
Forget not all his benefits!  
The Lord to thee is kind.

3 He clothes us with his love;  
Upholds us with his truth;  
He heals all our infirmities  
And ransoms us from death.
**Entrance and Acclamation**
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 Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

**Opening Prayer**

The Celebrant may say (all standing) (said by all)

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.

**Gloria in Excelsis** (all standing) (Said by all)

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 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.
The Liturgy of the Word

Collect  (All Standing)

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you.

People    And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.  (Standing)

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  Amen

First Reading    Exodus 16:2-15  (Seated)

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh-pots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.”
So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

The Word of the Lord. Response: Thanks be to God.
Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; * make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him, * and speak of all his marvelous works.

Glory in his holy Name; * let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Search for the LORD and his strength; * continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done, * his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

O offspring of Abraham his servant, * O children of Jacob his chosen.

He led out his people with silver and gold; * in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

Egypt was glad of their going, * because they were afraid of them.

He spread out a cloud for a covering * and a fire to give light in the night season.

They asked, and quails appeared, * and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.

He opened the rock, and water flowed, * so the river ran in the dry places.

For God remembered his holy word * and Abraham his servant.

So he led forth his people with gladness, * his chosen with shouts of joy.

He gave his people the lands of the nations, * and they took the fruit of others' toil,
45 That they might keep his statutes * and observe his laws.
Hallelujah!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Ame*

The Second Reading Philippians 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well--since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Word of the Lord. Response: Thanks be to God.
Sequence Hymn “Rise up, ye saints of God!”

(Seated) You may read, hum or lightly sing.

1 Rise up, O saints of God!
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and soul and mind and strength
To serve the King of kings.

2 Rise up, O saints of God!
The kingdom tarries long;
Bring in the day of Christlike love
And end the night of wrong.

3 Lift high the cross of Christ!
Tread where his feet have trod;
Led onward by the Son of Man,
Rise up, O saints of God!

Then, all standing, the Priest reads:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 20:1-16

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’”
So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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

**Homily**  
Fr. Bob
The Nicene Creed (Standing—Said by all)

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 Form VI (Kneeling)

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God.
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin The Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Audrey the Bishop of the Diocese of Central PA, Robert our Celebrant; the ministries of our local Episcopal Churches-St. Paul’s, Good Shepherd, Holy Trinity, St. Laurence and St. Andrew’s; The Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Memorial Church of the Prince of Peace, Gettysburg

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit especially Isaac Conklin, Stephanie (Conklin) Beauvais, Bob Colyer, Jamie Roos Settles, Anna Jean Barnard, Teddy Conklin, Betty Dobson, Rhodia Ferrier, Betty Dzwonkowski, Christine Williams, Daniel Osewalt, Fr. Bill Walker, Ron Shanafelt, Evelyn Melius, Caroline Crain, Kathy Hockenburry, Denny Dixon, Patty Croft, Kathy Walker, Mona Wood, Mary Sprankle, Sally Grove Ferrier, Wal Myers, Gertrude Clyde, Hunter Sallurday, Raymond Oncea, Cathy Twoey, Barb, Carol, Jean Melius Lance, Denny McDonald, Diane Hoover, Bill Housley and Terry Dobson.
Silence

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessing of this life. Especially for the
Birthdays of: Tim Golding (21st), Nicole Beveridge (21st), Trenton
Twoey (22nd), Anna Roos (22nd), Ross Parkes (24th), Liz Conklin
(25th) and Kathy Dixon (26th). And for the Anniversaries of Ken and
Karen Myers (25th).

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal
kingdom. The Altar Flowers are for the Glory of God and in Loving
Memory of: Jennings, Bessie, Ethel May, Louise Johnston, Donna
Johnston Escott by Teddy Conklin. And the Sanctuary Candle burns
for the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of: Judith Saggese by
Joanne Pastir.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept

(Said by all)
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
And so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.
The Peace (all stand) The Celebrant says to the people:
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you. (Exchange in place)

Announcements:

Offertory Organ Music

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A
The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says:

The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Preface of the season is said by the Celebrant.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Chimes

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arm upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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.”

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

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

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, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen
All baptized people are welcome to partake in Holy Communion

The Breaking of the Bread & Holy Communion
(Center isle in front of steps)

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant continues

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.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [Amen.]

Communion Organ Music

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.
Celebrant and People say together

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.

Closing Hymn “God, my King”
(Seated) You may read, hum or lightly sing.

1 God, my king, thy might confessing,
ever will I bless thy name;
day by day thy throne addressing,
still will I thy praise proclaim.

2 Honor great our God befitteth;
who his majesty can reach?
Age to age his works transmitteth;
age to age his pow'r shall teach.

3 They shall talk of all thy glory,
on thy might and greatness dwell,
speak of thy great acts the story,
and thy deeds of wonder tell.
The Benediction and Dismissal
The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words

The Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Be amongst you and remain with you always.

Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude Postude In C Major J. C. W. Rinek
We thank the people who make our worship possible:
Celebrant: Father Robert McKay IV
Organist: William Burchill
September Ushers: Lora Gauss and Sally Radomsky
September Altar Guild: Nancy McDowell and Vicki Condo
Eucharistic Assistant: Kolene Parkes
(1st L) Sally Radomsky (Ps) Diane Twist (2nd L) Fred Myers
There will be no Sunday School at this time.
There is no Coffee Hour after the service.
The Choir will not meet until further notice.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Sept. 21-7PM Vestry Meeting
Sept. 27-9AM 17th Sunday after Pentecost w/Fr. McKay

United Thank Offering coming in October/November. It is the ministry
of giving thanks and notice the little things in your life. Give thanks and
put a token in your Little Blue Box, available in October. Collection by
Thanksgiving Holiday. Teach our young children to give thanks for good
things that happen each day. There will also be a special offertory envelope
on October 25th for our United Thank Offering gifts. Joanne Pastir

Thank you for coming to Church today!

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