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The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; \*  
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

2

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \* God reveals himself in glory.

3

Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

4

He calls the heavens and the earth from above \* to witness the judgment of his people.

5

"Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

6

Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \* for God himself is judge.

7

Hear, O my people, and I will speak: "O Israel, I will bear witness against you; \*  
for I am God, your God.

8

I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; \* your offerings are always before me.

23

Consider this well, you who forget God, \* lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

24

Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; \*  
but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

A Reading from Hebrews.

11.1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

*King of glory, king of peace*

*Hymnal 382*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**12.32-40**

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

Sermon

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People, Form VI

BCP 392

Clergy: Justin of Canterbury; Katherine, the presiding bishop; and Holly our own bishop

For the sick and those in special need:

Alan Arey

Brenda Clark

Tony Rouse

Lisa Manley

Louis dePaulo

Mary Kathryn Haley

Lola Rose

Nelson Mandela

Dorothy Roop

Claudia Emerson

Harold Camp

Carol Barnett

Nancy Jones Hayes

Lena Carter

Betty Ann Atkins

Bill Scott

Gloria Thompson

Jacqueline Rowles

Amelia Crosier

Marvin Mullis

Layna Ford

Hank Honeywell

Helen Melton

Grayson Taylor

Irma Irby

For those serving in the Armed Forces:

Geoffrey Bailey

James Riley

Katie Hewitt

Michael Kowalski

Megan

For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries:

For those who have died:

Confession of Sin and The Peace

Announcements and Offertory Sentence

***Praise to the living God***

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow***

***Hymnal 372***

***Hymnal 380, v. 3***

The Great Thanksgiving

as announced

***Sanctus***

***Hymnal S 129***

Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Invitation

***I come with joy to meet my Lord  
Amazing grace! how sweet the sound***

***Hymnal 304  
Hymnal 671***

Postcommunion Prayer

as announced

Blessing and Dismissal

***Love divine, all loves excelling***

***Hymnal 657***

Postlude

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Subdeacons: Carol, Len  
Readers: Bill, Betty  
Prayers: Mary Grace

Ushers: Langhorne  
Coffee Hour: Betty & Richard  
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Counters: Cy, Eric  
Flowers: Beth  
Altar: Ruth, Martha

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