the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her; they have become her enemies. Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard service; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls weep, and her lot is bitter. Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the LORD has made her Multitude for the multitude her transgressions; her children have gone away, captivity before the foe. From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

READER The Word of the Lord. 
PEOPLE Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 137:1-6

Said antiphonally
1 By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, * when we remembered you, O Zion. 2 As for our harps, we hung them up * on the trees in the midst of that land. 3 For those who led us away captive asked us for a song, * and our oppressors called for mirth. * Sing one of the songs of Zion. 4 How shall we sing the Lord's song * upon an alien soil. 5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, * let my right hand forget its skill. 6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, * if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.

The congregation stands as the Gospel is introduced.

GOSPEL Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” The Lord replied, “If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea,” and it would obey you. Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, “Come here at once and take your place at the table”? Would you not rather say to him, “Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink”? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So also you, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, “We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!”

HOMILY A brief period of silence follows the Homily.

NICE CREED We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, visible and invisible.

The congregation is seated.

LESSON Lamentations 1:1-6

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow has she become, which was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vasal. Weeps bitterly in

made man. For our sakes 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

The leader adds specific intercessions to the prayers where appropriate.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ’s Church and the world. Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ’s sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION (congregation kneeling)

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time have grievously have committed, through thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the
minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

The Dismissal

Deacon    Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People    Thanks be to God.

Prayers for healing and wholeness have been asked for... Adam, Alice, Andrew, Angela, Anita, Anthony, Arlo, Austin, Beth, Bill Ed, Bob, Bobby, Campbell, Carmen, Chip, Chris, Christine, Chuck, Dalia, Deborah, Desirae, DJ, Donna, Dorothy, Edmund, Edwin, Elena, Ellen, Emmy, Evan, Frank, Fred, Gay, Gerry, Greg, Helen, Holly, Hunter, Jack, James, Jan, Janet, Jerry, Joaquin, John, John Joseph, Jonathan, Judy, Kathryn, Kay, Kelley, Ken, Kendall, Ken, Linda, Louise, Lucy, Lynn, Malcolm, Marcia, Mariela, Marge, Mark, Martin, Mary, Mary Ann, Mary Lou, Matthew, Megan, Michael, Miriam, Nancy, Nolan family, Pat, Peggy, Phyllis, Reyesan, Richard, Ricky, Robbey, Robert, Rudy, Sally, Sara, Shane, Sharon, Shawn, Stephen, Sue, Susan, Sweeting Family, Sylvia, Taryn, Ted, Thomas, Vincent, Ward, Willie, and those serving our community... Alex, Benjamin, Christian, Clara, Eric, George, Harold, Herbert, John, Lorne, Luster Michael, and Tommy.

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