The Word of God

The opening music offers a time for prayer and meditation. Please silence all devices.

GATHERING MUSIC
The Lark Ascending
R. Vaughan Williams
Please stand, as able, at the sound of the chimes.

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND RESPONSE
Celebrate Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People Glory to God for ever and ever.

HYMNAL #461
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
ALLELUIA

SEASONAL COLLECT
Celebrant God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world, the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven plucked off its boughs. They burn it with fire like rubbish; • its branches. How can we pluck off its boughs? How can we break the green boughs of its strength? How can we keep the sun shining forth, you that are enthroned up on high? singer, * you cast out the gentiles * andUAHSEY; * So that all who / pass by / its branches / to the / River.
13 The wild beasts of the forest has / ravaged / its / grapes? the son of man you have / made so / strong for / you /* self. so that all who / pass by / pluck off / its / grapes?
14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and / tend this / vine; * preserve / what your / right hand / has / planted.
15 They burn it with / fire like / rubbish; * at the rebuke of your / countenance / nance / let them / perish.
16 Let your hand be upon the man of / your / right / hand, * the son of man you have / made so / strong for / you /* self.
17 And so will we never turn a way from you; * give us life, that we may / call up / on your / Name.
18 Restore us, O Lord / God of / hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we / shall be / saved.

The refrain is sung by
Reader Reader
People People
Celebrant People
S
H
Celebrant O
G
F
All All
Cantor Cantor

The refrain is sung first by the cantor, then repeated by all before and after the verse.

GOSPEL
HOLY GOSPEL
Please stand, as able, for the Gospel acclamation, verse, and reading.

The refrain is sung by
Reader Reader
People People
Celebrant People
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Celebrant O
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All All
Cantor Cantor

The refrain is sung after the Collect.

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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
(standing or kneeling according to your custom)

Reader God of abundance and love,
People We praise you; we thank you.

Reader Gracious God:
All By your love you have called us to proclaim with joy the good news of your Son: So build us up in the knowledge and love of Him, that we may welcome all people into this community of faith, and show forth our service to you in our service to others; through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen. (Collect for St. John’s)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION
Deacon Let us confess our sins to God. (Silence is kept.)
All God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People Amen.

BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES
(seated)

THE PEACE
(standing, if able)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

You are invited to share a sign of peace with those around you.

WELCOME
(seated)
THE HOLY COMMUNION
All are invited to share at the Lord’s table. At the altar rail you may stand or kneel to receive the bread and the wine. You may drink from the cup or touch the bread to the wine. If you prefer to receive a blessing you may indicate so by crossing your arms.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE
SOLO
Ave Maria
Bach/Gounod

PRESENTATION
(sung by all, standing if able) OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
(The complete Eucharistic Prayer may be found in the pew rack.)

Eucharistic Prayer 2
Enriching Our Worship 1 (1997)

Celebrant 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 our thanks and praise.
Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,...
… And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS: S-129 (sung by all)
Robert Powell

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Fraction Anthem

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
People We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.
Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

Distribution

HYMNAL #324 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
HYMNAL #325 Let Us Break Bread Together
HYMNAL #333 Now the Silence, Now the Peace

Sending Forth Our Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.

People We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Celebrant continues:
Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God....
… Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People AMEN.

Lord’s Prayer

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

Post Communion Prayer (said by all, kneeling or standing)

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Please stand as able for the closing hymn.

HYMNAL #546 Awake, My Soul
SIROË

Blessing and Dismissal

Deacon Our worship here is ended; now let our service begin. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary
Final from Sonata I
A. Guilmant

(You are invited to move forward to the choir stalls for the final music.)

Today We Pray With

Marge, Jo, Randy, Max, Gillian, Jim, Ginny, Robert, Wimpy, Mae, Burt, Hank, Paul, Keith, Bill, Nancy, Kathleen, Mildred, Joan, Patricia, Norma, Amy, Jim, Jess, Monica, John, Lois, Sean, Kay, Jack, Irene, Sydney, Sara, Dave, Caroline, Don, Steve, Ginny and Jack, Camille, Susan, Christopher, Marge, Tom Stanley and his platoon serving in Iraq, the Middle East, the Thar Kaw family and all refugees and those who serve them, all whose lives have been shattered by violence and injustice, the system that treats and supports those who live with mental illness, and those you would add.

Altar Flowers
In thanksgiving for the lives of William August & Alma C. Lindeke; William E. Ward, Sr.

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE
Celebrant The Reverend Kate Bradmiller
ASSISTING PRIEST The Reverend Jereb Weber-Johnson
PREACHER The Reverend Barbara Mraz
DEACON The Reverend Margaret Thor.
ORGANIST Jayson R. Enquist, Director of Music/Organist
CANTOR AND SOLOIST Sammi Frost-Rosenberg
VIOLINIST Rachel Bandt
ALTAR GUILD Heather Joyce, Kathy Brown, Sue Cadwell, Shirley Gooch, Sabrina Krall, Pam Strom
ACOYLITES Madeline Jacobs, Aidan Schmidt
READER Gary Gleason
VERGER Keith Davis
USHERS & GREETERS John MacBain, Sally Sand, Jennifer Frost-Rosenendale, Peter Rosendale, Lynn Hertz, Vern Kassekert, Lea Anne Schmidt

Coffee Hour
Don Husband

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