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FIRST READING  
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10  
(continued)

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. Then Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

PSALM 19

1 The heavens declare the glory of God; *  
and the firmament shows his handiwork. * 
2 One day tells its tale; * to an-/ other, *  
and one night imparts its knowledge * to an-/ other. * 
3 Although they have no words or language, * and they do not speak, *  
and their voice is not heard, *  
4 Their story has gone out into all the lands, * and their message to the ends of the world. *  
5 In the deep he has set a pillow; * for the sun, *  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; *  
it rejoices like a champion; * to run its course. *  
6 It goes forth from the uttermost end of the heavens and runs to the end of it; *  
its way is sweet than honey, sweeter far than honey, *  
than honey in the comb. *  
7 The law of the LORD is perfect and re-/ vives the soul; *  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent. *  
8 The statutes of the LORD are just and re-/ joice the heart; *  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and lights *) 
light to the eyes. *  
9 The fear of the LORD is clean and en-/ dures for ever; *  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous *  
and steadfast for ever. *  
10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *  
sweeter far than honey, than honey / in the comb. *  
11 By them also is your servant / en-/ lightened; *  
in keeping them there is great re-/ ward. *  
12 Who can tell how often / he / feeds; *  
cleanse me from my hidden faults. *  
13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sin; *  
let them not get dominion over me; *  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great of-/fense. *  
14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable / in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my / redeemer. *

ANTHEM  
How Beautiful  
Twila Paris

SECOND READING  
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—so we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” But on the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less honorable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more honorable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no division within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

GOSPEL  
Luke 4:14-21

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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SERMON  
A period of silence is observed following the sermon.
**Celebrant** Again and again, you called us to return.
. . . to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**People** By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

**Celebrant** And therefore we praise you, . . . in their unending hymn:

**SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS.** S. -125 (in front section of hymnal) R. Proulx

(Please remain standing or kneel, according to your custom.)

**Celebrant** And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, . . .

**People** Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**People** We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

**Celebrant** Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; . . .

. . . that we may rightfully serve the world in his name.

**People** Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.

**Celebrant** Accept these prayers . . ., from generation to generation.

**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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**Celebrant** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**Celebrant** The gifts of God for the People of God.

**Distribution**

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

**Anthem** Ave Verum Corpus C. Saint-Saëns

**Hymnal #321** My God, Thy Table Now Is Spread ROCKINGHAM

**Hymnal #513** Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song BRIDEGROOM

**Hymnal #531** O Spirit of the Living God MELCOMBE

**Hymnal #530** Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word GOTT SEI DANK

**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** Who we are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

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

Almighty and everlasting 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.

(Pray stand, as able, for the final hymn.)

**HYMNAL #537** Christ For the World We Sing MOSCOW

**Blessing and Dismissal**

**Deacon** Our worship here is ended; now let our service begin.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

**Voluntary**

**Toccata** Percy Whitlock

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

**Today We Pray With**

Bill, Caroline, Don, Star, Bert, Wimpy, Mae, Kathleen, Linda, Glen, Norma, Ann, Mildred, Joan, Patricia, Thelma, Pat, Steve, Ginny, Jack, Camille, Susan, Pat, Christopher, Amy, Annie, and those you would add.

**Altar Flowers:** In thanksgiving for the lives of Nathaniel P. & Theodosia Langford, Nathaniel P. & Mildred Milton Langford, Joseph & Louise Milton, Ted Lottsfeldt, Phyllis & Allen Acosta.

**Assisting in the Service Today**

**Celebrant** The Reverend Kate Bradtmiller

**Preacher** The Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson

**Deacon** The Reverend Margaret Thor

**Altar Guild** Diane Power, Paule Hagstrom, Sarah K. Smith, Sabine Kral, Ginny Schaus, Terri Fitchel

**Adult Choir** Jayson R. Engquist, Director of Music and Organist

**Youth Choir** Heather Hunt, Director

**Acolytes** Tim Krall, Caroline Kral, Linnea Kral, Sabine Kral

**Readers** Shirley-Sailors, Rick Rinkoff

**Verger** Bill Sherfy

**Ushers & Greeters** Paige & Gary Hagstrom, Lynn Hertz, Don Husband, Gabrielle Laurence, Don Postema, Barbara Lindeke

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