The Word of God

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

GATHERING MUSIC  Adagio from Brandenburg Concerto #6  J. S. Bach

Please stand, as able, at the sound of the chimes.

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Celebrant  Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

People  And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

HYMNAL #598  Lord Christ, When First

COLLECT FOR PURITY  Book of Common Prayer p. 355

CANTICLE 13: S-236  (found in the front section of Hymnal)  John Rutter

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant  The Lord be with you.

People  And also with you.

Celebrant  Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SECOND READING  1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I have prophetic powers, and understanding all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, endures all things, has patience with all things.

Love never ends. By three things will all things pass away: hope, faith, and love; but the greatest of these is love.

A period of silence is observed following the sermon.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  (standing or kneeling)

Reader  Lord, in your mercy,

People  Hear our prayer.

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)

THE PEACE  (standing or kneeling)

Celebrant  The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People  And also with you.

Antiphon

You are invited to share a sign of God’s peace with those around you.
All are invited to share at the Lord’s table. At the altar railing 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. The common loaf is gluten-free.

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

**ANTHEM**  
Praise Him J. S. Bach

Praise Him, praise the great Creator for his goodness, for his bounty, for his kindness, for his grace, for his love. Praise Him, snow and wind and rain, buds and blossoms fair, fruits and fields of golden grain, beasts of earth and birds of air, praise Him, for all his wondrous works. Praise Him, for all his wondrous works.

**PRESENTATION**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Him, praise the great Creator for his goodness, for his bounty, for his kindness, for his grace, for his love.

**Eucharistic Prayer C**  
(The prayer may be followed in the BCP on p. 369.)

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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, 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, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in your unending hymn:

**SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS: S-125**  
(R. Proulx)

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

Celebrant And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, … 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 worthily serve the world in his name.

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

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, 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 Pearsall

**HYMNAL #606**  
Where True Charity and Love Dwell UBI CARITAS

**HYMNAL #440**  
Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word LIEBSTER JESU

**HYMNAL #576**  
God Is Love MANDATUM

**HYMNAL #581**  
Where Charity and Love Prevail CHESHIRE

**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 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.

**HYMNAL #569**  
God the Omnipotent! RUSSIA

**BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

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

People Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**VOLUNTARY**  
Prelude in G J. S. Bach

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

**TODAY WE PRAY WITH**

Bill, Caroline, Don, Star, Bert, Winpy, 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 Audrey & Roger Olsen and Audrey Frait.

**ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE TODAY**

**CELEBRANT** The Reverend Kate Bradtmiller

**PREACHER & DEACON** The Reverend Margaret Thor

**ALTAR GUILD** Dusty Mairs, Shirley Cooper, Phyllis Frisby, Patty Byrne Pfalz, Philip Baird, Bill Sherfey

**ADULT CHOIR** Jayson R. Engquist, Director of Music and Organist

**PIANIST** Nancy Wellington

**ACOUSTES** Tim Kral, Caroline Kral, Linnea Krull, Sabine Krall

**READERS** Diane Wallace-Reid, Terry Dinovo

**VERGER** Keith Davis

**USHERS & GREETERS** Bob Baumann, John MacBain, Holly & Don Weinkauf, Jennifer Kinkead, Sally Sand, Judy Southwick

**COFFEE HOUR** Lea Ann Schmidt

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