THE WORD OF GOD

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

GATHERING MUSIC Adagio from Violin Concerto #5

W. A. Mozart

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

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND RESPONSE:

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

HYMNAL #410 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

SEASONAL COLLECT

Celebrant God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world

People (Please be seated after the Collect.)

FIRST READING Hosea 1: 2-10

(pew Bible, page 820)

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 85 (The refrain is sung by all before and after the psalm.)

Cantor 1 You have been gracious to your / land, O / LORD, *

All 2 You have forgiven the in /iquity • of your / people *

and blotted • out / all their / sins.

3 You have with / drawn • all your / fury *

and turned yourself from your / wrathful / in-dig- nation.

4 Restore us then, O / God our / Savior; *

let your / anger • de • part / from us.

5 Will you be displeased with us / for / ever? *

will you prolong your / anger • from / age to / age?

6 Will you not give us / life a • gain; *

that your people / may / re • joice in / you?

7 Show us your / mercies, • O / LORD, *

and / grant us / your sal • va • tion.

(concludes→)

SONG Adagio from Violin Concerto #5

W. A. Mozart

Silence is observed.

HOLY GOSPEL

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

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

Reader Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.


Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

A period of silence is observed following the sermon.

NICENE CREED (standing, if able)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, 

together begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, 

true God from true God, begotten, not made, 

and one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, 

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake 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, 

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, 

who has spoken through the prophets.

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.

(CONFESSING OR STANDING)

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

All (Silence is kept.)

Deacon 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 your Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you,

forgive 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.

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)
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.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

DISTRIBUTION

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People for we all share in the one bread.

post COMMUNION PRAYER

(said by all, kneeling or standing)

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Please stand as able for the closing hymn.

HYMNAL #709 O God of Bethel, By Whose Hand DUNDEE

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In thanksgiving for the lives of John C. & Elizabeth M. Parish, John Ward, Tom Stanley and his platoon serving in Iraq, St. John’s refugee family (the Thar Klaw 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.

today we pray with


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