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

GATHERING MUSIC  Psalm 23  Herbert Howells

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

PROCEDURE  (In observance of Lent, the choir and clergy will process in silence.)

HYMNAL #343  Shepherd of Souls  ST. AGNES

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Celebrant  Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins:
People  God’s mercy endureth for ever.

PENTECOSTAL ORDER  Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 319

Deacon  Let us humble confess our sins unto Almighty God.
(Please remain standing or kneel as able.)

Most merciful God, we confess that we are
All  sinners by nature and by choice,
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

KIRUPA LISION: #5-89  (front section of hymnal)  James McGregor

(Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant  The Lord be with you.
People  And with your spirit.
Celebrant  Let us pray.

For the remission of sins and our speed to salvation.

People  Amen.
(Please be seated after the Collect.)

FIRST READING  Joshua 5:9-12

The reading may be followed in the pew Bible on page 195.

Reader  The Word of the Lord.
People  Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32  (sung by all)

Cantor  1 (Happy) are they whose transgressions are for-gíven, *(pause at *)
All  and whose sin is / put away!
2  Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no / guilt, *
   and in whose spirit there / is no guile!
3  While I held my tongue, my bones withered a-way, *
   because of my groaning / all day long.
4  For your hand was heavy upon me day and / night; *
   my moisture was dried up as in the heat / of summer.
5  Then I acknowledged my sin to / you, *
   and did not con-ácel my guilt.
6  I said," I will confess my transgressions to the / LORD," *
   Then you forgave me the guilt / of my sin.
7  Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers
   to you in time of / trou-ble; *
   when the great waters overflow, they shall / not reach them.
8  You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from / trou-ble; *
   you surround me with shouts / of de-(liv)-rance.
9  "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should / go; *
   I will guide you / with my eye.
10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no under-/stánd-ing; *
   who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not / stay near you."
11 Great are the tribulations of the / wíck-ed; *
   but mercy embraces those who trust / in the LORD.
12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the / LORD; *
   shout for joy, all who are / true of heart.

SECOND READING  2 Corinthians 5:16-21

The reading may be followed in the pew Bible on page 1055.

Reader  The Word of the Lord.
People  Thanks be to God.
(Pray, please, as able, for the Gospel sequence.)

Antiphon: first sung by cantor, then repeated by all before and after the verse:

You shall call, and the Lord will / hear you; *
you shall cry for help, and he will say, / “Hére I am.”

Gospeller  The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People  Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The Gospel may be followed in the pew Bible on pages 954-955.

Gospeller  The Gospel of the Lord.
People  Praise be to thee, O 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, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

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 and the Son.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.
Almighty and everlasting God, we most heartily thank thee
for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby
of thy favor and goodness towards us;
and that we are very members incorporate
in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people;
and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom.
And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us
with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship
and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

(please stand, if able, for the closing hymn.)

HYMNAL #690  Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah  CWM RONDDA

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  A Trumpet Minuet  Alfred Hollins
(You are invited to move forward to the choir stalls for the final music.)

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Today we pray with
Dorothy, Mary, Ransom, Ray, Gary, Bill, Caroline, Nancy, Star, Bert, Wimpy, Mae, Kathleen,
Linda, Glen, Ann, Mildred, Joan, Patricia, Thelma, Norma, Pat, Steve, Ginny and Jack,
Camille, Susan, Pat, Christopher, Amy, Annie, and those you would add.

Lenten Greens
In thanksgiving for the lives of Lola O. & Daniel W. Ferguson; William & Sona Plummer;
Armen Byon Tufenk & Haig Karakine Tufenk.

Assisting in the service
Celebrant  The Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson
Preacher  The Reverend Kate Bradtmiller
Deacon  The Reverend Craig Lemming
Altar Guild  Heather Joyce, Pam Strom, Kathy Brown,
Susan Cadwell, Shirley Gooch, Sue Macintosh
Adult Choir  Jayson R. Engquist, Director of Music & Organist
Acolytes  Thea Bishop, Matt Brooks, Helen Baxter, Bill Rinkoff,
Ailsa Schmidt
Readers  Chris Matter, Molly Soreker
Verger  Joan Potter
Ushers & Greeters  Bob Baumann, Bill Sherfey, Don Weinkauf, Holly Weinkauf,
Jennifer Kinkead, Barbara Lindeke, Judy Southwick
Godly Play families

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