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

GATHERING MUSIC

Meditation

Richard Purvis

(please stand, if able, at the tolling of the bell)

*HYMNAL #448

O Love, How Deep

DEUS TUORUM MILITUM

*OPENING SALUTATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

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

Celebrant
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People
Amen.

BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE

John Rutter

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praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

3. Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

4. Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Descant

5. Glory to you, beholding the
Celebrant  The Lord be with you.
People  And also with you.

*OPENING SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY  (standing, if able)

Celebrant  The Lord be with you.
People  And also with you.

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*Celebrant* Let us pray.  *(standing, if able)*

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People*  
Amen.

**FIRST LESSON**  
*Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20*  *(congregation seated)*

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

*Reader*  
The Word of the Lord.

*People*  
Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM**  
*I Will Praise You, O Lord*  
Mark Patterson
1. The heavens declare the glory of God, *
   and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2. One day tells its tale to another, *
   and one night imparts knowledge to another.

3. Although they have no words or language, *
   and their voices are not heard,

4. Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
   and their message to the ends of the world.

5. In the deep has he set a pavilion 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 edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; *
   nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

7. The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; *
   the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8. The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; *
   the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

9. The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; *
   the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

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 enlightened, *
    and in keeping them there is great reward.

12. Who can tell how often he offends? * cleanse me from my secret faults.

13. Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; *
    then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

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.
SECOND LESSON    Philippians 3:4b-14  (congregation seated)
If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

(please stand, if able, for the Gospel procession)

*HYMNAL #518    Christ is Made the Sure Foundation    WESTMINSTER ABBEY
(stanzas 1-2 sung before Gospel reading, stanzas 3-4 sung after)

*HOLY GOSPEL    Matthew 21:33-46  (standing, if able)

*Gospeller        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
*People          Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.' Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes?' Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

*Gospeller        The Gospel of the Lord.
*People          Praise to you, Lord Christ.
SERMON

(a time of silent reflection follows 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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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       Lord, in your mercy.
People        Hear our prayer.

COLLECT FOR ST. JOHN’S  (said by all)

Reader       Gracious God:
People       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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon       Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(silence is observed)

(said by all)
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and
deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you
with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry
and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and for-
give us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your
Name. Amen.

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

People       Amen.

*THE PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS
THE HOLY COMMUNION

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. Gluten-free wafers are available on request of the minister distributing bread.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

ANTHEM
Behold, the Tabernacle of God
William Harris

DOXOLOGY Hymn 380 (stanza 3) (standing, if able)
OLD 100TH

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A
Book of Common Prayer p. 361

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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We celebrate the memorial of our redemption . . .
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit . . .
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honor and glory is yours,
Almighty Father, now and for ever.

AMEN.
LORD’S PRAYER  
(said by 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

FRACTION ANTHEM  
Christ Our Passover  
David Hurd

Celebrant  
The gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION MUSIC

ANTHEM  
O Saving Victim  
adapted J.S. Bach

HYMNAL #458  
My Song is Love Unknown (stanzas 1, 2 and 7 only)  
LOVE UNKNOWN

HYMNAL #360  
Only Begotten  
ROUEN

HYMNAL #495  
Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus  
IN BABILONE
**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

(said by all)

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. 

Amen.

**BLESSING**

**HYMN**  
*We Are Marching in the Light of God*  
(see music on page 13)

You are invited to *process* to Summit Avenue during the singing of the closing hymn. The Dismissal will follow.

**DISMISSAL**

*Deacon*  
Our worship here has ended.  
Now our service in the world begins.  
Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*  
Thanks be to God.

**TOWER BELLS**  
*Theme from Chariots of Fire*  
Vangelis

**MUSIC NOTES**

William Henry Harris (1883-1973) was an English organist and composer, affectionately nicknamed 'Doc H' by his choristers. Harris was born in Fulham, London and died in Petersfield. He was a chorister of Holy Trinity, Tulse Hill. At the age of 14, he took up a "flexible" position as Assistant Organist at St David's Cathedral in Wales, followed at 16 by a scholarship to the Royal College of Music where he was Professor of Organ and Harmony from 1921 to 1955. He was organist at St Augustine's Church, Edgbaston from 1911 to 1919 and concurrently of Assistant Organist at Litchfield Cathedral followed in 1919 by becoming Organist successively at New College and in 1929 Christ Church, Oxford, moving to St. George's Chapel, Windsor in 1933. As Organist at Windsor, Harris was at his most productive. He produced music for the Three Choirs Festival, was a conductor at both the 1937 and 1953 coronations, and had music premiered at the Proms, all of which led to being appointed KCVO in 1954. Harris is best remembered for his Anglican church music, though his main achievements were as a choir-trainer. His most famous works are the anthems *Faire is the heaven* (1925), and to a lesser extent, *Bring us, O Lord God* (1959). He also composed cantatas and organ pieces, as well as the hymn tune *Alberta* (often used for the words *Lead, Kindly Light*), and various Anglican psalm chants.
2. We are living in the light of God . . . (repeat as needed)

3. We are running in the light of God . . . (repeat as needed)

(repeat entire 3 verses)
† THE PRAYERS

PRAYER REQUESTS
Wuyah, Lao, Claire, Jim, Betty, and Anna.

ONGOING PRAYERS FOR
Pat, Steve, Millie, Peter, Ginny, Jack, Camille, Susan, Terry, Shepard, Christopher, Marge, and Amy.

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD
The Middle East, including Gaza, Israel, Syria, and Iraq; for all victims of the Ebola virus; Ukraine; refugees and those who serve them.

ALTAR FLOWERS
In thanksgiving for the lives of Art MacDonald and Herbert, Gladys, & Cecil Griffith.

IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER
Pray for The Church in Wales.

IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN MINNESOTA’S CYCLE OF PRAYER
Pray for the Anglican Communion throughout the world and for the Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; for the Episcopal Church USA, and the Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop.

AT ST. JOHN’S
Kayoro Village, Uganda; Holy Apostles, our companion parish; Hearts to Homes families.
**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

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Welcome

Guests
We are delighted that you have come to St. John’s to worship God this morning. If this is your first time here, please fill out a guest card and place it in the offering plate, or sign the Visitor’s Book at the back of the church. We invite you to make St. John’s your church home. Join us downstairs in the Undercroft, directly beneath the church, for refreshments and fellowship after this service.

Nursery
St. John’s welcomes everyone, including children of all ages, to attend the worship service. For children age 5 and younger, parents can also choose to use the nursery. Care is provided starting at 9:00 am in the Undercroft, right beneath the sanctuary. If, for any reason, you and your child need to leave the church during the service, you can still hear the service in the Undercroft and Nursery. Simply ask the nursery attendant to adjust the sound. During Coffee Hour, nursery workers will supervise children who want to play in the gym. To reach the gym, follow the hall past the music room and through the double doors.

Restrooms
Located in the lower level Undercroft down any set of stairs.

Thank You
For silencing cell phones and other electronic equipment. Please do not use flash cameras during the worship service.

Announcements
Please refer to announcement insert for upcoming events.