**The Opening Music**

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

**GATHERING MUSIC**

*Processional* by Ernest Bloch

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 #637**

*How Firm a Foundation* by LYONS

**COLLECT FOR PURITY** *(said by all)*

All  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. Amen.

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**Gloria in excelsis** by Robert Powell

1. Glory to God in the highest, and **peace** to his people on earth. Lord God, hear us.
   2. Keep, among us, Lord God and Jesus Christ, your Son. And when we go to sleep, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. 3. Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, everlast- ing, keep us in the true faith. Amen.

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**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**Celebrant**

The Lord be with you.

**People**

And also with you.

**Celebrant**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**People**

Amen. Please be seated after the Collect.

**FIRST READING** *Joel 2:23-32* *(pew Bible, p. 832)*

**Reader**

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

Thanks be to God.

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**PSALM 65** *(sung by all)*

1 You are to be praised, O / God, in / Zion; *
2 You dwell in / your / temple; *
3 All **3 Our sins are / stronger than we are, * but you will / blot them out.**
4 Happy are you / whom you choose / and draw to your / courts to / dwell there! * they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness / of your / temple.
5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O / God of our salvation. *
6 You make fast / the / mountains; * by your power; * they are / girded / as / bountiful with might.
7 You still the / roaring / of the seas; * the roaring of their waves, and the / clas / mor / of the peoples. **8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvels; * signs; *
   9 you make the dawn and the / dusk to / sing for / joy. **10 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it / verdant / prosperous; * the river of God is / full of water. **11 You dredge the furrows and / smooth out the / ridges; *
   **12 You crown the / year with / your / goodness; * and your / paths / ever / flow with / plenty. **13 May the fields of the wilderness be / rich for / grazing; *
   **14 May the meadows cover themselves with / flocks, and the valleys / cloak them / selves with / grain; *
   **15 And the / hills be / clothed with / joy.**
   **16 Let them / shout for / joy and / sing.** *(slowing at end)*

**Choir**

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**SECOND READING** *2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18* *(pew Bible, p. 1087-8)*

**Reader**

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

Thanks be to God.

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**GOSPEL** *Luke 18:9-14* *(pew Bible, p. 957-8)*

**Gospeller**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**People**

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**GOSPEL**

Luke 18:9-14

**Gospeller**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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**SERMON**

A period of silence is observed following the sermon.

**NICENE CREED**

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 358* *standing or kneeling*

**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*

**CONFESSIOAN AND ABSOLUTION**

*Deacon*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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 forgive 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. Please be seated.

Usurers and members of the Altar Guild are invited to come forward.

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**THE COMMISSIONING**

**Celebrant**

Let us pray.

**People**

There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in everyone.

**Celebrant**

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly;

**People**

Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.

**Celebrant**

Look with favor upon those whom you have called, O Lord, to prepare for worship and serve in your Church; and grant that they may be so filled with your Holy Spirit that, seeking your glory, they may minister your Word with steadfast devotion, through Christ our Savior.

**People**

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

You are invited to share a sign of God’s peace with those around you.

Welcome Please be seated.

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.

The common loaf is gluten free.

Offertory Sentence
Hear the Voice and Prayer

(Text: 1 Kings 8: 28-30 - pew Bible p. 308-9)

Presentation sung by all, standing if able
OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving
Eucharistic Prayer A The prayer may be followed in the BCP on p. 361.

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.
Celebrant It is right to give God thanks and praise.
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth…

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:

Sanctus & Benedictus sung by all
Richard Proulx}

Lord’s Prayer
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us,
People 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 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

Viola Solo Meditation Ernest Bloch
Hymnal #641 Lord Jesus, Think On Me SOUTHWELL
Hymnal #665 All My Hope On God Is Founded MICHAEL
Hymnal #517 How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place BROTHER JAMES’ AIR
Hymnal #314 Humbly I Adore Thee ADORO DEVOTE

Post Communion Prayer said by all, kneeling or standing

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.

Hymnal #686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing NETTLETON

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 Improvisation on “Nettleton” Jayson R. Engquist
You are invited to listen to the voluntary in the choir stalls.

Today we pray with

Max, Gillian, Jim, Ginny, Wimpy, Mae, Burt, Mitch, Don, Erica, Bill, Kathleen, Mildred, Joan, Patricia, Norma, Amy, Kay, Jack, Irene, Mary Ellen, George, the Bushiri family, Monica, Steve, Ginny and Jack, Camille, Susan, Christopher, Tom Stanley and his platoon serving in Iraq, Sydney, Sara, Caroline, Hank, Sandy, 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.

Altar Flowers In thanksgiving for the lives of Mary Ann Horn, Mr. & Mrs. H. E. Horn, Melissa Leigh Mosvick.

Assisting in the Service

Celebrant The Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson
Preacher The Reverend Kate Bradtmiller
Altar Guild Diane Power, Colleen Swope, Paige Hagstrom, Sue MacIntosh, Ginny Schauss, Sarah K. Smith
Adult Choir Jayson R. Engquist, Director of Music & Organist
Violist Walter Cogswell
Acolytes Caroline Krall, Linnea Krall, Sabine Krall, Ailsa Schmidt
Readers Paige Hagstrom, Keith Davis
Verger Joan Potter
Ushers & Greeters Mary Gilbertson, Jeff Olsen, Barbara Lindeke, Shirley Sailors, Cammie Beattie, Mary Ellen Elliott, Judy Stack-Nelson
Coffee Hour Ian & Liz Dobson

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