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

GATHERING MUSIC

Song from Works in Free Style

(please stand at the tolling of the bell)

*HYMNAL #435

At the Name of Jesus (standing, if able)

KING’S WESTON

*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

(continued on next page)
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.

Descent

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

*COLLECT OF THE DAY*  
(said by the Celebrant)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.
O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

FIRST LESSON Exodus 17:1-7 (congregation seated)

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 78:1-4, 12-16 Attendite, popule (chanted by all, seated) William Crotch
1. Hear my teaching, / O my / people; *
incline your / ears to · the / words of · my / mouth.

2. I will open my / mouth in · a / parable; *
I will declare the / myst’ries · of / ancient / times.

3. That which we have heard and known and what our / forefathers · have / told us, *
we / will not / hide from · their / children.

4. We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the / power · of the / LORD, *
and the / wonder- · ful / works he · has / done.

12. He worked marvels in the / sight of · their / forefathers, *
in the land of / Egypt · in the / field of / Zoan.

13. He split open the sea and / let them · pass / through; *
he made the / waters · stand / up like / walls.

14. He led them with a / cloud by / day, *
and all the night through / with a / glow of / fire.

15. He split the hard / rocks · in the / wilderness *
and gave them / drink as / from the · great / deep. [¶ = to 2nd 1/2]

¶ 16. He brought / streams · out of the / cliff, *
and the / waters · gushed / out like / rivers.

SECOND LESSON Philippians 2:1-13 (congregation seated)

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. (lesson continued on next page)
Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

*Hymnal #492

Sing, Ye Faithful (standing, if able)

(stanzas 1-2 sung before Gospel reading, stanzas 3-4 sung after)

*Gospeller

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, `Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, `I will not;' but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, `I go, sir;' but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

*Gospeller

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.
SERMON

(a time of silent reflection follows the sermon)

HYMN RESPONSE (Hymnal #541, stanzas 1 and 5) (sung by all seated)

Come, Labor On

ORA LABORA

*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 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.

*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  Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken  Noble Cain

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

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

(Celebrant continues . . . )

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 ET BENEDICTUS  Richard Proulx
(please stand or kneel, according to your custom)

(Celebrant continues)

Holy and gracious Father . . .
He stretched out his arms upon the cross . . .
On the night he was handed over to suffering and death . . .
After supper he took the cup of wine . . .
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

(Celebrant continues)

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.

People

A-men.
Celebrant   And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

   Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant   The gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION MUSIC

   ANTHEM
      Before Thy Throne   Trad. German chorale
      Bread of the World
      Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured   RENDEZ A DIEU
      And Now, O Father   JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT
      Lord Jesus, Think on Me   UNDE ET MEMORES

   HYMNAL #301
   HYMNAL #313
   HYMNAL #337
   HYMNAL #641  SOUTHWELL
**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**

**HYMNAL #477**

*All Praise to Thee*

**ENDELBERG**

**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.

**VOLUNTARY**

*Final from Symphony 1*

L. Vierne

*(you are invited to move forward to the choir stalls for the final music)*

**MUSIC NOTES**

**Offering Anthem**

Born in Aurora, Indiana in1896, Noble Cain was a well known composer during the early and middle years of the Twentieth Century. He composed and arranged compositions for unaccompanied singing. His best known composition was "Chillun, Come on Home". He earned international recognition during his years as Director of the Chicago Acappella Choir. Dr. Cain also served as musical director of NBC and taught in the Chicago musical College, Northwestern University and the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music.

**Organ Works**

Louis Vierne (1870-1937) was born in Paris with extremely poor eyesight. Despite an unsuccessful eye operation, Vierne was encouraged to pursue a career in music when a musician uncle discovered his musical talent. A pupil of César Franck in private lessons, Vierne joined Franck’s class in the Paris Conservatoire in 1890, the year of Franck’s death. He then became the pupil of Franck’s successor, Charles-Marie Widor, and two years later became his substitute at the Saint-Sulpice organ loft in Paris. He left this post in 1900, when he was appointed tenured organist of the Cavaillé-Coll of Notre-Dame de Paris.
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.
*Please visit www.stjohnsstpaul.org/news-events/calendar/ for a full calendar of events.