The Word of God

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

GATHERING MUSIC: I Need Thee Every Hour  Emma Lou Diemer
Please stand, as able, at the sound of the chimes.

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND RESPONSE
Celebrant  Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People  Glory to God for ever and ever.

HYMNAL #512  Come, Gracious Spirit  MENDON

SEASONAL COLLECT
Celebrant  God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world
the morning sang together and the host of heaven
shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation
and teach us to use all things for good,
to honor of your glorious name; through Christ our Lord.
People  Amen.  (Please be seated after the Collect.)

FIRST READING  Philemon 1-25
(pew Bible, page 1090)
Reader  Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People  Thanks be to God.

PSALM 139: 1-5, 12-17
The refrain is sung by all before and after the psalm.

Cantor  1 LORD, you have searched me / out and / known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you dis- / cern my / thoughts from • a- / far.
All  2 You trace my journeys and my / rest-ing / places *
and are ac- / quaint- ed with / all my / ways.
3 Indeed, there is not a / word on • my / lips, *
but you, O LORD, / know it / al-to- / gether.
4 You press upon me be- / hind and * be- / fore *
and lay your / hand up- / on me.
5 Such knowledge is too / wonderful * for / me; *
it is so high that I can- / not at- / tain to / it.
6 For you yourself created me / in-most / parts; *
you knit me together / in my / moth-er’s / womb.
13 I will thank you because I am / marvelous- / us- / ly * made; *
our works are wonderful, / and I / know it / well.
(continued →)

14 My body was not / hidden * from / you, *
while I was being made in secret and / woven * in the / depths of / the / earth.
15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were / written * in your / book; *
they were fashioned day by day, when as / yet * there was / none of / them.
16 How deep I find your / thoughts, O / God! *
How / great * is the / sum of / them! 
17 If I were to count them, they would be more in / number * than / the / sand; *
to count them all, my life span would / need to / be like / yours.
The refrain is repeated by all:

Silence is observed.

HOLY GOSPEL

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

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,
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,
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.
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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 worshipped and glorified,
who 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  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.  (Collect for St. John’s)

CONFESION AND ABSOLUTION
Deacon  Let us confess our sins to God.  (Silence is kept.)
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 our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in
your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant  Almighty God have mercy on you,
People  forgive you 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.

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

People  Amen.

THE PEACE  (standing, if able)
Celebrant  The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People  And also with you.

WELCOME
You are invited to share a sign of peace with those around you.

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THE HOLY COMMUNION
All are invited to share at the Lord’s table. At the altar rail 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

Presentation
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
(The Eucharistic Prayer may be found in the pew rack.)

Eucharistic Prayer 2
Enriching Our Worship 1 (1997)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Celebrant: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,...

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS: S-129
(sung by all) Robert Powell

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Fraction Anthem
We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
People: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

DISTRIBUTION

Communion Music

ANTHEM: Lead Me, Lord
HYMNAL #325: Let Us Break Bread Together
HYMNAL #333: Now the Silence, Now the Peace
HYMNAL #328: Draw Nigh and Take

POST COMMUNION PRAYER
(said by all, kneeling or standing)

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.

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 be you 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.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMNAL #423: Immortal, Invisible
ST. DENIO

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Deacon: Our worship here is ended; now let our service begin.
People: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Voluntary
Trumpet Tune
Norman Crocker

(You are invited to move forward to the choir stalls for the final music.)

TODAY WE PRAY WITH
Janet, Marge, Jo, Sandy, Max, Gillian, Jim, Ginny, Robert, Wimpy, Mae, Burt, Hank, Paul, Keith, Bill, Nancy, Kathleen, Mildred, Joan, Patricia, Norma, Amy, Jim, Jess, Monica, John, Lois, Sean, Kay, Jack, Irene, Sydney, Sara, Dave, Caroline, Don, Mary Ellen, Steve, Ginny and Jack, Camille, Susan, Christopher, Marge, Tom Stanley and his platoon serving in Iraq, the Middle East, 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 Marjory L. & William S. Pearson, Annie & Thomas Newton.

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE
Celebrant: The Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson
Preacher: The Reverend Kate Bradtmiller
Deacon: The Reverend Margaret Thor
Organist: Jayson R. Engquist
Cantor/Quartet: Sarah Stengle, Marilyn Conklin, Rob Beattie, David Winkworth
Altar Guild: Dusty Mairs, Philip Baird, Shirley Cooper, Phyllis Frisby, Patty Byrne Pflaz, Bill Sherfey
Acolytes: Charlie Dorchery, Madeline Jacobs, Aidan Schmidt, Elliott Wall, Roan Weinkauf
Readers: Diane Wallace-Reid, Lyelle Palmer
Verger: Phillip Baird
Ushers/Greeters: Mary & Peter Gilbertson, Barbara Lindke, Shirley Sailors, John MacBain, Jennifer Frost-Rosendale & Peter Rosendale
Coffee Hour: Julia Ferguson & Garden Circle

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