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

**Opening Acclamation and Response**

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

**People** And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

**Accordion** #368 Holy Father, Great Creator REGENT SQUARE.

**Collect for Purity** 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 think of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit.

**People** Amen.

**Gloria in Excelsis** Robert Powell

**Collect of the Day**

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

**People** Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(If the day is a memorial, this sentence may be used instead:

Let us pray. Grant us, Lord, as we mark the anniversary of the death of such and such a one, to love all that is good and true, and to hate all that is evil or false; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever. Amen.)

**Choir** 1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance; they have profaned your / ho-ly / temple; * · they have made Je- / ru-sa-lem, * · and / there was / no one / to / bury them.

2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the / birds of • the / air, * · and the flesh of your faithful ones / to the / beasts of • the / field.

3 They have shed their blood like water on every / side of • Je- / ru-sa-lem, * · and / there was / no one / to / meet us; * · how long will you / be / an-gry, • O / LORD? * · will your fury / blaze like / fire for / ever?

4 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who / have not / known you * · and upon the kingdoms that have not / called up- / on your / Name.

5 For they have de- / voured / Jacob * · and / made his / dwelling / a / ruin.

6 Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be / swift to / meet us; * · for we have been / bru-ght / vor-ry / law. (to second half)

7 Help us, O God our Savior, for the / glory of • your / Name; * · deliver us and forgive us our sins, / for your / Name’s / sake.

**Second Reading** 1 Timothy 2:1-7 (pew Bible, p. 1082)

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

**Prayers of the People**

**Reader** Lord, in your mercy, 

**People** Hear our prayer.

**Reader** Gracious God: 

**People** By your love you have called us to proclaim with joy 

**Reader** 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)

**Confession 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 our selves. 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  (standing, if able)

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

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

ANTHEM  Arise, Ye Servants of God  John Floreen

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  We lift up our hearts.
People  It is right to give God thanks and praise.
Celebrant  It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where 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

(Sanctus and Benedictus are sung 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.

Please stand us able for the closing hymn.

HYMNAL #345  Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name  ELLERS

VOLUNTARY  Symphony B1, Final  Louis Vierne

During the voluntary, you are invited to process to the Peace Pole (following the clergy and choir). We will then sing “Donna Nobis Pacem” and ask God’s blessing on the pole and on all who work for peace.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Deacon  Our worship here is ended; now let our service begin.
People  Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

HYMNAL #488  Be Thou My Vision  SLANE

HYMNAL #676  There Is A Balm in Gilead  Trad. Spiritual

HYMNAL #475  God Himself Is With Us  TYSK

SENDING FORTH OUR EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant  In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.

People  We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

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.

Today we pray with
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, Rosanne, 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 who would add.

ALTAR FLOWERS
In thanksgiving for the lives of James G. Ek, Thomas W. & Doris N. Dunlop.

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

CELEBRANT  The Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson
PRESERVER  The Reverend Kate Bradtmiller
DEACON  The Reverend Margaret Thor
ALTAR GUILD  Heather Joyce, Kathy Brown, Sue Cadwell, Shirley Gooch, Sabine Kradl, Pam Strom
ADULT CHOIR  Jayon R. Engquist, Director of Music & Organist
ACOYSTS  Thea Bishop, Matt Brooks, Charlie Olson, Chris Olson
READERS  Carole Selin, Mark McInroy
VERGER  Joan Potter
USHERS & GREETERS  Marvin Cadwell, Mimic Pollard & Alden Drew, Don Husband, Phyllis Frisy, Colleen Swope, Diane Wallace-Reid
COFFEE HOUR  Colleen & Charles Swope

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