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

GATHERING  Music  Song of Peace  by Jean Langlais

Please stand, as able, at the sound of the chimes.

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

Celebrant

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

HYMNAL #400  *All Creatures of Our God and King*

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Collect for Purification

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.

Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding. Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord be with you. 

The Word of the Lord. 

Thanks be to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING  Acts 16: 9-15  (pew Bible, page 1011)

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *and may all the ends of the earth / stand in / awe of / him. * (sung by all)

Psalm 67

(song by all)

1   May God be merciful to / us and / bless us, *
    show us the light of his countenance / and / come to / us. 
2   Let your ways be / known upon / earth, *
    your saving / health a-mong all / nations. 
3   Let the peoples / praise you, • O / God; *
    let all the / peo-ple / praise / you. 
4   Let the nations be glad and / sing for / joy, *
    for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the / na-tions / up-on / earth. 
5   Let the peoples / praise you, • O / God; *
    let all the / peo-ple / praise / you. 
6   The earth has brought / forth her / increase; *
    may God, our own God, / give / us his / blessing, [to 2nd 1/2] 
7   May God / give us • his / blessing, *
    and may all the ends of the earth / stand in / awe of / him. 

Let us pray.

O Ye Badgers and Hedgehogs  by A. Carter

SECOND READING  Revelation 21: 10, 22 - 22:5  (pew Bible, page 1134)

Reader

The Word of the Lord.  

People

Thanks be to God.  

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

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)

Reader

May the light of Christ shine.

People

May the light of Christ shine.

Reader

May God, our own God, give us his blessing, [to 2nd 1/2]

May God give us his blessing, * and may all the ends of the earth / stand in / awe of / him. 

A. Carter

ANTHEM  O Ye Badgers and Hedgehogs

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People

Thanks be to God.  

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The Lord be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.
Celebrant
On behalf of St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church, I formally recognize you as members of our congregation.

People
We welcome you to Saint John’s. What you have to give we gladly receive. What you need from us we gladly offer.

We will be here to celebrate your joys and comfort your sorrows. Join us in our work and in our study, as we sing and pray through the seasons and cycles of our Christian life. Together let us pattern our lives after Christ, walking in his ways of compassion and justice, inviting all people to God’s holy table.

New Members
We accept your welcome and are happy to join you in this ministry.

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
(please be seated)

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.

Offering Sentence

Anthem
Peace I Leave With You

Knut Nystedt

Presentation
(sung by all, standing, if able)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A
Book of Common Prayer, page 361

Celebrant
The Lord be with you.

People
And also with you.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, …

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and Spirit of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, that we might sing with just one voice: Alleluia, alleluia!

The Offertory Sentence continues
Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, …

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith, All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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

Post Communion Prayer
(said by all, kneeling or standing)

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

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Please stand as able for the closing hymn.

HYMNAL #210
The Day of Resurrection

ELLACOMBE

Blessing and Dismissal

Deacon
Our worship here is ended; now let our service begin.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Voluntary
Thank We All Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Eler

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

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Today We Pray With

Vicki, Elisa, Robert, Wimpfy, Mae, Don, Jeanne, Ray, Val, Hank, Paul, Keith, Dorothy, Mary, Ransom, Bill, Nancy, Kathleen, Linda, Glen, Ann, Mildred, Joan, Patricia, Thelma, Norma, Irene, Pat, Steve, Ginny, Jack, Camille, Susan, Pat, Christopher, Amy, Anne, 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, and those you would name.

Altar Flowers
In thanksgiving for the life of Robert C. Merrill.

Assisting in the Service

CELEBRANT The Reverend Kate Bradtmiller
PREACHER The Reverend Jerald Weber-Johnson
DEACON The Reverend Margaret Thor
ALTAR GUILD Dusty Mairs, Shirley Cooper, Phyllis Frisby, Patty Byrne Pfalz, Phillip Baird, Bill Sherfey
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ST. JOHN’S CHILDREN’S CHOIR
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JOAN POTTER, CHRIS HOWIE
BILL SHERFEE
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