THE WORD OF GOD

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

GATHERING MUSIC  Chorale Prelude on NICAEA  Gerald Near

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 also with you.

Celebrant  Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory. O Father, who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God for ever and ever.

People  Amen.

(please be seated after the Collect.)

HYMNAL #362  Holy, Holy, Holy  NICAIA

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 magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People  Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis # S-280  Robert Powell

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant  The Lord be with you.

People  And also with you.

Celebrant  Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory. O Father, who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God for ever and ever.

People  Amen.

(please be seated after the Collect.)

FIRST READING  Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31  (pew Bible, page 579)

Reader  The Word of the Lord.

People  Thanks be to God.

PSALM 8  (sung by all, seated)

1 O LORD our / Gen-er-nor, * how exalted is your / Name in / all the / world!
2 Out of the mouths of / in-fants * and / children * your majesty is / praise-d a / love the / heavens.
3 You have set up a strong hold a / gainst your / ad-ver-saries, * to quell the / en-emy * and / the a / venger;
4 When I consider your heavens, the / wor-k of your / fingers, * the moon and the / stars * you have / set in * their / courses,
5 What is man that you should be / mind-ful of him? * the son of man that / you should / seek him / out?
6 You have made him but little / lower * than the / angels; * you adorn him with / glo-ry * and / honor;
7 You give him mastery over the / works of * your / hands; * you put / all things / under / his / feet;
8 All / sheep and / oxen, * even the / wild beasts / of the / field,
9 The birds of the air, the / fish of * the / sea, * and whatsoever / walks in * the / paths of * the / sea.
10 O LORD our / Gen-er-nor, * how exalted is your / Name in / all the / world! (slow at end)

SECOND READING  Romans 5: 1-5  (pew Bible, page 1029)

Reader  The Word of the Lord.

People  Thanks be to God.

(Gospepler, then all; acclamation is repeated by all after cantor sings verse for the day)

Gospel  The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People  Glory to you, Lord Christ.

GOSELP  John 16: 12-13  (pew Bible, page 986)

Reader  The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People  Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

A period of silence is observed following the sermon.

NICENE CREED  (standing, if able)  Book of Common Prayer  p. 358

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, who 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.

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
CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION  (kneeling, if able)
Deacon  Let us confess our sins to God.  (Silence is kept.)
Celebrant  Most merciful God, All  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.)

BLESSING OF OUR VOLUNTEERS

SENDING FORTH OUR PILGRIMS  (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 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  All Hail, Adored Trinity  Leo Sowerby

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:

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A  Book of Common Prayer, page 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.
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 archangels, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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

(Please remain standing or kneel, according to your custom.)

(Celebrant 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.

(Celebrant continues)
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, ... 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  AMEN.

LORD’S PRAYER

Celebrant  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 lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

People  Our Father who art in heaven... 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.

Please stand as able for the closing hymn.

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.

People  Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY  O That I Had a Thousand Voices  Paul Manz

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

TODAY WE PRAY WITH

Marge, Jo, Elisa, Max, Gillian, Jim, Ginny, Vicki, Robert, Wilma, Mac, Burt, Don, Jeanne, Val, Hank, Paul, Keith, Dorothy, Mary, Ransom, Bill, Nancy, Kathleen, Linda, Glen, Ann, Mildred, Joan, Patricia, Thelma, Norma, Irene, Pat, Steve, Ginny and Jack, Camille, Susan, Pat, Christopher, Amy, Annie, 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 Robert Bruce Farnham and William Penn.

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

CELEBRANT & PREACHER  The Reverend Kate Bradmiller
DEACON  The Reverend Margaret Thor
ALTAR GUILD  Diane Power, Paige Hagstrom, Sarah K. Smith, Sabine Krall, Ginny Schaus, Terri Fischel
ST. JOHN’S ADULT CHOIR  Jayson R. Engquist, Director of Music/Organist
ACOYLETES  Helen Baxter, Alisa Schmidt, Madeline Jacobson, Elliot Wall
READERS  Gary Gleason, Camille Scheel
VERGER  Joan Potter
USHERS & GREETERS  Alden Drew, Mimie Pollar, Diane Power, Kevin Wall, Jeff Olsen, Peggy Olsen, Sally Sand
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POST COMMUNION PRAYER  (said by all, kneeling or standing)

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Please stand as able for the closing hymn.

HYMNAL #432  Holy Father, Great Creator  ST. BART'S

HYMNAL #129  We thank you, O Lord, for all your benefits  ROBERT MANZ

HYMNAL #324  Let All Mortal Flesh  PICARDY

HYMNAL #368  Holy Father, Great Creator  REGENT SQUARE

HYMNAL #516  Come Down, O Love Divine  DOWN AMPNEY

HYMNAL #398  I Sing the Almighty Power of God  FOREST GREEN

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