THE WORD OF GOD

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

GATHERING MUSIC
Praise to the Lord (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 #390
Praise to the Lord LOBE DEN HERREN

SEASONAL COLLECT
Celebrant Holy Wisdom, in your loving kindness you created and restored us when we were lost: inspire us with your truth, that we may love you with our whole minds and run to you after open hearts, through Christ our Savior.
People Amen. (Please be seated after the Collect.)

FIRST READING 1 Kings 17: 8-24
(pew Bible, page 320)
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Cantor 1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul! * I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
All 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, * for there is no help in them.
3 When they breathe their last, they re- / turn to / earth, * and in that day their thoughts / perish.
4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob / for / their help! * whose hope is / in / the LORD their God;
5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and / all that is / in them; * who keeps his promise / for / ever;
6 Who gives justice to / those who / are op- / pressed, *

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.

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 worshiped 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)

CONFESSIOON 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.
For we have not loved God with all our heart and soul and strength. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through your Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.
Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on us, 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.
People Amen.

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

BLESSED RESURRECTION SONG (sung by all)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
atone, 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.