The Word of God

Opening Acclamation and Response

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 119: 33-40

Choir 33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.
34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.
All 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my de-sire.
36 Incline my heart to your decrees, *
and not to unjust gain.
37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.
38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
you which you make to those who fear you.
39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.
40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

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Keep Me Faithfully In Thy Paths

G. F. Handel

Keep me faithfully in thy paths, O Lord, and cleanse me from my sin.
In thy goodness, Lord, be thou merciful.

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 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.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 3: 10-11, 16-23 (pew Bible, p. 1041,42)

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Matthew 5: 38-48 (pew Bible, p. 883)

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Prayers of the People

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 show forth our service to you in our service to others; through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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People Amen.

Those serving on the Refugee Settlement Committee are invited forward.

The Commissioning

Celebrant Let us pray.

People There are many gifts, but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in everyone.

Celebrant Look with favor upon those whom you have called, O Lord, to lead us as we welcome the stranger in your name; and grant that they may be so filled with your Holy Spirit that, seeking your glory, they may minister your Word with steadfast devotion, through Christ our Savior.

People Amen.

The Peace

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.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

ANTHEM

The Lord Is the Everlasting God

Kenneth Jennings

God gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Have you not heard? Have you not known?

Who does not faint or grow weary; whose understanding is unsearchable.

Now to him that is able to strengthen you according to my grace that is sufficient for you... 

Eucharistic Prayer B

The prayer may be followed in the BCP on p. 367.

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son... Therefore, according to his command, O Father, we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.

All

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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

The gifts of God for the People of God.

And with your spirit.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Thanks be to God.

You are invited to listen to the voluntary in the choir stalls.

Blessing and Dismissal

Deacon

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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

From the entire congregation, let us report the news of God's working in the life of the church.

Amen.

You who are in Christ Jesus have won the victory. We are bold to say, with Paul, ‘... 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.

Please stand as able for the closing hymn.

HYMNAL # 657

Love Divine

HYFYRDO

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

sung by all David Hurd

Ho • hy, ho • dy, ho • dy Lord, God of pow’r and might, bea • sen and earth are full of your glo • ry, Ho • san-na in the high est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high est.

Please remain standing or kneel, according to your custom.

Celebrant

The gifts of God for the People of God.

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