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.

**Hymnal # 117**

Brightest and Best MORNINGSTAR

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

said by all

All

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.

**Benedictus Es, Domine (Canticle 13)**

John Rutter

The music is found at S 236 in the front section of the hymnal.

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers: you are worthy of praise, glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple, on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**Celebrant**

The Lord be with you.

**People**

And also with you.

**Celebrant**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ’s glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**People**

Amen. Please be seated after the Collect.

**FIRST READING**

**Exodus 24: 12-18**

(pew Bible, pp. 69-70)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

**SECOND READING**

**2 Peter 1: 16-21**

(pew Bible, p. 1109)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Antiphon Cantor: then All

Al-le- lu- ia.

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Gospel Matthew 17: 1-9

(pew Bible, p. 896)

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**PSALM 2** sung by all Robert Knox Kennedy

Choir

1 Why are the nations in an uproar? * Why do the peoples mutter empty / threats?

2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot to/ - gofer, * against the LORD and against his A - /ointed?

All

3 "Let us break their yoke," they / say; * "let us cast off their bonds from / us."

4 He whose throne is in heaven is / laughing; * the Lord has them in de- / vision.

5 Then he speaks to them in his / wrath, * and his rage fills them with / terror.

6 "I myself have set my / king * upon my holy hill of / Zion."

7 Let me announce the decree of the / LORD: * he said to me, "You are my Son; this day have I be- / gotten you.

8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your in- / heritance * and the ends of the earth for your pos- / session.

9 You shall crush them with an iron / rod * and shatter them like a piece of / pottery."

10 And now, you kings, be / wise; * be warned, you rulers of the / earth.

11 Submit to the LORD with / fear, * and with trembling bow be- / fore him;

12 Lest he be angry and you / perish; * for his wrath is quickly / kindled.

(second half)

13 Happy are they / all * who take refuge in / him!

**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.

(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 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 for the sake of 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 stand, if able.

**THE PEACE**

**Celebrant**

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**People**

And also with you.

You are invited to share a sign of God’s peace with those around you.

**SERMON**

A period of silence is observed following the sermon.

Please stand, if able.

**NICENE CREED**

Book of Common Prayer, p. 358

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Please remain standing or kneel, 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 show forth our service to you in our service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Collect for St. John’s)
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.

People

E

P

A

O

The common loaf is gluten-free. If you prefer to receive a blessing, you may indicate so by crossing your arms.

Celebrant

All

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory.

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine...

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

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.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, our kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant

The gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION MUSIC

SOLO

Largo from Concerto in G minor

J. S. Bach

HYMNAL # 137

O Wondrous Type!

WAREHAM

HYMNAL # 134

O Light of Light

JESUS DULCIS MEMORIA

HYMNAL # 129

Christ Upon the Mountain Peak

MOWSLEY

HYMNAL # 118

Brightest and Best

STAR OF THE EAST

SENDING FORTH OUR EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (as applicable)

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

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.

Please stand as able for the closing hymn.

HYMNAL # 461

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

ALLELUIA

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.

VOLUNTARY

Alleluyas

Singer:

Max, Gillian, Jim, Ginny, Nancy, Lorne, Chase, Mitch, Mae, Kathleen, Joan, Patricia, Amy, Irene, Ken, Ginny and Jack, Camille, Susan, Christopher, Sydney, Sara, Sandy, Bill, Norma, Ann, and those you would add.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In thanksgiving for the lives of Mary W. & Paul K. Pinkerton; Frederick Wigginton.

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

CELEBRANT

The Reverend Kate Bradtmiller

ASSISTING PRIEST

The Reverend Jerec Weber-Johnson

PREACHER

The Reverend Barbara Mraz

ADULT CHOIR

Jayson R. Engquist, Director of Music & Organist

SOLOS:

John MacBain, Violin

ALTAR GUILD

Dusty Mairs, Shirley Cooper, Phyllis Frisby, Patty Byrne Pfalz, Bill Sherfey, Colleen Swope

ACOLYTES

Caroline Krall, Linnea Krall, Sabine Krall

READERS

Judy Southwick, John Graham

USHERS

Ellie Weinkauf

GREETERS

Terri Fishel, Barbara Lindeke, John MacBain, Shirley Sailors

COFFEE HOUR

Laura O’Brien Smith

Please visit the St. John’s website - stjohnsstpaul.org - for more information.