The Word of God

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

GATHERING MUSIC Sonata 2, “Grave e Adagio” Felix Mendelssohn

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

OPENING ACLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

People And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

HYMNAL #7 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

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 worthy magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benedictus Es, Domine (Canticle 13)

John Rutter

The music is found at $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, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen. Please be seated after the Collect.

FIRST READING Isaiah 49: 1-7 (pew Bible, p. 665)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (pew Bible, p. 1040)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Antiphon Cantor, then All

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

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

Gospel The Word of Christ.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

GOSPEL John 1: 29-42 (pew Bible, p. 968)

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise you, Lord Christ.

Collected by all

1 I waited patiently upon the LORD: he stooped to me and heard my cry.
2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and / clay; he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing / sure.
3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our / God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the / LORD. Happy are they who trust in the / LORD!
4 They do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false / gods.
5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God! how great your wonders and your plans for / us! there is none who can be compared with / you.
6 Oh, that I could make them known and / tell them! but they are more than I can / count.
7 In sacrifice and offering you take no / pleasure * (you have given me ears to / hear you);
8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not re- / quired, * and so I said, *Behold, I / come.
9 In the roll of the book it is written con- / cerning me: * 'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my / heart.' *
10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congre- / gation; * beheld, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O LORD, you / know.
11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your de- / liverance; * I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congre- / gation.
12 You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from / me; * let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for / ever.

PSALM 40:1-12 sung by all Robert Knox Kennedy

Choir

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same Lord; and there are varieties of service, but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit, who inspires them all in everyone. Amen.

People Please be seated.

Those serving with Project Home are invited to come forward.

THE COMMISSIONING

Celebrant Let us pray.

People There are varieties of 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 Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly; People Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Celebrant Look with favor upon whom you have called, O Lord, to welcome here those who have no place to lay their heads, 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.

Please stand, if able.

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.

Book of Common Prayer, p. 358

standing, if able

Standing or kneeling

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 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.

SERMON

A period of silence is observed following the sermon.

NICENE CREED Book of Common Prayer, p. 358

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)
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.

Celebrant

Eucharistic Prayer B

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 thanks God and praise.
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth…
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus & Benedictus sung by all

Blessed be the Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth…

Sanctus

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosannas in the highest.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

ANTHEM

There Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob

F. Mendelssohn

There shall a star come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel, With might destroying princes and cities.
How bright appears the Morning Star, with mercy beaming from afar,
O righteous branch, O Jesse’s rod! Thou Son of Man and Son of God! We, too, will lift our voices:
Jesus, Jesus! Holy, holy, yet most lowly, draw thou near us;
Thou Son of God and Son of Man! الجمع
All are invited to share at the Lord’s table. At the altar railing you may stand or kneel to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

We await his coming in glory.

We proclaim his resurrection,

We remember his death,

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We receive the bread and the wine. You may drink from the cup or touch the bread to the wine.

All We remember his death,

All We proclaim his resurrection,

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.

PRAYER OF THE CONGREGATION

People AMEN.

The gifts of God for the People of God.

DIVISION

COMMUNION MUSIC

Handbell Anhthem Fantasy on ‘Mowsley’ Cyril Vincent Taylor

Hymnal #444 Blessed Be the God of Israel

Hymnal #533 How Wondrous and Great

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.

Hymnal #135 Songs of Thanksgiving and Praise

Blessing and Dismissal

Deacon Our worship here is ended; now let our service begin.
People Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Voluntary Sonata 1, “Allegro assai vivace” F. Mendelssohn

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

Today we pray with

Max, Gillian, Jim, Ginny, Nancy, Lorne, Burt, Mitch, Mae, Kathleen, Joan, Patricia, Amy, Irene, Mary Ellen, George, Monica, Fred, David, Ben, Steve, Ginny and Jack, Camille, Susan, Christopher, Sydney, Sara, Caroline, Sandy, Bill, Norma, Mildred, and those you would add.

Altar Flowers In thanksgiving for the lives of Phyllis & Edward C. Brown, Debbie Pilacinski, Tom Woelfel, Bert Smith, Terry Williams.

Assisting in the Service

Celebrant The Reverend Kate Bradtmiller
Preacher The Reverend Paul Fromberg
Adult Choir and Handbell Choir Jayson R. Engquist, Director of Music & Organist
Acolytes Matt Brooks, Thea Bischof, Will Rinkoff, Alisa Schmidt
Readers Carole Selin, Mark Mcbrany
Verger Keith Davis
Ushers & Greeters Bob Baumann, Patty Byrne Pfalz, Jennifer & Peter Rosendale, Diane Wallace-Reid, Don Weinkauf, Colleen Swope
Coffee Hour Shirley Sailors

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