Hearing-assistance devices are available — simply request one from an usher.

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

GATHERING MUSIC  
*A Love So Fierce and Free: A Litany*  
David Ashley White

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

INTROIT  
*Let Thy Merciful Ears*  
Weelkes-Mudd

During Lent, the choir and clergy process in silence.

ACCLAMATION

Celebrant  
Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;

People  
His mercy endureth for ever.

HYMNAL # 143

*The Glory Of These Forty Days*  
ERHALT UNS, HERR

Please kneel, if able, or be seated.

THE DECALOGUE

The Decalogue may be followed in the Book of Common Prayer on pages 317-318.

Celebrant  
God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God … Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

People  
Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant  
Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image … nor worship them.

People  
Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant  
Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

People  
Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant  
Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

People  
Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
Honor thy father and thy mother.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not steal.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not covet.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy Spirit.

Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen. Please be seated after the Collect.
FIRST READING  
Genesis 12: 1-4a  
(pew Bible, page 9)

Reader  
The Word of the Lord.

People  
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121  
sung by all

Cantor  
1 I lift up my eyes to the / hills; *
from where is my / help to come?

All  
2 My help comes from the / LORD, * (pause at *)
the maker of heav-en and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be / moved *
and he who watches over you will not / fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over / Is-(ra)-el *
shall neither slum-ber nor sleep;

5 The LORD himself watches / o-(ver) you; *
the LORD is your shade at / your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by / day, *
nor the / moon by night.

7 The LORD shall preserve you from all / e-vil; *
it is he who shall / keep you safe.

8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming / in, *
from this time forth for / ev-er-more.  (slow at end)
SECOND READING Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 (pew Bible, page 1028)

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

Please stand, if able, for the sequence verse and Gospel Procession.

GOSPEL PROCESSION

You shall call, and the Lord will hear you; *
you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Hère I am.”

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

GOSPEL John 3: 1-17 (pew Bible, page 970)

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON

A period of silence is observed following the sermon.
Nicene Creed

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. 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 thy 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  (standing or kneeling, according to your custom)

Deacon  Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

All  Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Please stand, if able.

THE PEACE

Celebrant  The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People  And with thy spirit.

You are invited to exchange 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  For God So Loved the World

Robert Chilcott

God so loved the world, that He gave his only-begotten Son, that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

PRESENTATION (HYMNAL #707, VS. 1)  sung by all, standing, if able

HOLLINGSIDE

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer II

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant It is very meet, right and our bounden duty . . .
Therefore with Angels and Archangels . . .
we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee,
and saying:

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS

John Merbecke

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be
to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God . . .
For in the night in which he was betrayed . . .
Likewise, after supper, he took the cup . . .
Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people . . .
And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness . . .
And also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him . . .

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost,
all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant  Christ Our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People  Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant  The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION
AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

HANDBELL ANTHEM

There Is a Balm In Gilead

arr. Kevin McChesney

HYMNS

on the following pages
**HYMN**

*Shall We Gather at the River*

1. Shall we gather at the river, Where bright angel feet have trod;

2. On the margin of the river, Washing up its silver spray;

3. Here we reach the shining river, Lay we every burden down;

4. Soon we’ll reach the shining river, Soon our pilgrimages will cease.

1. With its crystal tide forever Flowing by the throne of God?

2. We will walk and worship ever. All the happy golden day.

3. Grace our spirits will deliver. And provide a robe and crown.

4. Soon our happy hearts will quiver With the melody of peace.

Yes, we’ll gather at the river. The beautiful, the beautiful river:

Gather with the saints at the river That flows by the throne of God.
1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a fore-taste of glory divine!
2. Perfect submission, perfect delight. Visions of rapture now burst on my sight; Angels descending, bring from above.
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest. I in my savior am happy and blest. Watching and waiting, looking above.

1. God, Born of His spirit, washed in His blood.
2. Boast Riches of mercy, whispers of love.
3. Boast Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

This is my story, this is my song. Praising my savior all the day long.

This is my story, this is my song. Praising my savior all the day long.
1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary,
2 May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,
3 While life’s dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread,

Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day; wipe sorrow’s

guilt away; O let me from this day be wholly thine.
love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.
tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887)  Music: Oliver Lovell Mason (1792-1872)
1 Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!
   Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

2 Here I find my greatest treasure; Luther, by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
   Fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
   Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and on it, mount of God's unchanging love.

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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  
said by all, standing or kneeling

       Almighty and everliving God,  
we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us,  
in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us;  
and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son,  
the blessed company of all faithful people;  
and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom.  
And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace,  
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,  
and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

       Please stand, as able, for the closing hymn.

HYMNAL # 636  
How Firm a Foundation

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Deacon  
Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People  
Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY  
Fugue-Finale from Suite for Organ  
Robert Powell

You are invited to listen to the closing music from the front choir stalls.

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**Today We Pray With**
Max, Gillian, Jim, Ginny, Nancy, Lorne, Chase, Mitch, Mae, Kathleen, Joan, Patricia, Amy, Irene, Ben, Kirby, Christopher, Richard, Pat, Ginny and Jack, Camille, Susan, Christopher, Sydney, Sara, Sandy, Norma, Ann, and those you would add.

**Lenten Greens**
In thanksgiving for the lives of Lola O. & Daniel W. Ferguson.

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*The Reverend Kate Bradtmiller*

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*The Reverend Margaret Thor*

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*(London, England)*
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