

Families with young children:

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These bags contain activities and materials to help your child engage in the worship service.*

*Please refrain from applause during worship, but feel free
to share your appreciation with our worship leaders after the service if you are so moved.*

Prelude

As those of old their first fruits brought

Setting by John Leavitt

Please stand as able at the ringing of the bell.

Processional Hymn (9:30 AM)
#705, The Hymnal 1982

As those of old their first fruits brought

Words: Frank von Christierson
Music: Forest Green

- 1 As those of old their first fruits brought
of vineyard, flock, and field
to God, the giver of all good,
the source of bounteous yield;
so we today our first fruits bring,
the wealth of this good land,
of farm and market, shop and home,
of mind, and heart, and hand.
- 2 A world in need now summons us
to labor, love, and give;
to make our life an offering
to God that all may live;
the Church of Christ is calling us
to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed by Christ-like love;
all life in Christ made new.

- 3 With gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best to thee
to serve thy cause and share thy love
with all humanity.
O thou who gavest us thyself
in Jesus Christ thy Son,
help us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.

Opening Acclamation

p. 355 Book of Common Prayer

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant

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.**

Gloria in Excelsis

S-277, The Hymnal 1982 (spoken at 7:45 AM; sung at 9:30 AM)

Setting by David Hurd

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Lesson: A reading from the Book of Ruth

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Naomi her mother-in-law said to Ruth, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do." She said to her, "All that you tell me I will do." So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm Appointed: 127 (*Read in unison*)

p. 782, Book of Common Prayer

- 1 Unless the Lord builds the house, *
their labor is in vain who build it.**
- 2 Unless the Lord watches over the city, *
in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.**
- 3 It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; *
vain, too, to eat the bread of toil, for he gives to his beloved sleep.**
- 4 Children are a heritage from the Lord, *
and the fruit of the womb is a gift.**
- 5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior *
are the children of one's youth.**
- 6 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them! *
he shall not be put to shame when he contends with his enemies in the gate.**

The Second Lesson: A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand as able for

The Sequence Hymn (9:30 AM)
#686, The Hymnal 1982 vss. 1-2

Come, thou fount of every blessing

Words: Robert Robinson
Music: Nettleton

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.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it,
mount of God's unchanging love.

2 Here I find my greatest treasure;
hither, by thy help, I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

The Holy Gospel

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Mark 12:38-44

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn continued

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

All are seated as invited by the preacher.

The Sermon

The Rev. Mawethu Ncaca, Associate Rector

All remain seated for a moment of silence following the sermon.

All stand as able for

The Nicene Creed

p. 358, Book of Common Prayer

**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

Adapted from *The Episcopal Network for Stewardship*

Celebrant

In gratitude for all we have received, every perfect gift that comes from God above, we gather to offer our intentions, petitions, and thanksgivings to God.

*The People say responses in **bold**.*

We pray for the Church, founded on the gift of your Word, and for all who gather to worship, praise, and work. Pour your blessings on Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, our new Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe, our Bishops Sam and Jennifer, and all our clergy and lay leadership in your Church.

Silence

May we who witness Your saving acts in the world, be ever grateful for every perfect gift, **which comes from God above.**

We pray for the world and the gift of all Creation. We pray for the welfare of our planet, and for the wise stewardship of its resources.

Silence

May we who witness the in the world, be ever grateful for every perfect gift, **which comes from God above.**

We pray for our newly elected leaders, for those not elected, and for all citizens who participated in elections this week; that you would move us and all our leaders to wise action and to work for the freedom, peace, and well-being of all.

Silence

May we who witness your power in the world, be ever grateful for every perfect gift, **which comes from God above.**

We pray for the work of our parish in the world. As we enter this season of intention and focus on the gifts that we give, inspire us to be generous with our time, our talent, and our treasure.

Silence

May we who witness the impact of our gifts in our community be grateful for every perfect gift, **which comes from God above.**

We pray for our neighbors and all who need or request our prayers. We remember the sick, the lonely, the suffering; those oppressed domestically or abroad and those in prison; for all who give care and comfort to those in need; for the poor and those who sleep on our streets. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list: **Rex, Maren, Pat, Barbara, Marilyn, and Cindy.** We pray for those among us who live with chronic illness, for those whose needs are known to you alone, and for those we name to you now...

Silence

May we who witness your healing in the world, be grateful for every perfect gift, **which comes from God above.**

We pray for those who have died, especially David Meath, brother of parishioner Carol McClain and Donald Perry, father of Heather Perry. May they rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them. Thank you especially for those members whose gifts to the church are felt beyond their lifetimes.

Silence

May we who witness your eternal love in the world, be grateful for every perfect gift, **which comes from God above.**

We pray for those in our parish celebrating birthdays this week: Jack Graber, John Rich, Sarah Perez, Kenille Baumgardner, Henri Lessard, Tyler Bennett, and Tiffany Lewis. It is impossible to number the blessings we have received, the many gifts that we have been given and those we share with the world. For what are we thankful today?

(All may offer thanksgivings aloud.)

Silence

May we who witness our gifts at work in the world, be grateful for every perfect gift, **which comes from God above.**

The Celebrant concludes

With gratitude we thank you, Abundant God, for hearing the faithful prayers of your people, granting them grace and love and blessings for every perfect gift. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

p. 360, Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

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. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Remember to sanitize hands, before and after touching common items like offering plates or after shaking hands at the Peace.

Please be seated

Welcome & Parish Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

If you are viewing our livestream, you may wish to prepare your financial offering for mailing at this time. Anyone may give online at www.stjohnswf.org/give OR Text "STJOHNSWF" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.

The altar flowers are given today by Elizabeth Melvin, in loving memory of Frank Toney.

Offertory Anthem (9:30 AM)

Cantate Domino

Psalm 98: Verses 1, 4, 8-9; Setting by David von Kampen
CANTATE

Cantate Domino canticum novum.

*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth;
Make a loud noise and rejoice!*

*Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills be joyful together;
Before the Lord, for He cometh to judge the earth,
With righteousness shall He judge the world,
And the people with equity.*

Please stand as able

The Doxology

(7:45 am—spoken)

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

(9:30 am—sung—Hymn 380 vs. 3)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

p. 361 Book of Common Prayer Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing....

...who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus — Holy, holy, holy Lord (7:45 AM spoken; 9:30 AM sung)
S-125, The Hymnal 1982**

Setting by Richard Proulx

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Celebrant Holy and gracious father: In your infinite love...Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:
**All Christ has died.
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption....

....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. Amen.

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.**

All stand as able

The Breaking of the Bread (Fraction Anthem)

A period of silence is kept.

At 7:45 AM, spoken

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover
is sacrificed for us;

**People Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia.**

At 9:30 AM, sung

S-155 (front of Hymnal 1982), **Christ our Passover**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Communion of the People *(please sanitize your hands before coming forward)*

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion or to receive a blessing (instead of the bread and wine) at the altar rail. If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest to signal the clergy. If you need a gluten free wafer, please extend your hands with palms down. If you need to be served in your seat, please inform an usher.

At this time, we will refrain from offering the common cup (drinking from a common chalice) and will offer the wine by intinction only (dipping the communion wafer in the cup of wine.) If you wish to receive the wine, please hold the wafer in your fingers as the chalice bearer comes to you and take care to dip only the wafer into the wine (and not your fingers.) If you are not comfortable receiving the wine this way, please know that receiving only the consecrated bread at Holy Communion (or the wine only) is still considered full Communion.

Communion Hymn (9:30 AM)
#593, The Hymnal 1982

Lord, make us servants of your peace

Words: James Quinn
Music: Dickinson College

- 1 Lord, make us servants of your peace:
where there is hate, may we sow love;
where there is hurt, may we forgive;
where there is strife, may we make one.
- 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;
where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
where all is night, may we sow light;
where all is tears, may we sow joy.
- 3 Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek
to be consoled, but to console,
nor look to understanding hearts,
but look for hearts to understand.

- 4 May we not look for love's return,
but seek to love unselfishly,
for in our giving we receive,
and in forgiving are forgiven.
- 5 Dying, we live, and are reborn
through death's dark night to endless day:
Lord, make us servants of your peace,
to wake at last in heaven's light.

The Postcommunion Prayer (for those who have shared in Communion in person)

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion (For those worshipping with us remotely at 9:30 AM)

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The Celebrant blesses the People.

(9:30 AM) All children & youth here today are invited to join the clergy at the church door during the following hymn. Our youth will help send us out with the words of Dismissal.

**The Dismissal Hymn (9:30 AM)
#594, The Hymnal 1982**

God of grace and God of glory

Words: Harry E. Fosdick
Music: Cwm Rhondda

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient Church's story;
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise:
grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days.

- 3 Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.
- 4 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore.

The Dismissal

Children Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude

God of grace and God of glory

Setting by Paul Manz

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