

Families with young children:

*A worship bag is available for your child in the Narthex (lobby of the church).
These bags contain activities and materials to help your child engage in the worship service.*

Please refrain from applause during worship.

Prelude

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Setting by Matthew H. Corl

Please stand as able at the ringing of the bell.

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

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Words: Walter C. Smith
Music: St. Denio

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| <p>1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.</p> <p>2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.</p> | <p>3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.</p> <p>4 Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.</p> |
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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-280, The Hymnal 1982 (spoken at 7:45 AM; sung at 9:30 AM)

Setting by Robert Powell

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 Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who 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 Prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse--who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm Appointed: 1 *(read in unison)*

p. 585, Book of Common Prayer

**1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**

**2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

**3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.**

**4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

**5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.**

**6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

The Second Lesson: A reading from Paul's First letter to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand as able for

The Sequence Hymn (9:30 AM)
#656, The Hymnal 1982 vss. 1, 2 & 3

Blest are the pure in heart

Words: Sts. 1 & 3, John Keble (1792-1866),
alt.; sts. 2 and 4, William John Hall (1793-1861), alt.
Music: Franconia

1 Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.

2 The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with us,
our pattern and our King;

3 he to the lowly soul
will still himself impart
and for his dwelling and his throne
will choose the pure in heart.

The Holy Gospel

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

Luke 6:17-26

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets." "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn continued

4 Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple fit for thee.

All are seated as invited by the preacher.

The Sermon

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

Lois Sauer, Lay Preacher

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

Composed by The Rev. Rick Morley,
adapted by Lois Sauer, Licensed Preacher

*All say the portion in **bold** print.*

Leader Let us pray to God, who brought light into the world in Jesus.

Gracious God, you shone the light of your love in the birth of your Son Jesus, may that light draw us and all people to you, that we might be the Church and People who you would call us to be. We pray especially for St. John's, and all of our parish staff, vestry, and ministry leaders in this time of transition. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As wise foreigners followed celestial light to the brightness of Jesus' presence, so draw our nation, our President, and all in authority to your Son's way of unselfish love. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

As Jesus traveled throughout the countryside sharing your light and love through teaching, open our hearts to know you active and present in our daily lives. Bring those who do not yet know you to the knowledge and love of you. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As you met the needs of ordinary people through the light of inclusion, touch and compassion, be present we pray with all people throughout the world who are homeless, vulnerable, hungry, ignored, or despised. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As the light of your Love became manifest in healings, we pray for all who are sick and suffering, especially **Brooks, Carol, John, Bob, Eric, Julie, Tammy, and Stacy.** In addition, we ask your healing and comfort for all those who suffer from chronic conditions, including those we name to you now... (all may name those in need, either silently or aloud). Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As Jesus brought an unexpected abundance in wine, loaves, and fishes we rejoice today with those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Andrea Stogsdill, Ric Munz, Jane Hill, Jackson Green, Henry Smits, Moe Isenberg, and Finian Shail. May the light of your love dance in the hearts of all who are joyous this day. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As your son came to proclaim the forgiveness of sins and the gift of Life Eternal; give to the departed eternal rest and let Light perpetual shine upon them, especially those we name to you now... Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: O Lord our God, may the spreading Light and Hope of this Epiphany season shining through the presence of your Son Jesus reassure our hearts that you are among us, that you hear our prayer, and that you will be with us always, even to the end of the age. In the name of Jesus of Nazareth, we pray. **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 for

Welcome & Parish Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

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Offertory Anthem (9:30 AM)

Come, Walk with Me

Setting by Z. Randall Stroope

CANTATE

*Come, walk with me into the desert,
Drink from the well of living waters,
Where Eden's beauty lay and night turns into day.
Sing, O my soul, rise and sing!
Rise at first light of day! Rise in joyous refrain!
Sing, my soul, the vict'ry's won! Alleluia!*

*Hide me in your holiness; whisper low;
Cover me in righteousness, with ancient blazing fire,
Silence and stillness, earth, wind, sun.*

*I am the longing in the rivers.
I am the laughter in the sound of rain.
Fear not when earthquakes come or darkness surrounds you.
Sing, O my soul, rise and sing!
Rise at first light of day! Rise in joyous refrain!
Sing, my soul, the vict'ry's won! Alleluia*

*Alleluia! Come, come the Morning Star!
Alleluia! Come, light our path. Alleluia!
Rise at light of day! Sing the vict'ry's won!
Rise! Sing! Come!*

Please stand as able for

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 367 Book of Common Prayer Eucharistic Prayer B

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 (7:45 AM spoken; 9:30 AM sung)
S-130 (front of The Hymnal 1982)

Music by Franz P. Schubert
Arranged 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 We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation....Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**All We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all...
...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 for

The Breaking of the Bread
Fraction Anthem S-154 (front of The Hymnal 1982)

Setting by David Hurd

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

**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)
#773, Wonder, Love and Praise

Heal me, hands of Jesus

Words: Michael Perry
Music: Carl Haywood

1 Heal me, hands of Jesus,
 and search out all my pain:
 restore my hope, remove my fear
 and bring me peace again.

2 Cleanse me, blood of Jesus,
 take bitterness away;
 let me forgive as one forgiven
 and bring me peace today.

3 Know me, mind of Jesus,
 and show me all my sin;
 dispel the memories of guilt,
 and bring me peace within.

4 Fill me, joy of Jesus:
 anxiety shall cease
 and heaven's serenity be mine,
 for Jesus brings me peace!

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.

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| 1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace! | 4 He speaks; and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe. |
| 2 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim
and spread through all the earth
abroad the honors of thy Name. | 5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voiceless ones,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold, your Savior comes;
and leap, ye lame, for joy! |
| 3 Jesus! the Name that charms our fears
and bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace. | 6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven. |

The Dismissal

Youth Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
All Thanks be to God.

Postlude

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Setting by David M. Cherwein

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