

**Families with young children**

Interactive worship bags for children are available in the Narthex (church lobby). Nursery care, age 5 and under, is also offered in the Parish Hall, with drop-off between 9:15 and 9:45 AM. Please ask an usher if you need directions.

**9:25 AM — At the ringing of the bell, please prepare for worship in silence.**

**Prelude****Voluntary in D Major**

Music by William Boyce

**7:45 AM and 9:30 AM — All stand in body or spirit at the ringing of the bell to begin worship.**

**Processional Hymn (9:30 AM)**  
**#388, The Hymnal 1982****O worship the King, all glorious above!**Words: Robert Grant  
Music: Hanover

1 O worship the King, all glorious above!  
O gratefully sing his power and his love!  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

3 The earth, with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,  
hath established it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4 Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;  
thy mercies, how tender! how firm to the end!  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

**Opening Acclamation**

p. 355 Book of Common Prayer

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

**People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Officiant

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 Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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 First Book of Kings

1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm Appointed: Psalm 119:129-136 (read in unison)

p. 774, Book of Common Prayer

- 129 Your decrees are wonderful; \*  
therefore I obey them with all my heart.**
- 130 When your word goes forth it gives light; \*  
it gives understanding to the simple.**
- 131 I open my mouth and pant; \*  
I long for your commandments.**
- 132 Turn to me in mercy, \*  
as you always do to those who love your Name.**
- 133 Steady my footsteps in your word; \*  
let no iniquity have dominion over me.**
- 134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, \*  
and I will keep your commandments.**
- 135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant \*  
and teach me your statutes.**
- 136 My eyes shed streams of tears, \*  
because people do not keep your law.**

### The Second Lesson: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn** (9:30 AM)  
**#615, The Hymnal 1982 vss. 1-3**

**“Thy kingdom come!” on bended knee**

Words: F. L. Hosmer  
Music: St. Flavian

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| 1    “Thy kingdom come!” on bended knee<br>the passing ages pray;<br>and faithful souls have yearned to see<br>on earth that kingdom’s day. | 3                    And lo, already on the hills<br>the flags of dawn appear;<br>gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,<br>proclaim the day is near: |
| 2            But the slow watches of the night<br>not less to God belong;<br>and for the everlasting right<br>the silent stars are strong.  |                                                                                                                                                      |

### **The Holy Gospel**

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

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

People    **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.” “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Deacon    The Gospel of the Lord.

People    **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Sequence hymn continued*

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| 4        the day to whose clear-shining light<br>all wrong shall stand revealed,<br>when justice shall be throned in might,<br>and every hurt be healed; | 5    when knowledge, hand in hand with peace,<br>shall walk the earth abroad;<br>the day of perfect righteousness,<br>the promised day of God. |
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*All are seated as invited by the preacher.*

**The Sermon**

Fr. Mac Brown, Rector

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

## 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—Form III

p. 387, Book of Common Prayer

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week; Tom Baker, Richard Blanck, Lynn Bartholomew, Thomas Crate, Heather Perry, Jameson Dapo, Robert Stell, David Brewer, Jim Cooke, Deb Bass.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially; **Louis, Emily, Carol, Campbell, Gordon, Alice, David, Heidi.** We pray for those on our chronic prayer list, and all those we name to you now...*(people may add additional names)*.

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence.*

Celebrant

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant 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. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

**Welcome & Parish Announcements**

**The Holy Communion**

**The Offertory**

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**Offertory Hymn (9:30 AM)**

**Sing of the Lord's Goodness**

Text and Music by Ernest Sands

CANTATE

*Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom, come to him and bless his name.  
Mercy he has shown us, his love is forever, faithful to the end of days.*

*Come, then, all you nations, sing of your Lord's goodness,  
melodies of praise and thanks to God.  
Ring out the Lord's glory, praise him with your music,  
worship him and bless his name.*

*Power he has wielded, honor is his garment risen from the snares of death.  
His word he has spoken, one bread he has broken, new life he now gives to all.*

*Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow, Spirit of our God most high;  
solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner, splendor of the living God.*

*Praise him with your singing, praise him with the trumpet  
praise God with the lute and harp;  
praise him with the cymbals, praise him with your dancing,  
praise God till the end of days.*

*All stand in body or spirit 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**

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 God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**People Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**People By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**People By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs...  
...to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**The Sanctus—holy, holy, holy** (7:45 spoken, 9:30 sung)

**S-125** (front of hymnal)

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 Celebrant continues.*

Celebrant And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit...  
...Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving:

**All We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob...  
...that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**All Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant ...Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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 in body or spirit for*

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

**Fraction Anthem S-154** (front of The Hymnal 1982)

Setting by David Hurd

### **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**

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)  
**#325, The Hymnal 1982**

**Let us break bread together on our knees** Words: African-American spiritual  
Music: Let Us Break Bread

1 Let us break bread together on our knees;  
when I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
when I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

3 Let us praise God together on our knees;  
when I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

*All stand in body or spirit for*

## **The Postcommunion Prayer**

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.**

*The Celebrant blesses the People.*

(9:30 AM)

*All children and 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)**  
**#819, Wonder, Love and Praise**

**Guide my feet Lord**

Setting: African-American spiritual,  
arr. Carl Harris, Jr. (b. 1935)

- 1 Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.  
Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.  
Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race,  
'cause I don't want to run this race in vain.
- 2 Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.  
Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.  
Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.  
'cause I don't want to run this race in vain.

- 3 Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.  
Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.  
Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.  
'cause I don't want to run this race in vain.

**The Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**

**Guide my feet, Lord**

Setting by John Carter

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