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Welcome

WELCOME to all of our guests and visitors. Whether you are simply passing through or looking for a spiritual home, we are blessed to have you join us in worship.

WE ARE A COMMUNITY that expresses its love for our Lord Jesus Christ in ancient, yet timeless worship forms. We are a community that seeks to understand what it prays. We are a community that asks the Holy Spirit to teach us to love one another and the world beyond our church walls. By God's graciousness, we are growing.

CONNECT WITH US by completing a Welcome Card. Our rector, Father Dominique, or a member of our leadership team (Vestry), would love to be in touch.



g Text in bold to be spoken aloud by congregants

MASS SETTING

Missa Tertia

Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Isaiah 48:20, Psalm 66

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, alleluia; utter it even unto the ends of the earth: the Lord hath delivered his people, alleluia, alleluia. Vs. O be joyful in God, all ye lands: sing praises unto the honor of his Name; make his praise to be glorious.

VIDI AQUAM

Vidi aquam egredientem de templo, a latere dextro, alleluja: Et omnes, ad quos pervenit aqua ista, salvi facti sunt et dicent, alleluja. Confitemini Domino, quoniam bonus: quoniam in saeculum misericordia ejus. Gloria Patri...

I saw water, * proceeding out of the temple, on the right side thereof, alleluia: and all they to whom that water came were healed every one; and they say, alleluia, alleluia. Ps. O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth for ever. V. Glory be...

Celebrant: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us; alleluia

People: And grant us thy salvation. alleluia

Celebrant: O Lord, hear my prayer;

People: And let my cry come unto thee.

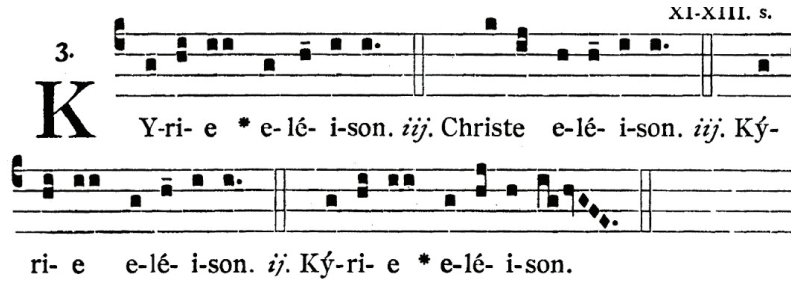
Celebrant: The Lord be with you;

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Graciously hear us, O Lord, Holy Father Almighty, Everlasting God; and may it please Thee to send thy holy Angel from heaven to guard and cherish, to protect and visit, and to defend all who dwell in this thy holy habitation. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON

3. 

GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam, Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe; Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.

Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostrum. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus; tu solus Dominus; tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe; cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.

That takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

g Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

There are often four Scripture passages at every Mass.

FIRST READING Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Cantate Domino* Psalm 98

8:00, the psalm is prayed responsively at the half-verse ().
10:30, the Choir will chant this 1549 translation attributed to Bishop of Exeter, Myles Coverdale, found in all earlier editions of the Book of Common Prayer.*

1 O SING unto the LORD a new song; *
for he hath done marvellous things.
2 With his own right hand, and with his holy arm, *
hath he gotten himself the victory.
3 The LORD declared his salvation; *
his righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen.
4 He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel; *
and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.
5 Show yourselves joyful unto the LORD, all ye lands; *
sing, rejoice, and give thanks.
6 Praise the LORD upon the harp; *
sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.
7 With trumpets also and shawms, *
O show yourselves joyful before the LORD, the King.
8 Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is; *
the round world, and they that dwell therein.
9 Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the LORD; *
for he is come to judge the earth.
10 With righteousness shall he judge the world, *
and the peoples with equity.

EPISTLE

1 John 5:1-6

The epistle reading usually comes from one of the Letters of St. Paul.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

♪ Please stand.

ALLELUIA

Surrexit Christus

John 16:28



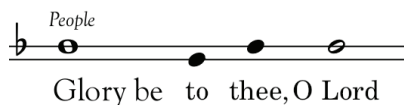
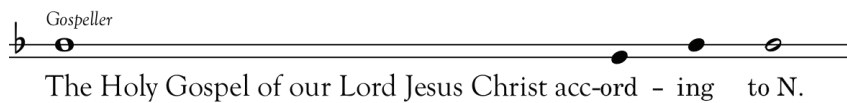
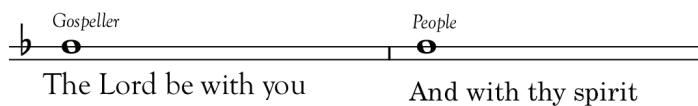
Vs. Christ is risen and hath showed light unto us whom he hath redeemed with his most precious Blood.

Vs. I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world and go to the Father.

GOSPEL


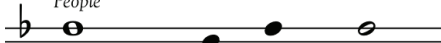
John 15:9-17

The Holy Gospel is the pinnacle of the Liturgy of the Word; hence, standing. Many have adopted the custom of making the sign of the cross on the forehead, lips, and heart during the announcement, whereby we ask for the Word of Our Lord to be in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.



Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

<p><i>Gospeller</i></p> 	<p><i>People</i></p> 
The Gospel of the Lord	Praise be to thee, O Christ


SERMON

Father Stuart Kenworthy

NICENE CREED

Formulated over two ecumenical councils in 325 and 381 A.D., the Nicene Creed is the summary of Christian belief, sometimes called the Symbol of the Faith. The Creed’s focus is our Lord as both fully God (divine) and fully man (human).

♪ Please stand.



un - der Pontius Pi - late; He suf - fer - ed and was bu - ri - ed: And the third day he rose a - gain ac - cord - ing to
 the Scrip - tures: And as - cend - ed in - to hea - ven, And sit - teth on the right hand of the Fa - ther:
 And he shall come a - gain, with glo - ry, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose king - dom shall
 have no end; And I be - lieve in the Ho - ly Ghost, the Lord, and giv - er of Life, Who pro - ceed - eth
 from the Fa - ther and the Son; Who with the Fa - ther and the Son to - geth - er is wor - shipped and
 glo - ri - fi - ed; Who spake by the Pro - phets: And I be - lieve One Ho - ly Cath - o - lic and
 A - pos - tol - ic Church: I ac - know - ledge one Bap - tism for the re - mis - sion of sins:
 And I look for the Re - sur - rec - tion of the dead: And the life of the world to come.
 A - - - - - men.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For those baptized at Easter, that they grow ever stronger in faith, hope and love, and be powerful witnesses to the Risen Lord, Let us pray to the Lord....

All

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the leaders and people of our nation and of all nations; especially Taiwan, Haiti, Ethiopia, Sudan, Israel and her neighbors, Ukraine and Russia; that we learn to honor one another, and serve the common good, Let us pray to the Lord...

All: Lord, have mercy.

For all who feel bound by their past or struggle to forgive, that the Holy Spirit heal and free them so to live fully as beloved children of God, Let us pray to the Lord....

All: Lord, have mercy.

For the widowed, homeless persons, victims of prejudice, and persecuted Christians; for the children in our midst and neighborhood and those who are orphaned; for the persons on our prayer list, and those we now name silently in our hearts _____, that strength, healing and peace be found in Christ, Let us pray to the Lord....

All: Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died + that they be one with our Heavenly Father for all eternity, Let us pray to the Lord....

All: Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of the ever-blessed and glorious Virgin Mary, the holy patriarchs, prophets, apostles and martyrs, Saints Agnes and Francis, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God....



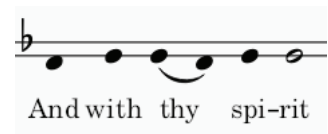
THE PEACE

Reconciled to God and one another, we receive the peace of Christ and offer it to one another, "the peace of Christ", accompanied by a gesture: hug, handshake, smile, slight bow ... Some of our neighbors may prefer no contact, which we respect.

Celebrant



All:



g Please be seated as the altar is prepared.

OFFERTORY

Canticles 8, St John 15, I Peter 2, I Corinthians 6; Romans 12

John Ireland (1914-1992)

Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death.
Greater love hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends.
Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree,
that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.

Ye are washed, ye are sanctified,
 ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus.
 Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation;
 that ye should show forth the praises of him
 who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.
 I beseech you brethren, by the mercies of God,
 that you present your bodies, a living sacrifice,
 holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

HYMN

In Your Mercy Lord You Called Me

Hymn #706

♩ Please stand.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: Pray, beloved: that this, my sacrifice and yours, may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People: May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of His Name, both to our benefit and that of all His holy Church.

Celebrant: Amen.

SURSUM CORDA

The musical notation for the Sursum Corda section consists of four staves. The first staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit." The second staff is for the People, with the lyrics "Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God." The fourth staff is for the People, with the lyrics "It is meet and right so to do." The notation includes a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and melismatic, with long notes and ties.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

The Sanctus and Benedictus (Latin for "holy" and "blessed") is one of the earliest elements of the liturgy (St. Clement of Rome—fourth Bishop of Rome, +104—mentions it) and concludes the Preface. It is the hymn of the seraphim in Isaiah 6:3 that never ceases before God, in which we now join. This hymn is sung by our cantors at 10:30am.

*Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.*

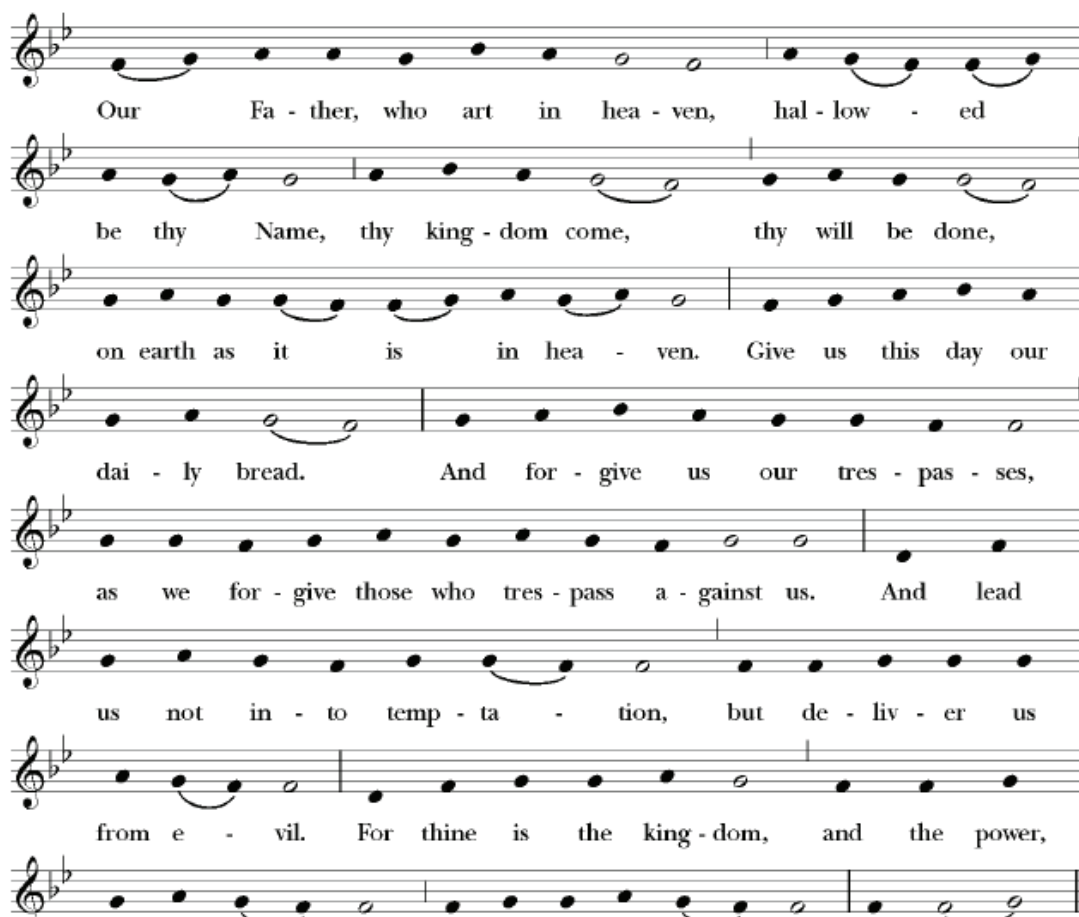
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are ful of thy glory.
Glory be to thee O Lord most high.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



LORD'S PRAYER

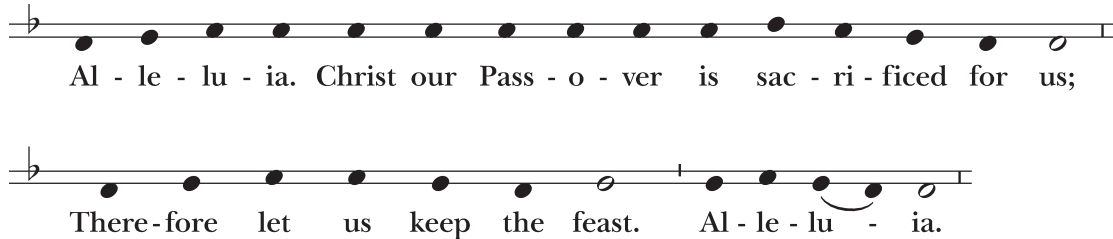
Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE FRACTION

The Celebrant breaks the Eucharistic Bread or Host (from the Latin for “victim”), recalling Christ’s gesture of breaking bread at the Last Supper. The priest then puts a piece of the host into the chalice (“commingles,” a rite dating from the eighth century) to signify the unity of the living and glorious Body and Blood of the Lord in the work of salvation, often saying inaudibly a he/she does so: “May this mingling of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.”



INVITATION

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

People: Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof.
But speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

AGNUS DEI

This chant has been sung since the 7th century. It is based upon John the Baptist’s reference to Jesus (John 1:29): “Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world,” which the priest just echoed in presenting the consecrated bread and wine to the congregation.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

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, have mercy upon us.

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

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Kneeling (or standing) at the Communion rail, we receive the Host (consecrated bread) on the out-stretched right palm of the hand (supported underneath by the left palm). The Priest (or Deacon) will not place the Host on the tongue. You are also invited, if you so desire, to receive the consecrated wine from the common Chalice. Two options for the Chalice (which will be held by the acolyte): 1) Raise/tilt it, from the base, to your lips; 2) Dip the host (not fingers!) in the wine (intinction). If you prefer not to receive the consecrated wine, discreetly shake your head “no”.

If you are not receiving Communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing (indicated by crossing your arms over your chest).

If you have not been baptized and find yourself drawn to Jesus Christ and life in Him, please let a member of leadership know. We would be honored to have a conversation with you about your faith journey, or questions you may have regarding the sacrament of Baptism.

COMMUNION

John 15

Peter Nardone (b. 1965)

I give to you a new commandment that you love one another as I have loved you.
 Ubi caritas et amor deus ibi est, timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
 Where charity and love are, God is there.
 Christ's love has gathered us into one.
 Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
 Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
 And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

g Please kneel as able.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: Eternal God, heavenly Father,

People: Eternal God, heavenly Father, Thou hast graciously accepted us as living members of Thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and Thou hast 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 Thee with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

g Please stand.

BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. AMEN.

CLOSING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

Hymn #488

DISMISSAL

The Deacon (or Celebrant) sends us forth to carry the mystery of God into the world.

Cantor or Officiant

Let us bless the Lord, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

People

Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Capital Campaign Prayer

Loving God,

as we near 150 years in this splendid church, we turn to You with gratitude for all that You have bestowed and with hope for all that is to come.

Bless us with trusting and generous hearts. By Your grace, we seek to be “a thriving faith community that, with open doors and open hearts, expresses Christ’s love with each other, our neighborhood, and beyond.”*

We humbly ask Your continued blessing upon us and upon our capital campaign, that we may glorify You in all things, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



* *ASA Vision Statement*

Our capital campaign is for the construction of a three-story Parish Center, on the site and incorporating parts of the chapel, for administration, fellowship and outreach, making the social hall wheelchair-accessible for the first time in 150 years.

