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Entrance Rites

The people stand as they are able.

Gathering Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #470 - There's a wideness in God's mercy

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People *Glory to God for ever and ever.*

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.*

Song of Praise

The Hymnal 1982 #428

1 O all ye works of God, now come to thank him
2 O sun and moon and stars of heaven, your end - less
3 O heat and cold, O night and day, O storms and
4 O earth and sea, O all that live in wa - ter
5 O let his peo - ple bless the Lord like right - eous

1 and a - dore; O an - gels, sing and
2 praise out - pour; O chang - ing sea - sons,
3 thun - der's roar, O fields and for - ests,
4 or on shore, O men and wo - men,
5 souls of yore; let those of ho - ly,

1 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
 2 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
 3 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
 4 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
 5 hum - ble heart come praise him ev - er - more.

6 So let us glorify and bless
 the God we bow before,
 the Father, Holy Spirit, Son,
 and praise him evermore.

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

The people sit.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Word of God

The people sit.

First Reading

A reading from The Book of Jeremiah (4:11-12,22-28).

¹¹ At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse— ¹² a wind too strong for that.

Now it is I who speak in judgment against them. ²²“For my people are foolish,

they do not know me;
they are stupid children,
they have no understanding.
They are skilled in doing evil,
but do not know how to do good.”

²³ I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void;
and to the heavens, and they had no light.

²⁴ I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking,
and all the hills moved to and fro.

²⁵ I looked, and lo, there was no one at all,
and all the birds of the air had fled.

²⁶ I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert,
and all its cities were laid in ruins
before the Lord, before his fierce anger.

²⁷ For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I
will not make a full end. ²⁸ Because of this the earth shall mourn,
and the heavens above grow black;
for I have spoken, I have purposed;
I have not relented nor will I turn back.

Reader
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
People
Thanks be to God

A period of silence is kept.

Psalm 14

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Dixit insipiens

1 The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.” *
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any good.

- 2 The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all, *
to see if there is any who is wise,
if there is one who seeks after God.
- 3 Every one has proved faithless;
all alike have turned bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not one.
- 4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *
who eat up my people like bread
and do not call upon the LORD?
- 5 See how they tremble with fear, *
because God is in the company of the righteous.
- 6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, *
but the LORD is their refuge.
- 7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! *
when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

A period of silence is kept.

Second Reading

A reading from The First Letter of Paul to Timothy (1:12-17).

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the

ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People

Thanks be to God

A period of silence is kept.

The people stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #439 - What wondrous love is this

Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (15:1-10).
Glory to you, Lord Christ

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³So he told them this parable: ⁴"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰

Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The Gospel of the Lord
People
Praise to you, Lord Christ

The people sit.

Sermon

The people stand as they are able.

The Nicene Creed

All say together

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.

The people stand, or kneel as they are able.

Prayers of the People

Leader

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For [N. our Presiding Bishop, and N. (N.) our Bishop(s); and for] all
bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A period of silence is kept.

Absolution

Bishop or Priest

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 people stand as they are able.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

The people sit.

Our work this week

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The Priest says

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

The people stand as they are able.

Offertory Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 # 380, vs 3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures, here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

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 him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #124

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand, or kneel as they are able.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said:

“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to

you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with [_____ and] all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

The People respond Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

***People and
Celebrant***

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

A period of silence is kept; the celebrant and people sing

Wonder Love and Praise #878

Who - ev - er comes to me shall not hun - ger and

who - ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - er thirst.

The musical score is for a hymn in 4/4 time, key of D major. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part consists of a right-hand part with chords and a left-hand part with a simple bass line. The lyrics are: "Who - ev - er comes to me shall not hun - ger and who - ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - er thirst."

A period of silence is kept.

The Priest invites the people to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are invited to receive communion. Come to the rail, extend your hands one over the other, the minister will place bread in your palm, which you consume; to receive wine raise your hands, the minister will offer you the chalice, please guide it to your lips and sip. If you choose not to receive you may receive a blessing; cross your arms over your chest and the priest will bless you. You may choose to remain seated.

Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #328 - Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord

1 Draw nigh and take the Bo - dy of the Lord,
2 Saved by that Bo - dy and that ho - ly Blood,
3 Sal - va - tion's giv - er, Christ, the on - ly Son,
4 Of - fered was he for great - est and for least,
5 Ap - proach ye then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,

1 and drink the ho - ly Blood for you out - poured.
2 with souls re - freshed, we ren - der thanks to God.
3 by his dear cross and blood the vic - tory won.
4 him - self the Vic - tim, and him - self the Priest.
5 and take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.

6 He that his saints in this world rules and shields
to all believers life eternal yields;

7 with heavenly bread he makes the hungry whole,
gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

8 Alpha-Omega, unto whom shall bow
all nations at the doom, is with us now.

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Music: *Song 46*, melody and bass Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

The people stand as they are able.

Postcommunion Prayer

God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life
and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one

with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

The Bishop or Priest says
God's Blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be with you,
the Spirit's outpouring be with you,
now and always. *Amen.*

Going Forth

The Hymnal 1982 #410 - Praise my soul the King of heaven

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Prayers

Janet, Amber, Josh, Harlan, Sandy, Diane, Lisa, Tammy, Betty, Joe, Bill, Mary, Angie, Marcel, Barbara Dale, Gene, Tucker and Ellen, Kelly, Kelly, Susanne, Randy, Sue, Wally Ann and Hughes, Jeff, Bruce, Christie, Charles, Chuck, Shelby, Jamie & family, Jack and Family, Chris, Elaine, Susan, Sharon, the Randolph family, Shirley, Friday Families, meals on wheels, making better men of young men, those suffering from seasonal storms and fires, those serving our country, those traveling, and for those we now name:

Thanksgiving for Blake and Bailey's marriage

Those who have died: Jose Castelense and Betty Howell

Announcements

Calendar

9/11 17th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 19

9:00 Eucharist

10:00 Fellowship

9/13 10/9 6:30 Al Anon

9/16 6:00pm Family Friday

9/11 18th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 20

9:00 Eucharist

10:00 Fellowship

Worship Leaders

Date	Proper	Service	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Intercessor
				Psalmist	
9/11	16 Pent Proper 19	Eucharist	Liz	Beth	Mike
				Amy	
9/18	17 Pent Proper 20	Eucharist	Beth	Mike	Mike
9/25	18 Pent Proper 21	Eucharist	Mike	Ed	Beth

Acolytes

Date	Proper	1st Server	2nd Server	People's Gift & Alms
9/11	Proper 19	Deanna	Will	Emily
9/18	Proper 20	Belle	Amy	Mike
9/25	Proper 21	Will	Emily	Deanna

Prayer List Request

Please add the following to St Stephen's Prayer list:

Please add _____ to St Stephen's
remembrance of the dead (date of death: MM/DD _____)

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