

## **WELCOME!**

We are delighted to have you with us today. You are invited to God's table to receive communion and to share in our community. If you are visiting, please introduce yourself and fill out a Welcome Card. Place the card in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. If you are looking for a church to call home, you are welcome here!

## CHILDREN AT ST. JOHN'S

Children's Chapel is offered for ages ten and under during the Gospel and Sermon, with infant and toddler care in the nursery. We enjoy a family worship service and Children's Sermon on the second Sunday of the month.

# THE WORD OF GOD

## **PRELUDE**

"Prelude" Op. 16, No. 4, Alexander Scriabin

### **OPENING HYMN**

"God, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle"

The People stand as able for the Hymn and opening



## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.** 

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

## THE LESSONS

The People Sit

## A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

**JEREMIAH 23:23-29** 

"Am I not a God near at hand"—God's Decree—"and not a God far off? Can anyone hide out in a corner where I can't see him?" God's Decree. "Am I not present everywhere, whether seen or unseen?" God's Decree. "I know what they're saying, all these prophets who preach lies using me as their text, saying 'I had this dream! I had this dream! How long do I have to put up with this? Do these prophets give two cents about me as they preach their lies and spew out their grandiose delusions? They swap dreams with one another, feed on each other's delusive dreams, trying to distract my people from me just as their ancestors were distracted by the no-god Baal. "You prophets who do nothing but dream—go ahead and tell your silly dreams. But you prophets who have a message from me—tell it truly and faithfully. What does straw have in common with wheat? Nothing else is like God's Decree. Isn't my Message like fire?" God's Decree. "Isn't it like a sledgehammer busting a rock?

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 82

Remaining seated, the Lector and the People say the Psalm responsively

- 1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; \* he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:
- 2 "How long will you judge unjustly, \* and show favor to the wicked?
- 3 Save the weak and the orphan; \* defend the humble and needy;
- 4 Rescue the weak and the poor; \*
  - deliver them from the power of the wicked.
- They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; \*
  - all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, \*
  - and all of you children of the Most High;
- 7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, \* and fall like any prince.'"

### A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

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### HEBREWS 11:29—12:2

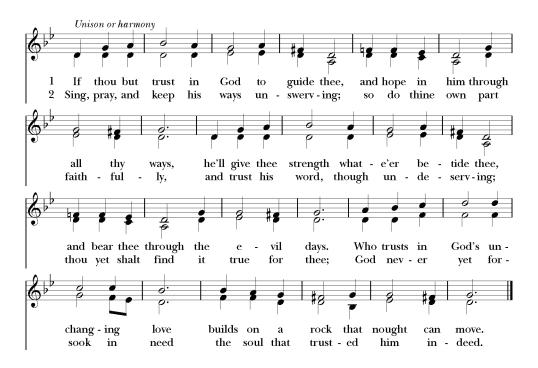
By an act of faith, Israel walked through the Red Sea on dry ground. The Egyptians tried it and drowned. By faith, the Israelites marched around the walls of Jericho for seven days, and the walls fell flat. By an act of faith, Rahab, the Jericho harlot, welcomed the spies and escaped the destruction that came on those who refused to trust God. I could go on and on, but I've run out of time. There are so many more—Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, the prophets. . . . Through acts of faith, they toppled kingdoms, made justice work, took the promises for themselves. They were protected from lions, fires, and sword thrusts, turned disadvantage to advantage, won battles, routed alien armies. Women received their loved ones back from the dead. There were those who, under torture, refused to give in and go free, preferring something better: resurrection. Others braved abuse and whips, and, yes, chains and dungeons. We have stories of those who were stoned, sawed in two, murdered in cold blood; stories of vagrants wandering the earth in animal skins, homeless, friendless, powerless—the world didn't deserve them!—making their way as best they could on the cruel edges of the world. Not one of these people, even though their lives of faith were exemplary, got their hands on what was promised. God had a better plan for us: that their faith and our faith would come together to make one completed whole, their lives of faith not complete apart from ours. Do you see what this means—all these pioneers who blazed the way, all these veterans cheering us on? It means we'd better get on with it. Strip down, start running—and never quit! No extra spiritual fat, no parasitic sins. Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed—that exhilarating finish in and with God—he could put up with anything along the way: Cross, shame, whatever, And now he's there, in the place of honor, right alongside God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

## **SEQUENCE HYMN**

"If thou but trust in God to guide thee" vs. 1-2, The Hymnal 635

The People stand as able for the hymn and the Gospel



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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

"I've come to start a fire on this earth—how I wish it were blazing right now! I've come to change everything, turn everything rightside up—how I long for it to be finished! Do you think I came to smooth things over and make everything nice? Not so. I've come to disrupt and confront! From now on, when you find five in a house, it will be—Three against two, and two against three; Father against son, and son against father; Mother against daughter, and daughter against mother; Mother-in-law against bride, and bride against mother-in-law." Then he turned to the crowd: "When you see clouds coming in from the west, you say, 'Storm's coming'—and you're right. And when the wind comes out of the south, you say, 'This'll be a hot one'—and you're right. Frauds! You know how to tell a change in the weather, so don't tell me you can't tell a change in the season, the God-season we're in right now.

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

THE SERMON Suzanne Love Harris

The People may be seated
A moment of silence will be observed for reflection after the sermon

## THE NICENE CREED

The People stand as able and 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.

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Gary Troyan
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Tucker Matthews
Mary Lee
Leslye Hardie
Lee Anne MacKay
Jeana Troyan
John Lummis
Eric Schmidt
Matthew McGee
Sabin Gutierrez
Molly Perkins
Robby Robertson
Sean Callari

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES
Kathie & Phil Harrington
Erin & Brandon Black
Anne & Brian Matthews
Jane & Richard Dean

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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Intercessor and People pray responsively, kneeling or standing

With wild hearts and rooted hope, let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

In this season of growth and sunlight, we give thanks for the sacred wildness of creation—Tetons rising in praise, rivers singing through canyons, wildflowers proclaiming your glory. Teach us again to walk gently upon this earth, as kin among all living things.

Lord, in your mercy,

## Hear our prayer.

Bless your holy Church, and rewild us—call us out of captivity to comfort and into the wide open spaces of mystery, courage, and love. Renew our sacred story, that we may remember your voice speaking through burning bushes, wilderness prophets, and empty tombs.

Lord, in your mercy,

### Hear our prayer.

Rewild our worship, our sacraments, and our sacred practices. May our liturgy echo rivers, our songs rise like wind through the trees, and our prayers become seeds of justice sown in the soil of the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

#### Hear our prayer.

Guide the leaders of our communities, our nation, and the nations of the world. Let them be humbled by the grandeur of your creation and moved to act with wisdom, compassion, and reverence for all people and the planet we share.

Lord, in your mercy,

## Hear our prayer.

Rewild our humanity. Heal what has been domesticated by fear, tamed by violence, or shackled by shame. Set free the childlike wonder in us, the image of the divine placed deep within, that we may live with open hands and fierce love.

Lord, in your mercy,

## Hear our prayer.

Comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our parish prayer list. Help us see your presence not only in healing but in the holy work of accompaniment.

Lord, in your mercy,

#### Hear our prayer.

We commend to your eternal embrace all who have died—those we name now silently or aloud. May they rest in the peace of wild things and rise with Christ into the untamed joy of your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

## Hear our prayer.

We offer our thanksgiving for all who are celebrating birthdays this week. May this season offer new horizons for growth, new patterns of healthy living, and an expansion of grace and mercy in their lives. We also pray in thanksgiving for those celebrating anniversaries. May love renew and heal, commitment strengthen and deepen. Lord, in your mercy,

## Hear our prayer.

God of wilderness and wonder, rewild our souls, our stories, and our shared life. Awaken us to the sacred rhythms of creation, the untamed grace of Jesus, and the Spirit's movement like wind through pine. Let this summer be a season of holy renewal. In the name of Christ, who walks beside us on every trail. **Amen.** 

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

The People kneel or stand as able

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

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.

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

The People stand as able

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

People And also with you.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The People sit. The Revelations Newsletter is available in the Narthex and Hansen Hall for more happening around the parish.



# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## **OFFERTORY**

"When the storms of life are raging, Stand by Me"

When the storms of life are raging, stand by me, stand by me;

When the storms of life are raging, stand by me, stand by me;

When the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea;

Thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me. Stand by me.

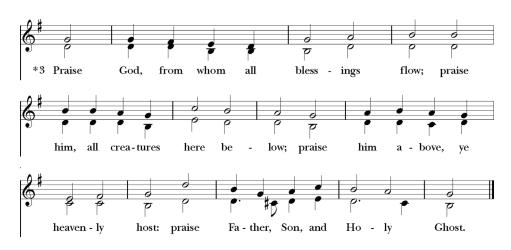
In the midst of tribulations, stand by me, stand by me; In the midst of tribulations, stand by me, stand by me; When the hosts of hell assail, and my strength begins to fail, Thou who never lost a battle, stand by me. Stand by me.

In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me, stand by me; In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me, stand by me; When I do the best I can, and my friends misunderstand, Thou who knowest all about me, stand by me. Stand by me.

#### PRESENTATION HYMN

"From all that dwell below the skies" v. 3, The Hymnal 380

The People stand as able



#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

REWILDING EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The People remain standing

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

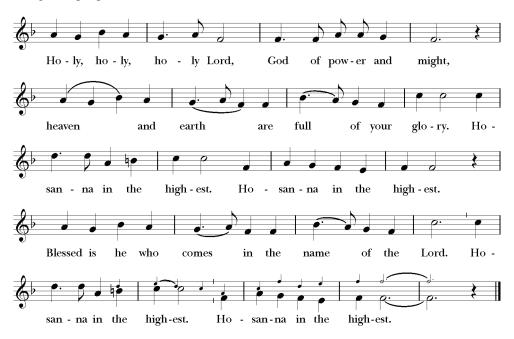
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God of all creation, source of life and breath and being, you made the verdant earth and called it good. You danced over the waters, stirred the soil, and breathed your wild Spirit into all that has life. Your voice echoes in the thunder, your fingerprints shine in every star.

From wilderness prophets to garden tombs, your love has always emerged where the wild meets the worldly. In every age, you call us back into kinship—with one another, with creation, with you.

And so we join with wind and waves, with mountain peaks and prairie grasses, with saints and sages, coyotes and clouds, to sing your praise and proclaim your glory:

The Celebrant and the People sing together



The People kneel or stand as the Celebrant continues with the Great Thanksgiving

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent or tame. Through the prophets and through Jesus your Son, you spoke truth and called for justice. Jesus came among us, born not in a palace or a temple, but beneath a star, immersed in the dust and dreams of a manger, to serve this world you love.

He welcomed the forgotten, fed the hungry, trusted the lilies and sparrows, and showed us the path of unimaginable mercy and boundless grace. On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to his people, saying: "Take, eat: This is my Body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of a renewed promise, poured out for you and for all. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant Christ has died. & People Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Rewild us, Holy Spirit. Descend on these gifts of bread and wine and make them for us the Body and Blood of Christ. Come also into our bones and breath and flesh, that we may be Spirit-filled, rooted in love and wild with hope. May this meal nourish us for the work of reconciliation. May it renew the sacred bonds between all living things. By this broken bread and poured-out cup, make us your body—living agents of healing, justice, joy, and love. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, wild and holy God, now and forever. **AMEN.** 

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

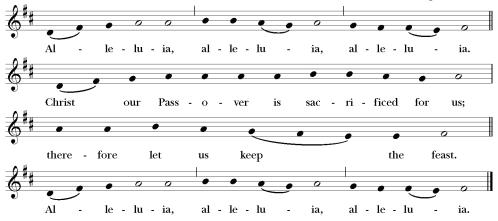
Celebrant & People

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.

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

As the Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, a period of silence is kept

"Christ our Passover" from New Plainsong; David Hurd, The Hymnal S154

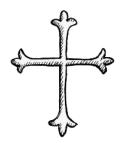


### Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive communion in this parish. If it's your first time to receive communion or the first time in this church, the most important thing to know is it's impossible to do it wrong! We're glad you're joining us. You may kneel or stand as you approach the communion rail. Place your hands together and clergy will place the wafer in your palm. You may eat the bread and receive communion as bread alone. You may dip the bread in the wine chalice (there's a fancy word for this—intinction) or you may drink from the chalice. In that act of receiving communion, we remember the life and teachings of Jesus, along with his death and resurrection, AND it's something we do TOGETHER in order to remember we are all connected—communing with one another through this life and what's to come.

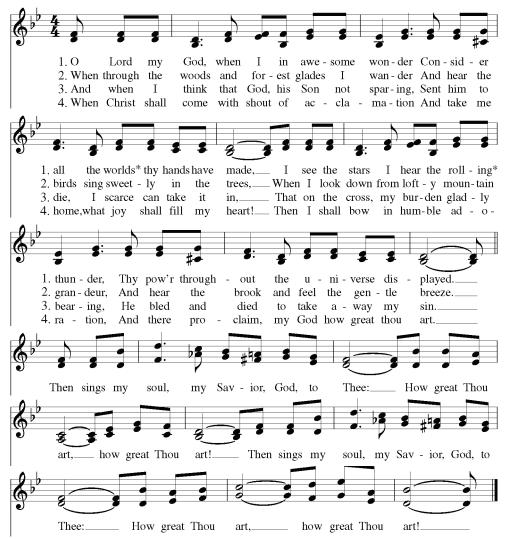
A member of the St. John's Prayer and Healing Ministry is available to be a companion in prayer after the service.



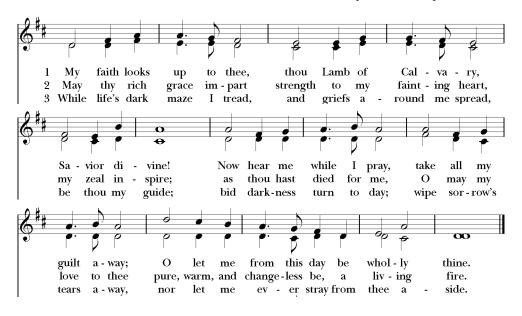
## **COMMUNION HYMNS**

The People are invited to sing

"How Great Thou Art" vs. 1-4, Lift Every Voice and Sing 60



"My faith looks up to thee" vs. 1-3, The Hymnal 691



#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

The People kneel or stand as able Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant & People God of wildness, you have nourished us with the gift of your spirit, that we might harness your love more radically, more lavishly, more fiercely with every breath we take. Now

send us forth into this world you've made, kindled with a vision for the kinship that we share with every creature, with wonder for the mystery latent in the life of things: that we may mend strands of connection that have been broken, imagine new possibilities for hope

and healing, and live in step with the rhythms of creation. Amen.

#### BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people

May the Spirit who moves in flame and breath and song ignite your courage and scatter your fear. May your feet be swift on sacred paths, your hands eagerly extended in love. May your soul remember the language of wolves and wind and all things that howl, and your life bear witness to the wildness of grace. And the blessing of the untamed and holy Trinity—Creator of mountains, Christ of the wandering road, and Spirit who sets hearts ablaze—be upon you and remain with you, now and always. **Amen.** 

## **CLOSING HYMN**

"How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord" vs. 1-5, The Hymnal 636



## THE DISMISSAL

As the procession passes down the aisle, you are invited to face the doors of the church for the Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia, Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

## We invite you to join us for the Coffee Hour in Hansen Hall after the service.



The Flower Team provides altar flowers for the church on Sundays and when a parishioner dedicates flowers to a loved one. The ministry shares these arrangements with those on our In Need of Comfort list. If you would like to donate flowers in honor or remembrance of someone, contact Pam Woodson at pam@stjohnsjackson.org, call 307-733-2603 or use the sign up sheet in Hansen Hall.



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