

TODAY'S MINISTERS

Celebrant
The Rev. Peter Coelho, Rector

Preacher
The Rev. Kevin Antlitz, Assistant Rector

Assisting Priest
The Rev. Jess Bennett, Staff Priest

Cover art Isenheim Altarpiece, painter Matthias Grünewald, 1512–1516 Unterlinden Museum, Colmar, Alsace, France

Attention Parents

Several spaces are available for nursing mothers including: Room 105 in the education wing (comfortable chairs & video feed of the service), the family restroom close to the reception desk (completely private with nursing chair), and the main entryway in the old narthex (semi-private with comfortable chairs for nursing).

Our nursery is available 15 mins prior to the service for infants – 3 yrs (Rooms 101 & 102). Parents who would like them to receive Communion are invited to pick them up at the Peace.

After the Children's Talk, children 4 yrs – 5th grade may process to our Kids' Church program in the Children's Chapel (Hunt Rooms).

They will be brought back after the Peace.

THE ORDER FOR A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE PRELUDE

"Nocturne in Eb Major, Op. 9, No. 2" Jenn Miller, piano by Frédéric Chopin

Please stand at the sound of the chimes.

THE ENTRANCE HYMN

"All Creatures of Our God and King" vv1, 2, 5, 7 Blue Hymnal #400

- 1) All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices, let us sing: Alleluia, alleluia! Bright burning sun with golden beams, pale silver moon that gently gleams, O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2) Great rushing winds and breezes soft, you clouds that ride the heav'ns aloft, O praise him, Alleluia! Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice, stars nightly shining, find a voice, O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 5) All you with mercy in your heart, forgiving others, take your part, O sing now: alleluia! All you that pain and sorrow bear, praise God, and cast on him your care: O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 7) Let all things their creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, Alleluia! Praise God the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One: O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant People Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant and People

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 SUMMARY OF THE LAW

The Celebrant prays

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

THE TRISAGION

Celebrant

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

People

Have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant People The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Keep your Church, O Lord, by your perpetual mercy; and because without you the frailty of our nature causes us to fall, keep us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable for our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE CHILDREN'S TALK The Rev. Kevin Antlitz

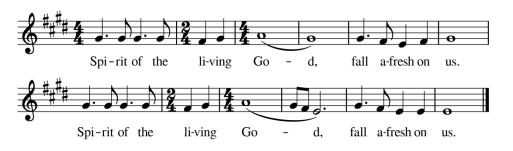
Children through 5th grade are invited to come forward.

Afterwards, parents may bring infants – age 3 to the nursery
(Rooms 101 and 102). Children age 4 – 5th grade are invited to
process to our Kids' Church program in the Children's Chapel
(Hunt Rooms). They will be brought back after the Peace.

The People stand and sing as the Children process.

"Spirit of the Living God"

by Daniel Iverson



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THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING Jeremiah 23:23-29

23 ²³Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word

speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

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

Please stand and say the psalm as directed.

PSALM 82

- God stands in the council of princes; * he is a Judge among gods.
- ² "How long will you give wrong judgment * and accept the ungodly?
- Defend the poor and fatherless; * see that those who are in need and necessity have what is right.
- Deliver the outcast and poor; * save them from the hand of the ungodly."
- ⁵ They will not learn nor understand, but walk about in darkness; * all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- ⁶ I have said, "You are gods, * and you are all the children of the Most High;
- ⁷ But you shall die like mortals, * and fall like one of the princes."
- Arise, O God, and judge the earth, *
 for you shall take all nations for your inheritance.

The People are seated.

THE SECOND READING Hebrews 12:1-13

12 ¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured

such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

⁴In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. 5And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as children— "My child, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, or lose heart when you are punished by him; ⁶ for the Lord disciplines those whom he loves, and chastises every child whom he accepts." ⁷Endure trials for the sake of discipline. God is treating you as children; for what child is there whom a parent does not discipline? 8If you do not have that discipline in which all children share, then you are illegitimate and not his children. Moreover, we had human parents to discipline us, and we respected them. Should we not be even more willing to be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share his holiness. 11Now, discipline always seems painful rather than pleasant at the time, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. ¹²Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³ and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.

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

Please stand and join in singing.

SEOUENCE HYMN

"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

Blue Hymnal #644 vv1-4 (omit v5)

- 1) How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear! It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away our fear.
- 2) It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast; 'tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary, rest.
- 3) Dear Name, the rock on which I build, my shield, and hiding place, my never-failing treas'ry, filled with boundless stores of grace!
- 4) O Jesus! Shepherd, Guardian, Friend, O Prophet, Priest, and King, my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.

THE GOSPEL Luke 12:49-56

Assisting Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

12 [Jesus said] ⁴⁹"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain;' and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat;' and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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

THE SERMON
The Rev. Kevin Antlitz

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

Celebrant and People
We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

Please kneel as you are able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy People Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

Assisting Priest Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

A brief silence will be kept.

Assisting Priest and People

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.

The Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with your spirit.

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

Parents who would like their infant -3 year olds to receive Communion are invited to pick them up at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

The Celebrant says a sentence of Scripture.

OFFERTORY SONG "Sing Over Me"

by Paul Zach, Kate Bluett, Isaac Wardell, Taylor Leonhart, and Matt Maher

1) When I am lost inside my mind, sing me the hope I cannot find. When my despair has left me blind, sing me the tune I've left behind.

Refrain Will you sing over me?

Will you sing over me?

Sing of the goodness I cannot see.

Will you sing over me?

2) When all the grief pours through my hands; when I've forgotten who I am; I can't feel anything but shame—sing out and give me back my name. *Refrain*

Bridge When I sink down beneath the fear,

the weight is more than I can bear, keep singing low—I cannot hear. Someday I'll sing for you, I swear.

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The People stand and sing as the tithes and offerings are brought forward.

THE DOXOLOGY

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heav'nly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

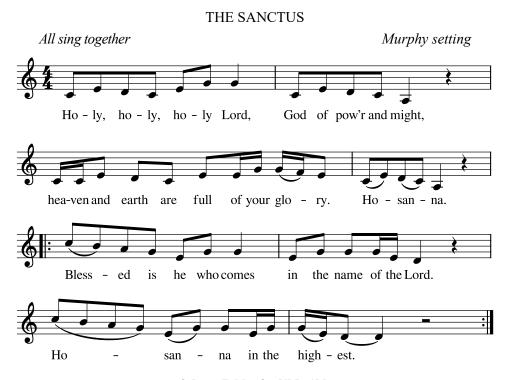
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



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THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The People may kneel or remain standing.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us,

we are bold to pray,

Celebrant and 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.

THE FRACTION

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed,

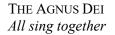
once for all upon the cross.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

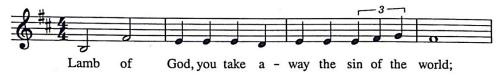
THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

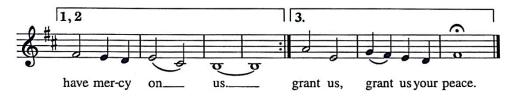
The Celebrant gives this invitation

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.



Elohim setting





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The People are seated.

All baptized Christians are invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine. Inform the Bread Bearer if you need a gluten-free wafer.

If for any reason you are not receiving today, you are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest and the Minister will know to give you a blessing instead of the bread and wine.

COMMUNION SONGS

"Borrow Mine"

by Bebo Norman

You can borrow mine, when your hope is gone. You can borrow mine, when you can't go on, 'cause the world will not defeat you, when we're side by side. When your faith is hard to find, you can borrow mine, you can borrow mine.

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"Christ Is Lower Still"

by Matt Maher, Kate Bluett, and Doe Jones

1) Breathe in, reach out, touch the hem of your garment now. Help me, heal me, my mind, my body and soul.

Refrain 1 Let the King descend, living Word made flesh, lift this heavy heart to your throne, O God.

In your wounds I find room for all of mine.

When from grace I fell, Christ was lower still.

2) Humbly, lowly, Jesus waits in the valley. My Savior suffers with me. With him, I'll rise again.

Refrain 2 Let the King descend, living Word made flesh, lift this heavy heart to your throne, O God.

In your wounds I find room for all of mine.

When from grace I fell, Christ was lower.

Till the earth is filled, Christ is lower still.

Bridge We lift it all up to you, Lord.
We lift it all up to you, Lord. We lift our hearts, we lift our hands.
We lift it all up to you, Lord. We lift our dreams, we lift our plans.
We lift it all up to you, Lord. We lift our sorrow and our pain.
We lift it all up to you, Lord. We cast our cares on you again.
Repeat as led

Refrain 2

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"Our Great God"

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1) Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown; your boundless love, unfailing, in grace and mercy shown. Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight around your glorious throne; they raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

Refrain Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

- 2) Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm. Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms. Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm. Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God. *Refrain*
- 3) Let ev'ry creature in the sea and ev'ry flying bird, let ev'ry mountain, ev'ry field and valley of the earth, let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe sing praises to the living God who rules them with his word. *Refrain*

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

The People may stand or kneel.

Celebrant and People

Heavenly Father,

we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;

and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.

And now Father,

send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant gives this blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please stand and join in singing.

THE EXIT HYMN

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

Blue Hymnal #522

- 1) Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God; he whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode; on the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose? With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
- 2) See! the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love, well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove. Who can faint, when such a river ever will their thirst assuage? Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.
- 3) Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near. Thus deriving from their banner, light by night, and shade by day, safe they feed upon the manna which he gives them when they pray.
- 4) Blest inhabitants of Zion, washed in the Redeemer's blood! Jesus, whom their souls rely on, makes them kings and priests to God. 'Tis his love his people raises over self to reign as kings: and as priests, his solemn praises each for a thank-offering brings.

THE DISMISSAL

Assisting Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE POSTLUDE

"All Glory Be to God on High" Gary Harger, organ

by Zachau

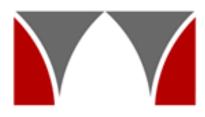
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Please join us after the service in Bailey Hall
for Hospitality Hour.

WELCOME!

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