

THE PRELUDE

(River Phillips)

*Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. The liturgy begins on page 355 of the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).
We hope this bulletin provides the information you need in order to participate fully in our worship. We are glad you are here!*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lead On O King Eternal, The day of march has come,
Henceforth in fields of conquest Thy tents shall be our home
Through days of preparation, Thy grace has made us strong
And now, O King Eternal, We lift our battle song.
And now, O King Eternal, We lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King Eternal, Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper the sweet Amen of peace.
For not with swords loud clashing, Nor roll of stirring drums,
With deeds of love and mercy, The heavenly kingdom comes.
With deeds of love and mercy, The heavenly kingdom comes.

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Lead on O' King Eternal (Ernest Shurtleff and Henry Smart)

Lead on, O King Eternal, We follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning Where'er Thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted o'er us, We journey in its light.
The crown awaits the conquest; Lead on, O God of might.
The crown awaits the conquest; Lead on, O God of might.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.*

SONG OF PRAISE

You are my strength when I am weak,
You are the treasure that I seek,
you are my all in all.

Seeking you as a precious jewel,
Lord to give up I'd be a fool,
you are my all in all.

Refrain: Jesus, Lamb of God. Worthy is your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God. Worthy is your name.

All in All (Dennis Jernigan)

Taking my sin my cross my shame.
Rising again I praise your name.
You are my all in all.

When I fall down you pick me up.
When I am dry you fill my cup.
You are my all in all.

Instructions: Sing all the way through Second time: Men sing Verse 1, Women Refrain then Women sing Verse 2, Men Refrain. All repeat the refrain.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL (At 9:00 a.m. only)

After a prayer, children ages 4 through 5th grade are dismissed for Children's chapel. Children under age 4 may attend with a parent or be cared for in the nursery.

FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 22:24-30

Remain seated.

²⁴My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

²⁵The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *

"May your heart live for ever!"

²⁶All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

²⁷For kingship belongs to the LORD; *

he rules over the nations.

²⁸To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

²⁹My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *

they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.

³⁰They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *

the saving deeds that he has done.

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Testify

Verse: Give me your heart, give me your song
Sing it with all your might
Come to the fountain
And you can be satisfied
There is a peace, there is a love
You can get lost inside
Come to the fountain
And let me hear you testify

Into the wild
Canyons of youth
Oh, there's a world to fall into
Weightless we'll dance
Like kids on the moon
Oh I will give myself to you
As soon as you start to let go (Repeat Verse)

Wave after wave as we close too deep
Oh I reveal my mystery
As soon as you start to let go (Repeat Verse)

Give me your heart, give me your song
Sing it with all your might
Come to the fountain
And you can be satisfied
There is a peace, there is a love
You can get lost inside
Come to the fountain
And let me hear you testify

Mist on the mountain
Rising from the ground
There's no denying beauty makes a sound
We can't escape it
There's no way to doubt
Mist on the mountain
Rising all around (Repeat Verse)

There's a peace, there is a love
You can get lost inside
Come to the fountain
And let me hear you testify

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said to his disciples,] ¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Aislinn Bell, Duncan Bell, Henry Colwell

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All stand.

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.

Please kneel or stand, as best helps you to pray.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition, the People respond

The Lord is risen indeed!

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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 Priest stands and says

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.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Sinking Deep

Standing here in your presence, In a grace so relentless
I am won by perfect love
Wrapped within arms of heaven, In a peace that lasts forever
Sinking deep in mercy's sea

Chorus: I'm wide-awake drawing close, stirred by grace
And all my heart is yours
All fear removed, I breathe you in, I lean into your
love, oh your love

When I'm lost you pursue me, Lift my head to see your glory
Lord of all, So beautiful
Here in you I find shelter, Captivated by the splendor
Of your face, my secret place **(Repeat Chorus)**

Your love so deep, it's washing over me, Your face is all I seek,
You are my everything
Jesus Christ, you are my one desire, Lord hear my only cry, to
know you all my life **(Repeat Chorus)**

PRESENTATION HYMN

Doxology (River Phillips)

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER D

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.

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Lord, we sing your praise. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Lord, we sing your praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Lord we sing your praise.

The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you. 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 for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

[Remember (NN. and) all who minister in your Church.]

[Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.]

[Remember _____.]

[Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.]

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, (with _____) and] all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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, forever and ever. Amen.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

We welcome you to receive the true presence of Jesus in this Holy Communion. Come forward to the altar rail and kneel or stand with an upturned palm to receive the bread. (Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.) To receive the wine, you may either drink from the chalice or intinct (dip) your bread carefully in the chalice. If you'd prefer not to receive communion, but would like to receive a blessing, kneel or stand at the altar rail with your arms crossed over your chest.

Please do not hesitate to ask for communion to be brought to you in your pew. Notify an usher, who will let the clergy know to assist you.

COMMUNION HYMN

Dance With Me

This is Holy time, We gather together to worship you.
And love one another, And as we pray, and as we sing,
And as we dance, And as we dream,
Lord, I beg of You, Just this one thing:

Won't you dance with me
Throughout the heavens and below the sea
Upon the mountaintops, Flow with the breeze,
Come carry me –

Lord won't you dance with me.

Theme Song – Happening #74. Author unknown.

COMMUNION HYMN

Indescribable

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
Creations revealing your majesty
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of Spring

Chorus: Indescribable, uncontainable
You places the stars in the sky and you know them by name
You are amazing God
All powerful, untamable
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humble proclaim
You are amazing God

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow
Who imagines the sun and gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night
None can fathom
(Repeat Chorus x2)

COMMUNION HYMN

Lord I Lift Your Name on High (Rick Founds)

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from Heaven to earth to show the way
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high.

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SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant In the Name of Christ and of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People *We who are many are one body, as we share one bread, one cup. Amen.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

BLESSING

CLOSING PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Days of Elijah (Robin Mark)

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days of your servant, Moses,
Righteousness being restored,
Though these are the days of great trials,
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice in the desert, crying,
“Prepare ye the way of the Lord.”

Chorus: Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun, at the trumpet call
So, lift your voice; it's the year of Jubilee,
And out of Zion's Hill salvation comes.

These are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh,
And these are the days of your servant, David,
Rebuilding a temple of praise.
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in the world.
And we are your laborers in your vineyard,
Declaring the Word of the Lord.

(Repeat Chorus)

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DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

(River Phillips)

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*The flowers on the Altar are given by Brian & Melanie Grimley to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Roger Bertil Peterson*

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