

*The Celebrant dismisses the children to Children's Chapel,
and the people respond Amen.*

The people are seated for the reading and the Psalm.

THE READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 66:7-18

The people stand for the hymn.

HYMN 398

I SING THE ALMIGHTY POWER OF GOD

Forest Green

THE GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel is read.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

TO EXCEL IN LOVE

Gregg Russell

THE SERMON

The Reverend Maureen L. Martin

A brief period of silence is observed for reflection on the sermon.

The people stand.

THE NICENE CREED

All

**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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

People Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

People Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

People Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for those on our parish cycle of prayer (*N.*). Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

People Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*N.*); give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

People Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died (*N.*), that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

People Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The congregation may add their own petitions.

People Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes with a collect and the people respond Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

The people kneel. A brief period of silence is observed.

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 offers the absolution, and the people respond Amen.

The people stand.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.
Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries are invited to come forward.*

Celebrant Let us pray for those in our congregation who are celebrating a birthday or an anniversary.

People **O God, our times are in your hand:
Look with favor, we pray,
on your servants as they begin another year.
Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace,
and strengthen their trust in your goodness
all the days of their lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY

The people remain seated while the offering is collected.

ANTHEM

IF YE LOVE ME

*Philip Wilby
(b. 1949)*

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever, e'en the Spirit of Truth. And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

John 14:15-18

The people stand as the gifts are presented.

Children and their parents are invited to follow the children's cross and to sit in the Chancel between the choir stalls. They return to their seats for Communion.

HYMN 513

LIKE THE MURMUR OF THE DOVE'S SONG

Bridegroom

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People 
There-fore let us keep the feast. Al-le-lu-ia.

THE INVITATION

To receive Communion, come to a Communion Station or to the Altar Rail at the direction of the ushers. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than Communion, cross your arms over your chest—this will alert the priest of your request. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

AGNUS DEI - S 165

The people are seated.

VOLUNTARY

AIR

William Byrd
(1540-1623)

ANTHEM

ALLELUIA. COGNOVERUNT DISCIPULI

W. Byrd

Alleluia. Cognoverunt discipuli Dominum Jesum, in fractione panis. Alleluia. Caro mea vere est cibus, et sanguis meus vere est potus: qui manducat meam carnem et bibit meam sanguinem in me manet, et ego in eo. Alleluia.

Alleluia. The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia. My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. Alleluia.

Luke 24:35; John 6:56-57

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The people stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebrant blesses the people.

People **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

The Gospeller dismisses the people.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

HYMN 174

AT THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST WE SING

Salzburg

During the hymn, the children follow the children's cross for Sunday School.

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FUGUE IN C MAJOR, BWV 531

J. S. Bach