

*The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Diane Shaw
in memory of Hilary Shaw.*

Prayer of Meditation

Before the service begins, we encourage you to use the following for meditation.

Even though tried by misunderstanding, hardship, persecution, and martyrdom, our ancestors in faith sought to live in continual thanksgiving to God. Their firm conviction did not seek to deny the troubles of the present. Yet, by the continual offering of thanks, they passed through trials blessing the ‘goodness and loving-kindness’ of God, who created and preserves us with the gift of life. -Br. Jonathan Maury, SSJE

Prelude

Near the Cross

William H. Doane, arr by John Carter

Entrance Hymn #379

“God is Love, let heaven adore him”

Abbot's Leigh

1. God is Love, let hea - ven a - dore him; God is
2. God is Love; and love en - folds us, all the
3. God is Love; and though with blind - ness sin af -

Love, let earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion
world in one em - brace: with un - fail - ing
flicts all hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal

sing be - fore him and ex - alt him with one
grasp God holds us, ev - ery child of ev - ery
lov - ing kind - ness guides us through our earth - ly

voice. God who laid the earth's foun - da - tion, God who
race. And when hu - man hearts are break - ing un - der
strife. Sin and death and hell shall nev - er o'er us

spread the heav'n's a - bove, God who breathes through all cre -
sor - row's i - iron rod, then we find that self - same
fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so Love for

a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - - nal Love.
ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

THE WORD OF GOD

Priest: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

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.**

Priest and People:

Glory to God in the highest,
 and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The First Reading Job 38:1-7, 34-41

Reader: Dave Fencil

A Reading from the Book of Job.

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for

joy? “Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that a flood of waters may cover you? Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go and say to you, ‘Here we are?’ Who has put wisdom in the inward parts, or given understanding to the mind? Who has the wisdom to number the clouds? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens, when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cling together? “Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions, when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their covert? Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?”

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b

Reader: Michael Sayre

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul; *
O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!
you are clothed with majesty and splendor.
- 2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak *
and spread out the heavens like a curtain.
- 3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; *
you make the clouds your chariot;
you ride on the wings of the wind.
- 4 You make the winds your messengers *
and flames of fire your servants.
- 5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, *
so that it never shall move at any time.
- 6 You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; *
the waters stood higher than the mountains.
- 7 At your rebuke they fled; *
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.
- 8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, *
to the places you had appointed for them.
- 9 You set the limits that they should not pass; *
they shall not again cover the earth.
- 25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 37b Hallelujah!

The Second Reading Hebrews 5:1-10

Reader: Michael Sayre

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn #455

"O Love of God, how strong and true"

Dunedin

1. O love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal and yet ev - er new;
2. O wide em - brac - ing, won-drous Love, we read thee in the sky a - bove;
3. We read thee best in him who came to bear for us the cross of shame,
4. We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the dark - ness of the grave;
un - com-pre - hend - ed and un - bought, be-yond all know-ledge and all thought.
we read thee in the earth be - low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.
sent by the Fa - ther from on high, our life to live, our death to die.
still more in re - sur - rec-tion light we read the full - ness of thy might.

The Gospel Reading Mark 10:35-45

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Christopher Montella
Rector

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

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.

Prayers of the People

Reader: Julie Hagerty

Jesus said, "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve." As members of the household of God and servants of Christ, let us pray together, saying, "Bless the Lord, O my soul; hallelujah!"

Almighty God, give your Church to works of mercy; give us hearts to serve; give us the courage to follow Jesus.

Silence

Intercessor: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: **Hallelujah!**

Almighty God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: grant to the peoples of the world peace and freedom.

Silence

Intercessor: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: **Hallelujah!**

O God, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. We are in awe of your greatness.

The congregation may add their own thanksgivings.

Silence

Intercessor: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: **Hallelujah!**

Jesus, you call us to service: We thank you for the ministries in our community with which we work closely. We pray you bless them; bless all those who benefit from their generosity; and bless our common mission.

Silence

Intercessor: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: **Hallelujah!**

Jesus, our great high priest, you know our weakness and our suffering: bless and heal all those in need. We pray for all those on the prayer list especially Eric, Steve, Ruth, Shannon, Rev. Mark Hallahan, and Carolyn.

The congregation may add their own petitions.

Silence

Intercessor: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: **Hallelujah!**

O God, you alone are able to save us from eternal death: grant us, and all those we love but see no longer, especially Louise Davies, eternal salvation through your Son.

Silence

Intercessor: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: **Hallelujah!**

Priest:

O gracious God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession

Let us confess our sins to God.

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Commissioning of the Director of Children's Education & Formation

The Director of Children's Education & Formation and the priest stand before the congregation:

Priest: Siblings in Jesus Christ, we are baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission Melanie Long in the Name of God and of this congregation to the special ministry of Director of Children's Education & Formation.

The priest addresses the representatives of the community:

Is this person whom you present fully prepared through education, experience and by her knowledge of her duties, to exercise her ministry to the honor of God, and the well-being of the Church and Preschool?

Representatives of the community: We believe she is

Priest: You have been called to a ministry in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

Melanie: I will.

Priest: Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of this congregation, its preschool, and its children.

Melanie: I will.

Priest: Let us pray. God of all wisdom and knowledge, give your blessing and guidance to Melanie as she begins her ministry to the children of our parish and preschool, that by word and example she may lead those who teach and the students they serve to knowledge, to love of each other and of love of you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Priest: Melanie, in the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you as Director of Children's Education & Formation.

Creator, you are the source of all Life, all Truth, and all Beauty.

Bless Melanie with FAITH, for wisdom of self is rooted in faith and educated in mind.

Bless her with LOVE, a calling to be compassionate in heart to all those she encounters along the path.

Bless her with TRUTH, the commitment to a justice won from truth and the courage to respond to an ever-changing world.

Bless her with PEACE, to witness the unfolding souls of our children as she accompanies them along their way.

*adapted from *Prayers from the Heart* by Dr. Jeanne S. Marcato, Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT

Collect for Education

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom: Enlighten by your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn, that rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship you and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** (1979 Book of Common Prayer, p. 261)

The Peace

Priest: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Members of the congregation who are joining us via livestream are encouraged to post "Peace be with you" in the comments or to use the "like" or "love" reaction button to take part in the virtual exchange of God's peace with the rest of the congregation at this time.

Welcome and Announcements

We are pleased to celebrate the following birthdays: Dennis Williamson on October 18th, Erin Waldman on October 21st and Ken Higginbotham on October 22nd.

Offertory Prayer

The People say together:

Loving God, you alone are the source of every good gift. Everything we have, and all that we are, comes from you. Now, help us to be grateful, accountable, and, with praise and thanksgiving, to give of ourselves generously, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Offertory

Teach Me, Lord
St. Stephen's Parish Choir

Loonis McGlohon

Presentation

Old 100th

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures,
here be low. Praise God, ye hosts in heav'n above;
Praise God the Trin-i-ty of Love. Amen.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, 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:

Sanctus WLP #785

Sancto, sancto, sancto, mi corazon te adora! Mi
Ho ly, ho ly, ho ly, my heart, my heart adores you! My
corazon te sa be de-cir: san to e-res Se nfor.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho ly, Lord.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the

Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Stephen and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Priest: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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 welcome to receive communion. The table we set belongs to God.
Wherever you find yourself on your spiritual journey you are welcome to receive the Bread made holy.*

The church teaches that temporal isolation cannot constrain the sacrament's ineffable power. Calling us to "massive, corporate, spiritual communion,"

The Invitation to Holy Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Priest and People say together:

Grant, O Christ, that as the hem of your garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch your body, so the soul of your servant may be healed by like faith in you, whom I cannot now sacramentally receive; through your tender mercy, who lives and reigns with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit ever one God. Amen.

Please follow usher instructions for taking communion.

Communion Music

Eagle's Wings

Michael Joncas

Verse 1:

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life. Say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust."

Refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Verse 2:

2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear: under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield.

To Refrain

3. You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; though thou-sands fall a-bout you, near you it shall not come.

To Refrain

4. For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

To Refrain

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,
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.

Blessing

Closing Hymn #530

"Spread, O spread, thou mighty word"

Gott sei Dank

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in common time (indicated by a 'C') and G clef. The first staff begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The second staff begins with a quarter note followed by eighth notes. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with each line of text corresponding to a group of notes. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Spread, O spread, thou might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,
2. word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;
3. word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move;
4. word of how the Spi - rit came bring - ing peace in Je - sus' name;
5. Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the na - tions long,

that to earth's re - mot - est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;
how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;
how for - ev - er, in its need, through his death the world is freed;
how his nev - er - fail - ing love guides us on to heaven a - bove.
spread a - broad, un - til from night all the world a - wakes to light.

Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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