

The choir sings

Psalm 34:15-22 *all repeat the antiphon below*



The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous * and his ears are open unto their prayers.

The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil * to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them * and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart * and will save such as be of an humble spirit. [Antiphon]

Great are the troubles of the righteous * but the Lord delivereth him out of all.

He keepeth all his bones * so that not one of them is broken.

But misfortune shall slay the ungodly * and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants * and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute. [Antiphon]

A period of silence for reflection follows.

The People stand.

The Gospel John 6:56-69

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

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

The People are seated.

The Sermon The Reverend Canon David Erickson

A period of silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The People stand.

The Nicene Creed

The Celebrant and People say

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

All remain standing as able.

Almighty God, we pray for the cities of this nation, that hatred and urban violence may cease. We pray especially for our own city of Jacksonville. Lord in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

We pray for the nations of the earth, that we may come to respect and honor one another. Lord in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

Let us pray together for the Middle East using a prayer written by our own parishioners: *Almighty God, lover and provider of peace that the world cannot give, you know our hearts, the hurt we harbor, and the sin of complacency; we ask you to grant everyone who lives in the Middle East the peace of God which passes all understanding and the freedom to live in love and harmony, so everyone can seek your face and work for your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns in peace with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.*

Embrace the souls of those who have died. I invite you to speak aloud the **names of those who have died. . . .Lord in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.***

Almighty God, you created the heavens and the earth. Thank you for the gift of our lives, for our loved ones, for this community and for this beautiful earth that we call home. We thank you for all of our blessings. I invite you to speak **aloud your thanksgivings. . . .Lord in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.***

Silence

The Celebrant concludes the prayers.

The Confession of Sin

The People kneel. The Celebrant says We ask you, Almighty God, to forgive all the mistakes that we have made. Help us to become the people that you call us to be. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant 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 continues

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.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Clergy and People greet each other in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

As the Altar is prepared for Communion, representatives of the congregation collect the offerings of the People.

Offertory Anthem O how amiable R. Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her and house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be always praising thee. The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handy-work, O prosper thou our handy work. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Representatives of the congregation bring forward the People's offerings of bread and wine, money, and other gifts. The People stand when the offerings are brought forward and placed on the Altar.

Hymn 380 vs. 3 “**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow**” *Old 100th*

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer C, BCP 369

The People stand.

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.

The Peoples's responses are in italics. The Celebrant continues God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. *Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home. *By your will they were created and have their being.*

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. *Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace. *By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn: