

Hymns are found in the blue *Hymnal 1982* in your pew.
The 'S' numbers are located at the front of the hymnal.

The service begins in quiet and prayer.

Prelude: *Partita Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland*, Choral mit Variationen 1-4
Hugo Distler (1908–1942)

Oliver Steissberg, Organ

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn 74: *Blest be the King*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

Kyrie, Hymn S-96: *Lord, have mercy* (10:00 am only)

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen.**

The First Lesson: *Micah 5:2-5a*

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7



Choir Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned up on the cherubim.

ALL In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasse, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

Choir Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

ALL O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?

Choir You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

ALL You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The Second Lesson: *Hebrews 10:5-10*

When Christ came into the world, he said,
“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.
Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 258: *Virgin Born, we bow before Thee*

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

The Gospel: *Luke 1:39-55*

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The 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.

The Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel

Sisters and brothers, with Mary may our souls proclaim God’s greatness as we pray for the needs of the church, our community, and the world. *A brief silence* O God, from ancient days you have given your people reason to sing for joy. We give thanks for the many gifts of this life, and for the love and care that surrounds us on every side. Help us recognize your hand at work in the world about us and rejoice in your appearing.

People **God of love, hear our prayer.**

We pray that we will discern your call to us and have the courage to say yes, as did your servants Elizabeth and Mary. Give us the grace to realize that there are no easy answers to our questions and no shortcuts to our goals. Help us to search our lives and acknowledge those things that keep us from you, that we may be ready to receive the new life that is coming into the world. **God of love, hear our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation and for your church throughout the world. May we be enriched by welcoming the stranger and be drawn ever deeper in service to you. We remember and honor the saints of the past who have nurtured us in faith and brought us to this day. **God of love, hear our prayer.**

Guide the nations of this world into the way of justice and truth. Lead us from prejudice to truth; deliver us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time, enable us all to stand reconciled before you. **God of love, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are traveling this week. Protect them from every danger and bring them in safety to their journey’s end. We pray for those who will spend this Christmas away from family and friends, including the men and women in the Armed Forces. **God of love, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer from any grief or trouble, including those on our prayer list and those whose struggles are known to you alone. *Pause* We pray for those who are hungry, cold, and without a home. We pray for those who are out of work. We pray for families that experience stress over the holidays, for those who will spend this first Christmas without a loved one, and for all who find the holidays painful. **God of love, hear our prayer.**

In a moment of silence, let us pray for those who are dear to us. *Silence* 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. **God of love, hear our prayer.**

God of life, the generations rise and pass away before you. We remember Samuel Warren, in whose memory the flowers are given this week, and all those whom we love but see no longer. *Silence* As we remember the lives of all your saints, inspire us by their witness and support us by their communion as we continue in your word that will not pass away. **God of love, hear our prayer.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant 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.

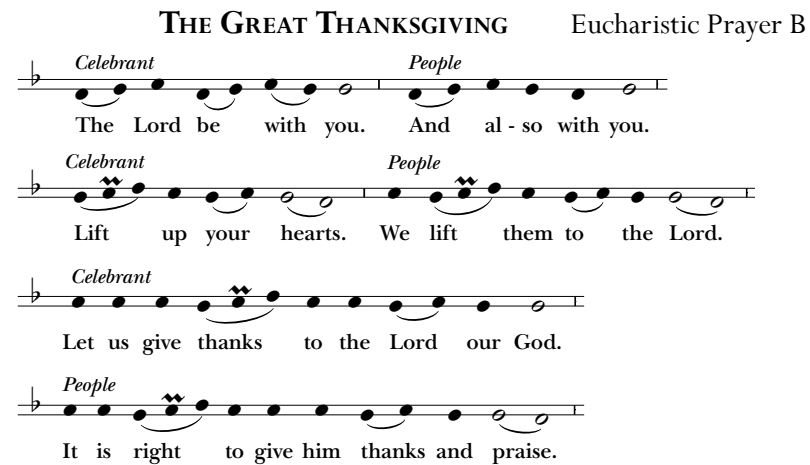
People **And also with you.**

Offertory Anthem: *Dixit Maria* Hans Leo Hassler (c.1564–1612)
The St. Andrew’s Adult Choir

Mary said to the angel: “See, I am the handmaiden of the Lord: let it happen to me as you have said.” [Luke 1:38]

Children’s Entrance Hymn 66: *Come Thou Long Expected*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B



Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al- so 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 Celebrant offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ.

Sanctus S-130: *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant gives thanks for the reconciling work of Christ through his passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic prayer.

Celebrant By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit of all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem S-152: *Christ our Passover*

Please come forward and stand or kneel at the rail. The priest will place the bread in your outstretched palm (Consecrated rice wafers are available for those with wheat allergies - simply ask the priest). You may dip (intinct) the bread in the wine in the small cup held by the Eucharistic minister. Alternatively, you may indicate your desire to drink from the common chalice by consuming the bread and remaining at the rail after the Eucharistic minister passes; another Eucharistic minister will bring the large chalice over for you to drink from directly. Please know that Christ is fully present in both the bread and the wine - there is no requirement to receive both. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward, cross your hands over your chest, and receive a blessing.

Communion Voluntary: *Lo, How a Rose is Growing* arr. Michael Burkhardt (b.1957)

Communion Hymn 60: *Creator of the Stars*

When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are taking Holy Communion to those unable to be with us in person, we say the following

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we 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, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 56: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Dismissal

The young people are invited to come forward during the hymn to participate in the dismissal.

Young people Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *Toccata on “Veni Emmanuel”* Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)