

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Welcome

Sentence Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.
Isaiah 6.3

Processional Hymn #1 **Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty (all 4 verses)**

1. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee: Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shall be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though our sinful human gaze thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love, and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea; holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

THE GREETING

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Almighty God,
All **to you all hearts are open, all desires known
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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.**

CANTICLE 13 "A SONG OF PRAISE"

Celebrant Glory to you,
All **Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise, glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy name; we will praise
you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you in the splendour of your temple; on the throne of
your majesty, glory to you.**

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

Father, we praise you: through your Word and Holy Spirit you created all things. You reveal your salvation in all the world by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Through your Holy Spirit you give us a share in your life and love. Fill us with the vision of your glory, that we may always serve and praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

Reader

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Reader

The word of the Lord

People

Thanks be to God

PSALM 29

Please remain seated

Leader

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

People

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Leader

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

People **The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.**

Leader The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

People **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

Leader The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

People **The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.**

Leader And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

People **The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.**

Leader The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

All **God of mystery and power, open our eyes to the flame of your love, and open our ears to the thunder of your justice, that we may receive your gifts of blessing and peace, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

2nd Reading: Romans 8:12-17

Reader So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ--if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Reader The word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God**

HOLY GOSPEL John 3:1-17

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Celebrant
All

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

Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.' The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know whence it comes or whither it goes; so it is with every one who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can this be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand this? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen; but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Celebrant
All

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

The Rev. Bonnie Skerritt

THE CREED

Celebrant
All

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the

dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader (Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, "Lord hear our prayer.")

Leader O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise.

All **Lord hear our prayer.**

Leader Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,

All **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 neighbours 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.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People

Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All

And also with you.

The members of the community greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory Hymn # 391 Sing Ye Praises to the Father (all 3 verses)

1. Sing ye praises to the Father, sing ye praises to the Son, sing ye praises to the Spirit, living and Eternal One. God has made us, and has blessed us, and has called us to be true; God is Lord of all creation, daily making all things new.
2. Join the praise of every creature, sing with singing birds at dawn; when the stars shine forth at nightfall, hear their heavenly antiphon. Praise our God for light of summer, autumn glories, winter snows, for the coming of the springtime and the life of all that grows,
3. Praising on our days of gladness for the summons to rejoice, praising in our times of sadness for the comfort of God's voice. Hail, Creator, strong and loving, Christ our Saviour, Leader, Lord, living God, sustaining Spirit be thy holy name adored!

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant

Living God, receive all we offer you this day. Grant that hearing your word and responding to your Spirit, we may share in your divine life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 2

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
People

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna
in the highest.**

Celebrant

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me." Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

People

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

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

All

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of Bread

Celebrant "I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.
All Give us this bread for ever.

Celebrant "I am the vine, you are the branches."
All May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.
All Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
All Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Celebrant Those wishing to do so may make their spiritual communion by joining in this prayer with me now:

***People:* I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in the Holy Sacrament and in your people, who are gathered in spirit. In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart, and in our community. May you, enthroned on the altar, now be enthroned in my heart; may you who give yourself to us again, fill us with grace, and heavenly blessing. Even as I am fed, may my hunger for you and for your reign of justice and peace increase, that I may, with your Spirit, work for that day when your reign shall come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION & DOXOLOGY

Celebrant Let us pray,
Almighty and eternal God, may we who have received this eucharist worship you in all we do, and proclaim the glory of your majesty. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

Celebrant Glory to God,
All **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn # 436 I Bind Unto Myself Today (verses 1, 2, 4 & 6)

1. I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.
2. I bind this day to me forever, by power of faith, Christ's incarnation, his baptism in the Jordan river, his death on cross for my salvation. His bursting from the spiced tomb, his riding up the heavenly way, his coming at the day of doom, I bind unto myself today.
4. I bind unto myself today the power of God to hold and lead, his eye to watch, his might to stay, his ear to hearken to my need, the wisdom of God to teach, his hand to guide, his shield to ward, the word of God to give me speech, his heavenly host to be my guard.
6. I bind unto myself the name, the strong name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three, of whom all nature hath creation, eternal Father, Spirit, Word. Praise to the Lord of my salvation; salvation is of Christ the Lord.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**