Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you The Lord be with you.

Let us pray. The Celebrant begins from the west end of the church.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced.

Matthew 3:13-17

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Gospel

Glory to you, Lord Christ. Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

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

Hymn 352: Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

Faithful bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Isaiah 42:1-9

Children and youth (ages 0-18) and accompanying adults are welcome to join an interactive worship time in the parish hall during the first half of the service.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Let us pray. The congregation kneels, and a short period of silence is kept.

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Deacon and People From Enriching Our Worship 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.

The Celebrant stands and says Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

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

Greeting and Announcements

Generosity Talk

Lisa Hastey

The Holy Communion

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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

The Celebrant adds a Proper Preface then continues Therefore we pray, 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:
Prayers for healing and wholeness have been asked for... Alice, Alvarez family, Andrew, Angela, Anne, Anita, Anthony, Arlo, Austin, Becky, Beverly, Bill, Bill Ed, Bob, Bobby, Bowen family, Carmen, Celia, Charles, Chellis Kay family, Chip, Chris, Christine, Chuck, coastline family, Dalai, Dan, David, Debbie, Deborah, DJ, Don, Donna, Dorothy, Edwin, Elena, Emmy, Evan, Frank, Fred, Gay, George, Gerry, Griffon, Hannah, Holly, Hunter, Jack, James, Jan, Jeanne, Jerry, Joaquin, John, Jonathan, Judy, Kay, Kelley, Kelly Ann, Ken, Kendall, Kim, Larry, Linda, Louis, Louise, Loyda, Lydia, Lynn, Malcolm, Mallory, Marcia, Marge, Margot, Maria, Mariela, Marilyn, Mark, Martin, Mary, Mary Ann, Matthew, Merrill family, Michael, Michelle, Miriam, Nancy, Neil, Nolan family, Pam, Pat, Patricia, Peggy, Peter, Renee, Reysen, Richard, Richy, Robbie, Robert, Sally, Sandra, Scott, Shane, Shawn, Shove, Spencer, Stephen, Sue, Susan, Suzanne, Suzy, Sylvia, Taryn, Ted, Thomas, Tom, Vicki, Vincent, Ward, and Those serving our country... Alex, Benjamin, Christian, Clara, Eric, George, Harold, Herbert, John, Luster, Michael, Thomas, and William.

Matthew Lorentzen, After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he said, "This is my Blood of the New and Eternal Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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.

Communion

In the Breaking of the Bread, all baptized Christians are encouraged to receive communion. This is the Lord's table. It is the Lord's wish that those who want to reaffirm their union with the Lord and each other should receive communion. During communion, please come forward at the direction of the usher to the high altar, filling in at the altar rail from right to left, and either kneeling or standing to receive. For those who prefer not to use the steps, please signal the clergy circulating to request that communion be brought to you in your pew. Our custom in the Episcopal Church is to receive both elements by putting hands forward, palms crossed and facing upward to receive the bread, and by guiding the chalice lightly to receive the wine. Please note that receiving just the bread or wine alone is fully receiving communion. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, simply cross your arms across your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available at the high altar; the priest know when you go up to receive. The congregation stands when the Celebrant returns to the altar.

Postcommunion Prayer

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.

We pray for the repose of the soul of

Edwin Anderson Bowen
Marica Quale Chellis Kay

Flowers are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the marriage of Rodney Albert Woodstock and Carrie Elizabeth Paza.

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