The congregation is seated.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Prophets. Welcome those who worship today at Bethesda-by-the-Sea. Give us discerning praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thine mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the prophets.

The congregation stands as the Gospel is introduced.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Matthew 5:13-20

Light within all light, soul behind all souls, guide our hearts and minds as we welcome those who worship today at Bethesda-by-the-Sea. Give us discerning hearts to recognize the face of the Beloved in each child of God, for often goes he, righteous and full of compassion, to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

The congregation stands as the Gospel is introduced.

The Word of the Lord. 

Praise be to God.

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

The lay reader adds specific intercessions “for the prayers where appropriate. Let us pray for the whole state of Christ’s Church and the world. Almighty and everlasting God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make thy peace, and doth keep thee in faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and knowledge of thy holy Name, that they may live in thy fear and peace and see the only Good. For they shall not be ashamed of thy commandments, neither shall they be dismayed at false doings. They shall speak of the ways of thy righteousness, and shall glory in thy salvation: they shall spread abroad thy power upon the earth, and publish thy glory among the Gentiles. They shall fear thee, and thy name shall be feared in all the earth. They shall reign from sea to sea, from one end of the earth to the other. The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

The homily is preached by The Rev. Burl Salmon, Vicar of Bethesda-by-the-Sea.

The Word of God

Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Psalm 112:1-9

1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord, and put their trust in his steadfast love.
2 Their children also shall they in the faith of the Lord, and shall they have abundant increase: He shall give them substance, and shall make them rich in all things.
3 They shall have kindness, mercifulness, and righteousness:
4 They shall be like the tree planted by the brooks of water, which bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatever the Lord will to impart, shall he impart to him.
5 They shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever, and will be the kind of good spirit. In the morning will he give his thoughts, and in the evening his delight will be in his house.

Drummers play and float incense as the reading of the People closes the worship service.
Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Amen.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty, pronouncing most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake, forgive us all trespasses, past and present; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. And with thy spirit.

Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offering Members of the congregation will present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer II

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God.

The Lord adds a Proper Preface.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. The Lord is in the midst of her; hear ye the voice of the Lord. Ascribe ye to the Lord, ye hosts of heaven.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

We who are many are one body.

For we all share one bread, and one cup.

TheBody and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and truth, may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him: through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we boldly say, 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, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

TheBreaking of the Bread

Let us lift them up unto the Lord.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ did for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The congregation begins moving forward to the altar rail as soon as the Celebrant says the words, “The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians are encouraged to receive communion. This is the Lord’s Table. It is the Lord who invites you. It is his wish that those who want him should meet him here. During communion, please come forward at the direction of the ushers, to the light 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 request from an usher that communion be brought to you in your pew. Our custom in the Episcopal Church is to receive both elements by hand; 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, let the priest know when you go up to receive.

Following Communion, the congregation stands for the Postcommunion Prayer and Blessing.

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

For we are all one body, and one cup.

Prayers for healing and wholeness have been asked for...

Claude, Dalia, David, Dawn, Debbie, Deborah, DJ, Don, Donna, Dorothy, Edmund, Elena, Elizabeth, Emmy, Eva, Evan, Frank, Fred, Gay, Gloria, Gonzalez family, Hannah, Holly, Hunter, Jack, James, Jan, Jason, Jean, Jennifer, Jerry, Jonathan, Joaquin, John, John Joseph, Judy, Kay, Kelley, Kelly Ann, Ken, Kendall, Knight family, Larry, Linda, Louis, Louise, Loyda, Lucia, Lydia, Lynn, Marc, Mallory, Marcia, Margot, Margarette, Maria Elena, Marta, Marilyn, Mark, Martin, Mary, Mary Ann, Matthew, Michelle, Miriam, Nancy, Nat, Nathan, Nealy, Nolan family, Olga, Pam, Pat, Patricia, Peggy, Peter, Renee, Reysean, Richard, Ricky, Robbie, Robert, Russell, Sally, Sandra, Scott, Sharon, Shaun, Shane, Shawn, Spencer, Stephen, Sue, Susan, Sy, Sylvia, Taryn, Teri, Tom, Vincent, Ward, Warren and those serving our country... Alex, Benjamin, Christian, Clara, Eric, Geoge, Harold, Herbert, John, Lorne, Luster Michael, Thomas, Tom, and William.