The Lord be with you.

Light within all light, soul behind all souls, guide our hearts and minds as we with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end.

Prophets.

Collect For Welcome

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God

and food to those who hunger.

who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *

who keeps his promise for ever;

Amen.

Who is this who comes from the north, * frowning and tumultuous, and whose face is like a flame?

The congregation is seated.

The Word of God

Reader

Psalm

Psalm 146:4-9

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! * whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, * and food to those who hunger;

7 The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; * the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; * he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, * like showers that water the earth.

9 The Lord shall reign for ever, * your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

The congregation stands as the Gospel is introduced.

Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

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The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People
glory be to thee, O Lord.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answering, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Prayers of the People

The congregation is seated. The Gospel of the Lord. People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Homily

A brief period of silence follows the Homily.

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.

Prayers for the People

The leader adds specific intercessions to the prayers where appropriate.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ’s Church and the world. Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ’s sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.
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 our most bountiful benefactress and redempess, our Lady, the The peace of the Lord be always with you. The people kneel or stand. The Celebrant adds a Proper Preface. The Great Thanksgiving, The Peace we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying, For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink ye all of this; for this is my Body of thy Blood, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial sum hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; thou, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and giving of ourselves to be a most humble beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthy receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with 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 are bold to 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. The Breaking of the Bread Celebrant Our King and Savior now draweth nigh. Peoples O come, let us adore him. The Gifts of God for the People of God. 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 Church’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 usher, to the high altar, filling in at the altar rail from right to left, and either kneeling or standing to receive. For those prefer not to use the steps, please ask an usher that communion be given to you at the high altar. The Celebrant distributes the communion to all who are present; those who can, receive by mouth; those who cannot, receive a wafer. A communicant is delivered the bread, generally palms and facing upward to receive the bread, and by guiding the bread lightly to receive the wafer. Please note that receiving the bread or wine 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; let the priest know when you go to receive. Following Communion, the congregation stands for the Postcommunion Prayer and Blessing.