The congregation is seated.

Reader The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

Psalms

Psalm 2 (read antiphonally)

1 Why are there nations in uproar? * 2 Why do the peoples mutter empty threats? * 3 Let us break their yoke, * and his reign shall pass over them. * 4 I myself have set my king * upon my holy hill of Zion. * 5 Let me announce the decree of the Lord: * that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. * 6 “I myself have set my king * upon my holy hill of Zion.” * 7 “I myself have set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.” * 8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance * and the ends of the earth for your possession. * 9 You shall crush them with an iron rod * and shatter them like a piece of pottery. * 10 And now, you kings, be wise; * be warned, you rulers of the earth. * 11 Submit to the Lord with fear; * and trembling bow before him; * 12 Lest he be angry and you perish; * for his wrath is quickly kindled. * 13 Happy are they all * who take refuge in him! * The congregation stands as the Gospel is introduced.

Gospel Matthew 17:1-9 The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid!” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord. People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Lesson Exodus 24:12-18 The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.” Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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Homily The Rev. Canon Elizabeth R. Geitz 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 of 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 good kindness, O Lord, to comfort and succour 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.

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Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. 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, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. Almighty God, heavenly Father, we 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 thy dear Son Jesus Christ hath shed his blood for thee. Let us then with a fervent heart and true faith evenly entreat thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrenet pronounces absolution and then the congregation stands.

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

Greeting and Announcements
The Holy Communion

Offertory
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.
People
And with thy spirit.

The gifts are laid upon the altar.

The People kneel or stand.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance of Christ our Passover, and of the Passover of the new covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly King, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, and give thee for a memorial of our love, all we ourselves, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, all-powerful God.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Lord is the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Sheep go down to Bethlehem. Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on his Body and Blood in remembrance of him, with thanksgiving.

The celebration begins moving forward to the altar rail as soon as the Celebrenet 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 right side of the altar, filling in at the altar rail from right to left, and far rail from right to left, and either hide or open your hands to receive his Body and Blood.

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. Please extend your hand forward, palm down, and facing upward to receive the Bread, and then extend your palm forward to receive the Chalice. Be gentle as you lift 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; 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

Cembrant
We give thee all one body, and one cup.
Peoples
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Postcommunion Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ; and dost assure us as thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporated in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people, and are also heirs, through, hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in: through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Dismissal

Drum
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People
Thanks be to God.

We pray for the repose of the soul of
Michael Arthur
Annie Annette Lamm双the Dileo
Robert Christian Hebble
David Lee Marr
Arthur Michael Sullivan, Jr.

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of
Daniel H. Rowe

Prayers for healing and wholeness have been asked for...
Alice, Amelia, Amy, Andrew, Angela, Anita, Ann, Anne, Anthony, Arlo, Arthur, Austin, Barakett family, Bill, Bill Ed, Bobby, Brightman, Carmen, Celia, Charles, Cheryl, Chip, Chris, Christine, Claude, Dalila, David, Dawn, Debbie, Deborah, Dj, Don, Donna, Dorothy, Edwin, Elena, Eleanor, Elizabeth, Emmy, Eva, Evan, Frank, Fred, Gerry, Gloria, Gonzales family, Greg, Hannah, Holly, Hunter, Jack, James, Jane, Jason, Jeanne, Jennifer, Jesse, Joan, Joaquin, John, John Joseph, Kay, Kelley, Kelly Ann, Ken, Kendall, Knight family, Larry, Louise, Louise, Lucy, Lydia, Lynn, Mac, Mallory, Marcia, Marge, Margarette, Maria Elena, Memo, Michael, Min, Martin, Mary, Mary Ann, Matthew, Michael, Michelle, Miriam, Nancy, Nat, Nathan, Neal, Nolan family, Olga, Pam, Pat, Patricia, Peggy, Peter, Raymond, Renee, Reyesan, Richard, Ricky, Robby, Robert, Rosa, Russell, Sally, Sandra, Scott, Sharon, Shaune, Shawn, Spencer, Stelwegen family, Stephen, Stewart, Sue, Susan, Suyi, Sylvia, Taryn, Ted, Thomas, Tom, Vincent, Ward and those serving our country...
Alex, Benjamin, Christian, Clara, Eric, George, Harold, Herbert, John, Lorne, Luster Michael, Thomas, Tommy, and William.


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