Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you the heavens are open to me. The Lord be with you. The congregation is seated. The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced.

Gloria
With the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and adored by all nations, and that the whole earth may sing his praise. Amen.

Collect For Welcome
In Christ Jesus our Lord, to God, our heavenly Father, grace and mercy; for the remission of our sins, and the giving of eternal life. Amen.

Prelude Variations on Hanover Michael Burkhardt
The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced.

Hymn 388
O Worship the King, All Glorious Above
Hanover

The Word of God

Gloria
Hymn 5–280
Robert Powell

Please find the service music in the front section of the blue hymnal.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray. Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, inflamed by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ’s glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed by the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect For Welcome (in unison)
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 the Christ in the stranger’s guise. In the name of the undivided Trinity. Amen.

Lesson
Isaiah 49:1-7
Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother’s womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom will I be glorified.” But I said, “I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.” And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—“he says, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, “Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

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

Psalm 40:1-12
Thomas Pavlychko
The congregation, remaining seated, joins in singing this antiphon before the Psalms and each time the introduction is played.

I love to do your will, O my God.

Epistle
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, in which every way you have been enriched in him, and as he leads you to glory and you prove his rich grace, may have power, together with your brothers, to stand firm and hold the faith, without being moved, and to do what is with patience, joyfully giving thanks.

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

The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced.

Hymn 538
God of Mercy, God of Grace
Lucerna Laudsoniae

Gospel
John 1:29-42
The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” This is the one who is called “The Messiah.” John was standing by a large river in the land of Judea and he had come there to baptize people. It came to pass that John was baptizing people in the Jordan River and he looked over and saw Jesus coming toward him and he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples who had been following him heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “Where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying. They remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

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

Homily
The Rev. Canon Elizabeth R. Geitz
A brief period of silence follows the Homily.

Nicene Creed
We believe in one Lord, 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 us 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: Form III
The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest; Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence
The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin and Absolution
Deacon
Let us confess our sins to God.

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

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 you only as your will.

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
Sophia Wandoff

The Holy Communion

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

Organ Anthem
Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies
T. Frederick H. C. Gandlyn

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

The Celebrant adds a Proper Preface then continues

The Break of the Bread

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

At the last postcommunion prayer, the Rev. William Mathias will aim a closing prayer.

During the Communion

Hymn 439
What Wondrous Love Is This

Wondrous Love

Anthem
Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether
Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit’s tether, for when humbly, in thy name, two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them: Alleluia! Touch we thy garment; we now thy righteousness. As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up. All our meals and all living make us sacraments of thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be, Alleluia! We shall serve thee faithfully.

The congregation sings while the Celebrant returns to the altar.

Postcommunion Prayer

Scatter all our unbelief; more and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief! Fill me, Radiancy Divine; high be near; Daystar, in my heart appear. Dark and cheerless is the morn scatter all my unbelief; more and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief! Fill me, Radiancy Divine; high be near; Daystar, in my heart appear. Dark and cheerless is the morn scatter all my unbelief; more and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief! Fill me, Radiancy Divine; high be near; Daystar, in my heart appear. Dark and cheerless is the morn scatter all my unbelief; more and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief! Fill me, Radiancy Divine; high be near; Daystar, in my heart appear. Dark and cheerless is the morn scatter all my unbelief; more and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief! Fill me, Radiancy Divine; high be near; Daystar, in my heart appear. Dark and cheerless is the morn scatter all my unbelief; more and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief! Fill me, Radiancy Divine; high be near; Daystar, in my heart appear. Dark and cheerless is the morn scatter all my unbelief; more and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief! Fill me, Radiancy Divine; high be near; Daystar, in my heart appear. Dark and cheerless is the morn scatter all my unbelief; more and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief! Fill me, Radiancy Divine; high be near; Daystar, in my heart appear. Dark and cheerless is the morn scatter all my unbelief; more and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief! Fill me, Radiancy Divine; high be near; Daystar, in my heart appear. Dark and cheerless is the morn scatter all my unbelief; more and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief! Fill me, Radiancy Divine; high be near; Daystar, in my heart appear. Dark and cheerless is the morn scatter all my unbelief; more and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief! Fill me, Radiancy Divine; high be near; Daystar, in my heart appear. Dark and cheerless is the morn scatter all my unbelief; more and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief! Fill me, Radiancy Divine; high be near; Daystar, in my heart appear. Dark and cheerless is the morn scatter all my unbelief; more and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief! Fill me, Radiancy Divine; high be near; Daystar, in my heart appear. Dark and cheerless is the morn scatter all my unbelief; more and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief! Fill me, Radiancy Divine; high be near; Daystar, in my heart appear. Dark and cheerless is the morn scatter all my unbelief; more and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief! Fill me, Radiancy Divine; high be near; Daystar, in my heart appear. Dark and cheerless is the morn scatter all my unbelief; more and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief! Fill me, Radiancy Divine; high be near; Daystar, in my heart appear. Dark and cheerless is the morn scatter all my unbelief; more and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief! Fill me, Radiancy Divine; high be near; Daystar, in my heart appear. Dark and cheerless is the morn scatter all my unbelief; more and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief! Fill me, Radiancy Divine; high be near; Daystar, in my heart appear. Dark and cheerless is the morn scatter all my unbelief; more and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect this soul of mine!