The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of the People

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect For Welcome

Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of God

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God. People Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you all secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 380

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

Salutation and Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: we beseech you, mercifully grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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. The congregation is seated.

Lesson

Isaiah 65:17-25

For I will create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no longer will anyone remember or mind what is done before. I will make eternal joy last in her like a crown, and righteousness like a wreath; I will give her obedience like an altar, and safety like a throne. The land will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

Homily

The Rev. Margaret McGhee

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.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

For the Church

That all who with Christ have entered the shadow of death may rest in peace with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

Offertory

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

Organ Voluntary

Presentation and Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; lowly praise the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

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 praise you, 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:
Sanctus and Benedictus

Land of Rest

Hosanna in excelsis Deo. God of power and might...

here and earth, see full of glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord... Hosanna in the highest.

The congregation kneels or remains standing, and the Celebrant continues:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, whenever you had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we pray the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of your redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

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 gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the Episcopal Church, 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 wavers 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; let the priest know when you go to receive.

The congregation stands when the Celebrant returns to the altar.

Postcommunion Prayer

O Christ, the Word Incarnate

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

We pray for the repose of the soul of

Ruthell C. Jacobs III

We pray for the souls of

Alice, Andrew, Angela, Anita, Anthony, Arlo, Austin, Bill, Bill Ed, Bob, Bobby, Campbell, Carmen, Celia, Charles, Chip, Chris, Christine, Chuck, David, Deborah, DJ, Don, Donna, Dorothy, Edith, Edmund, Edwin, Elena, Eleanore, Emmy, Evan, Frank, Fred, Gay, George, Gerry, Greg, Gretchen, Griffin, Guy, Helen, Holly, Hunter, Jack, Jacobs family, James, Jan, Janet, Jesse, Jerry, Jillian, Joaquin, John, Judy, Kathryn, Kay, Kelley, Kelly Ann, Ken, Kendall, Larry, Linda, Louise, Lucy, Lynn, Malcolm, Mallory, Marcia, Marie, Mariela, Marge, Mark, Martin, Mary, Mary Ann, Matthew, Megan, Michael, Michelle, Miriam, Nancy, Neil, Nolan family, Pam, Pat, Peggy, Phyllis, Reysean, Raul, Richard, Ricky, Robbie, Robert, Rudy, Sally, Sandra, Sara, Scott, Shane, Sharon, Shawn, Spencer, Stephen, Sue, Susan, Suzi, Sweetening Family, Sylvia, Taryn, Ted, Thomas, Tom, Tucker, Vicki, Viola, Vincent, Ward, and those serving our country... Alex, Benjamin, Christian, Clara, Eric, George, Harold, Herbert, John, Lorrie, Luster Michael, Thomas, Tommy, and William.

Prayers for healing and wholeness have been asked for... Adam, Alexis, Alice, Andrew, Angela, Anita, Anthony, Arlo, Austin, Bill, Bill Ed, Bob, Bobby, Campbell, Carmen, Celia, Charles, Chip, Chris, Christine, Chuck, David, Deborah, DJ, Don, Donna, Dorothy, Edith, Edmund, Edwin, Elena, Eleanore, Emmy, Evan, Frank, Fred, Gay, George, Gerry, Greg, Gretchen, Griffin, Guy, Helen, Holly, Hunter, Jack, Jacobs family, James, Jan, Janet, Jesse, Jerry, Jillian, Joaquin, John, Judy, Kathryn, Kay, Kelley, Kelly Ann, Ken, Kendall, Larry, Linda, Louise, Lucy, Lynn, Malcolm, Mallory, Marcia, Marie, Mariela, Marge, Mark, Martin, Mary, Mary Ann, Matthew, Megan, Michael, Michelle, Miriam, Nancy, Neil, Nolan family, Pam, Pat, Peggy, Phyllis, Reysean, Raul, Richard, Ricky, Robbie, Robert, Rudy, Sally, Sandra, Sara, Scott, Shane, Sharon, Shawn, Spencer, Stephen, Sue, Susan, Suzi, Sweetening Family, Sylvia, Taryn, Ted, Thomas, Tom, Tucker, Vicki, Viola, Vincent, Ward, and those serving our country...