Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and
welcome those who worship today at Bethesda-by-the-Sea. Give us discerning
Gloria
Collect For Welcome
If you choose, you can keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a
Lesson
Salutation and Collect of the Day

Psalm
Psalm 119:1-8

Homily
The Rev. Margaret McGhee
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 everlasting 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 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 bear 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 Father’s kingdom, and for all those who live and are in thy kingdom.
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The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Praise to be thee, O Christ.
Confession of Sin and Absolution (congregation kneeling)

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 unjustly 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 that is past; 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 Celebrant pronounces absolution and then the congregation stands.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always 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 I

O Lord God of all, we give thee thanks for all things, of thy wisdom and mercy; for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst ordain the same to be the dwelling place of thy glory; and didst make us therein Abram to be a holy people, to serve thee as thy corporate possession; and didst choose thy Son Jesus Christ, to be the Man of thine own choosing, to be our kinsman, near of kin, the very Image of thine own Person, the very Representation of thine own Person, whom thou didst love, and give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer for us in the flesh; and to bring again to us everlasting life by thy Spirit, and to raise us from the dead, and to seat us at the right hand of thy glory; and didst give us the Holy Spirit to guide us, and to comfort us in the time of our necessities. And for all these things we give thee thanks; and we solemnly confess our unworthiness to be received into the number of thy holy children; for that we are at this moment, if not entirely, yet so far from thee in spirit, that we can neither pray nor praise, nor give thee thanks, nor even think thee worthy to receive, in our unworthy state, these holy things which we receive from thee; and therefore we sinfully and ignorantly do receive these gifts of thine charity; and for our misdoings we are heartily sorry, and would fain do that which is well-pleasing to thee; wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we beseech thee, for thy tender mercies sake, to call to mind the travail of our heart; and to forgive us all that is past; and to thy loving-kindness and compassion and mercy, give us a new heart and a right spirit within us; and, in the fear of thy Name, maintain us in all well-pleasing and approved things; 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 Celebrant adds a Proper Preface.

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We laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying, All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, which hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, and 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.

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

We pray for the repose of the soul of . . .

Jen Brender Preston

Henry Delaney Young

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

Ron Ilitch

Marcia Quale Chellis Kay

Roz Tukse

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