WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand and sing

HYMN 412  Earth and all stars  Earth and All Stars

THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant  Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People  And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.
Celebrant  There is one Body and one Spirit;
People  There is one hope in God’s call to us;
Celebrant  One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People  One God and Father of all.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

The People are seated.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.” When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the
Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

Reader  The Word of the Lord.

People  Thanks be to God.

All children ages three through third grade are invited to Children’s Chapel. Parents are encouraged to accompany very young children as they learn the rhythms of this service designed especially for children.

The children will return before communion.

HYMN 439  What wondrous love is this

Wondrous Love

THE GOSPEL

Gospeller  The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People  Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Gospeller  The Gospel of the Lord.

People  Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Robbie Laughton
Celebrant: The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents & Godparents: I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents & Godparents: I will, with God’s help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents & Godparents: I will, with God’s help.

Celebrant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Sponsors & Candidates: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Sponsors & Candidates: I renounce them.
Celebrant: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Sponsors & Candidates: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Sponsors & Candidates: I do.

Celebrant: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Sponsors & Candidates: I do.

Celebrant: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Sponsors & Candidates: I do.

The People stand.

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?
People: We will.

Celebrant: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?
People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People: I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Celebrant: Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth and for those who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Intercessor: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.
Intercessor  Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
  People  Lord, hear our prayer.
Intercessor  Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
  People  Lord, hear our prayer.
Intercessor  Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
  People  Lord, hear our prayer.
Intercessor  Send them into the world in witness to your love.
  People  Lord, hear our prayer.
Intercessor  Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
  People  Lord, hear our prayer.
Celebrant  Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER
Celebrant  The Lord be with you.
  People  And also with you.
Celebrant  Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
  People  It is right to give him thanks and praise.
Celebrant  We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water...To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The People sit.
THE BAPTISM
After all have been baptized,
Celebrant  Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

The People stand.
Celebrant  Let us welcome the newly baptized.
  People  We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

HYMN 383
Fairest Lord Jesus  St. Elizabeth

THE PEACE
Celebrant  The peace of the Lord be always with you.
  People  And also with you.

BIRTHDAY PRAYER
O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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THE OFFERTORY

PRESENTATION HYMN 141 from LEVAS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING / EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth... 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:
The People stand or kneel.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your 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.... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.... All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All 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

To receive Holy Eucharist, please follow the directions of the ushers.

This is the table, not of the church, but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; You who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before; You who have tried to follow and you who have failed; Come, not because the Church invites you; It is Christ, and he invites you to meet him here.
THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant   Let us pray.

All   Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING HYMN 408

Sing praise to God

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THE DISMISSAL

Leader   Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People   Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

WE PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

Judith McElwain

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY OVERSEAS

Kathryn McNamara, Kate Ballard, Sean Doherty, the Nelson family

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH

Bonnie-Lorraine Thiele, Barbara Cooley, William Groft & family, Lori & family, Colleen Nelson, Mary Crow, Gladys Hook, Jim Murphy, Willie Banks, LaVerne Scott-Rayford, Michael Barrett, Darlene Freeman, Martha & Frank Cammarata, Maureen Pelosi, Anna Flaten, Margo Fitch, Tony Robson, John Iler, Margot Rood, Gail Multop, Algernon John Baptiste & family, Keith McMath, Russell George

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