



## **THE WORD OF GOD**

### **OPENING SENTENCES**

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**Celebrant:** *Alleluia! Christ is risen.*

**Congregation:** *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

### **THE COLLECT OF PURITY**

*Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **GLORIA**

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### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us*

your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

**THE FIRST READING (seated)**

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, <sup>16</sup>"Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—<sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." <sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." <sup>23</sup>So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**THE PSALM**

Psalm 1

Chanted

<sup>1</sup> Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup> Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.

<sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup> It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup> For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

**THE SECOND READING**

1 John 5:9-13

<sup>9</sup>If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup>Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the

Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. <sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**THE GOSPEL**      John 17:6-19

The Rev. Deacon Kathleen Comer

**Celebrant:**      *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

**Congregation:**    **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

<sup>6</sup>"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

<sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

<sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Congregation: Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**THE SERMON**    (seated)

The Rev. Jerry Phillips

**THE NICENE CREED**    (standing)

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**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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*Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: 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, especially Shannon and Jerry, 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 goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor (names) and 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 especially (names), beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of St. Augustine and 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.*

## **BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS**

**THE PEACE** (standing)

**Celebrant:** *The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

**Congregation:** ***And with thy spirit.***

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Celebrant:** *The Rev. Jerry Phillips*

## **THE OFFERTORY**

**Celebrant:** *The Lord be with you.*  
**Congregation:** **And with thy spirit.**  
**Celebrant:** *Lift up your hearts.*  
**Congregation:** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
**Celebrant:** *Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.*  
**Congregation:** **It is meet and right so to do.**

**THE SANCTUS**

*The Congregation stands or kneels*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

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**THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** *(standing or kneeling)*

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**THE COMMISSIONING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**