

Welcome! We're so glad you're here.



“We, who are many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread”. *1 Corinthians 10:17*

All are welcome to receive communion with us.

- ❖ To receive the bread, hold your hands in front of you, palms up.
- ❖ To receive the wine from the cup, take the bottom of the cup and the base and guide it to your mouth. (Dipping bread into wine is not permitted for health reasons.)
- ❖ If you prefer to take only the bread, you may indicate this to the cup bearer by crossing your arms over your chest, or simply walking past them.
- ❖ If you prefer simply to receive a blessing, as you reach the priest with the bread, cross your arms over your chest. Return to your seat after receiving the blessing.
- ❖ The response to receiving bread, wine, or a blessing is “Amen.”

(please note all hymn numbers are from Common Praise, the blue hymnal)

Prelude Melody in D Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

Welcome To those in person and joining online

The Gathering of the Community

(please stand as you are able)

Opening Hymn – Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness – CP #397 NETTLETON

1. Praise the One who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light.
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel,
Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms and feeding thousands
With the very bread of peace.

2. Praise the One who blessed the children
With a strong yet gentle word.
Praise the One who drove out demons
With a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
To the desert's burning sand.
From this well comes living water
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

3. Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose for many
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
Praise the One who makes us one.

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Music: A Repository of Sacred Music

Gathering *(please remain standing)*

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

Gloria – New Plainsong Mass

David Hurd

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
 peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly, King, Al - might - y,
 God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ,
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
 you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:
 re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the
 Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Presider Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect for Black History Month

Presider God of Compassion, who sent Jesus Christ to deliver us from all manner of injustices and inequalities, create in us new hearts and enlarged visions, to see the image of God in every person irrespective of background, race and ethnicity. May we be generous in our love of others as we work towards ending racism and injustice; creating communities of human flourishing. **Amen.**

Presider Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

All Our hearts and minds are open.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Reader A reading from the prophet Isaiah. *(please be seated)*

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Isaiah 58:1-12 (NRSVA)

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 112: 1-9

George Black



Hap - py are they who have giv - en to the poor.

Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear God

and have great delight in the commandments of the Holy One!

Their descendants will be mighty in the land;

the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches will be in their house,

and their righteousness will last for ever. **Refrain**

Light shines in the darkness for the upright;

the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

It is good for them to be generous in lending

and to manage their affairs with justice. **Refrain**

For they will never be shaken;

the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

They will not be afraid of any evil rumours;

their heart is right; they put their trust in God. **Refrain**

Their heart is established and will not shrink,

until they see their desire upon their enemies.

They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast for ever;

they will hold up their head with honour. **Refrain**

Second Reading

Reader A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit

and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" - these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. *1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (NRSVA)*

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia – CP #711

Gregory Murray

Cantor Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

All Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Cantor I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. *John 8.12*

All Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The Gospel

(please stand as you are able)

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospeller Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great

in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 5:13-20 (NRSVA)

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

If you are the salt of the earth and the light of the world:

1. What about your life is flavourful, for which you would give thanks to God?
2. In what ways are you enhancing the relationships around you?
3. What are you preserving in your life and why?
4. What role do you play in healing God's world?
5. What does God value about you?
6. Where is the light in your life?
7. For whom are you a light?
8. And from whom do you withhold your light?

Music for Reflection

The Apostles' Creed

Presider Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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.

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. Amen.

Prayers of the People

(please assume a position of prayer that is comfortable to you)

Confession and Absolution

Presider Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Presider Most merciful God,

All We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Presider Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Peace

(please remain standing)

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

The congregation is invited to remain standing for the offertory.

Offertory Hymn – Awake, Awake, Fling Off the Night

DEUS TUORUM MILITUM

1. A wake, a - wake: fling off the night!
2. A - wake and sing, with praises strong,
3. Let in the light; all sin ex - pose
4. Then rise, as chil - dren of the light.
5. Through Christ give thanks to God, and say

for God has sent a glori - ous light!
in psalm and hymn and Spir - it song.
to Christ, whose life no dark - ness knows.
Be nei - ther proud, nor hide from sight.
to oth - er sleep ers on the way:

and we who live in Christ's new day
Let love our words and works re - new
Be - fore the cross ex - pec - tant kneel,
Be care - ful how you live, and wise
"A - wake, and rise up from the dead

must works of dark - ness put a - way.
with all that's good, and right, and true.
that Christ may judge, and judg - ing, heal.
to sift the truth from cun - ning lies.
that Christ may shine on you in - stead!"

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider God of compassion and forgiveness, receive our offering this day, and make us one with him who is our peace, Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer 3

(please remain standing)

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

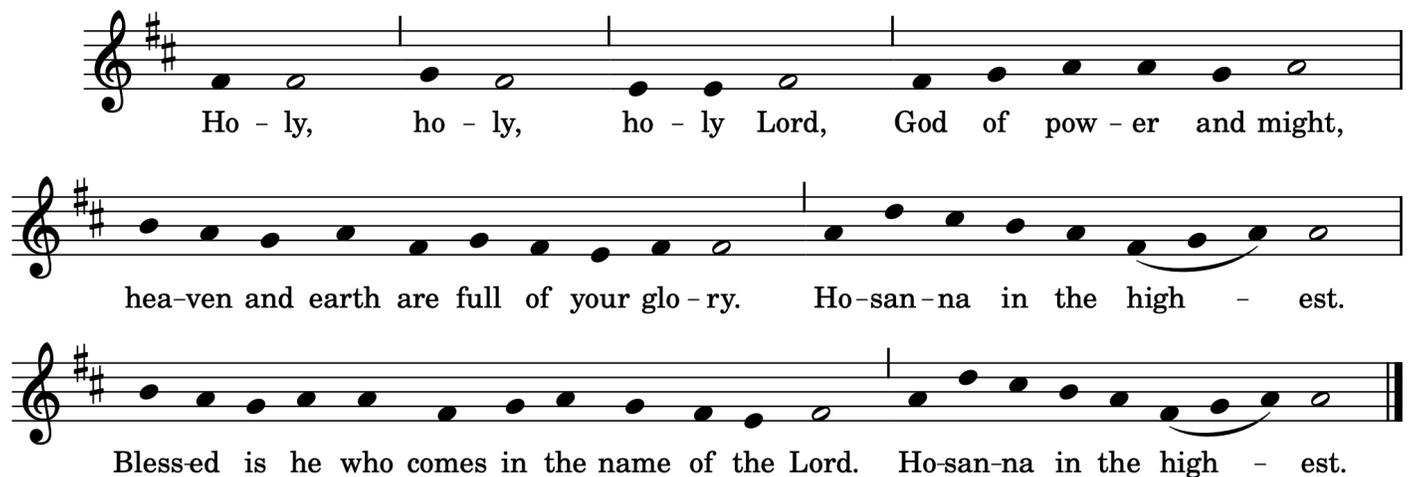
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; you have revealed your eternal plan of salvation, and have shown your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of all peoples. Therefore with angels and archangels we raise our voices in joyful praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus & Benedictus – *New Plainsong Mass*

David Hurd



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Presider We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All **we remember his death,**
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Presider and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer – CP #684

John Merbecke

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be thy name, thy king-dom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread.
And for-give us our tres-pass-es, as we for-give them that tres-pass a-against us.
And lead us not in-to temp-tation, but de-liv-er us from e-vil. For thine is the king-dom,
the pow-er, and the glo-ry, for-ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

Breaking of the Bread

Presider We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

All God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

Presider The gifts of God, for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God.

(please be seated)

Agnus Dei – *New Plainsong Mass*

David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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Choral Anthem – Elijah Rock

Spiritual, arr. Jester Hairston

Elijah rock, shout, shout!
Elijah rock, comin' up Lord. (Elijah! Elijah!)

Satan's a liar an' a conjur, too,
If you don't mind out, he'll conjur you.
If I could, I surely would,
Stand on the rock where Moses stood.
Elijah rock, shout, shout!
Elijah rock, comin' up Lord.

Communion Hymn – This Little Light of Mine

African-American Traditional

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (x3)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Eve'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine...

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine...

Text and Tune: African-American traditional

Prayer after Communion

(please stand as you are able)

Presider Eternal God, in you we find peace beyond all telling. May we who share in this heavenly banquet be instruments of your peace on earth, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Presider Glory to God,
All whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Presider May the God of righteousness bless you with a holy remembrance of past inequities, restless compassion for justice, and a faith that refuses silence in the face of inequality. Go in peace to honour the past, live the truth, and build a future of freedom for all of God's children. **Amen.**

Announcements

Closing Hymn – God, Whose Almighty Word

MOSCOW

1. God, your almighty Word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight:
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the gospel-day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light!

2. Saviour, who came to bring
on your redeeming wing
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind:
Now for all humankind
Let there be light!

3. Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy dove,
Speed on your flight!
Move on the water's face
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place,
Let there be light!

4. Gracious and holy Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
Boundless as ocean's tide,
Rolling in fullest pride:
Through the world far and wide
Let there be light!

Text: John Marriot Music: Felice de Giardini

Dismissal

(please stand as you are able)

Clergy Go forth in the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

*Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.
Please join us for refreshments in Elliott Hall.*

Musical notes in celebration of Black History Month

In celebration of Black History month, this week's 10:30am prelude is by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912), a composer and conductor of Sierra Leonean and British heritage. During Coleridge-Taylor's life, his music was frequently performed and acclaimed (including by the likes of famed English composer Edward Elgar), however, after his death much of his music went out of print and was largely forgotten. It is only in recent years that his music has started to regain attention.

The choral anthem is "Elijah Rock," a traditional spiritual arranged by the African-American composer, actor, and conductor, Jester Hairston (1901-2000). Hairston was a foremost expert on spirituals, but perhaps is best known for having written the Christmas song, "Mary's Boy Child." The instrumental music at communion is also based on a spiritual entitled "Here's One."

The communion hymn, "This Little Light of Mine" is sometimes also labelled as a spiritual, however its exact origins are disputed. It likely originated in African-American communities sometime in the 1920s, and is sometimes attributed to evangelical preacher Henry Dixon Loes. The song has been used in connection with civil rights activism and particularly the practice of "Freedom Singing," which was a form of protest through communal song.

Assisting with the Liturgy

Presiding Celebrant & Homilist: Cathy Gibbs

Director of Music & Organist: Stefani Bedin

Choir Section Leads: Emily Ding, Julia Barber, Martin So, Peter Warren

Subdeacon: Elsa Jones

Crucifer: Sunkanmi Kazeem

Reader: Liz Quinlan

Prayers of the People: Paul Gooch

Warden on Duty: Katherine MacDonald

Sidesperson: Amy Leung

Livestream Technician: Zongfan Li

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Next Week's Worship Preview: February 15, 2026.

Transfiguration Sunday

Readings: Exodus 24:12-18, Psalm 99, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9

Presider & Homilist: Alison Falby

Hymns (10:30am): We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding | Alleluia, Song of Gladness
We are Marching in the Light of God | O Light of Light, Love Given Birth
Jesus, On the Mountain Peak

Choral Anthem: John Weaver – Prayer for Transfiguration Day

Visitor Information

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Participating in the Offertory

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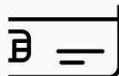
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