

THE FIRST READING

Acts 17:22-31

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 66:7-18

chant: *Ivor Atkins*

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand for the hymn.

HYMN 512

COME, GRACIOUS SPIRIT, HEAVENLY DOVE

Mendon

THE GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel is read.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Areeta Bridgemohan

A brief period of silence is observed for reflection on the sermon.

The people stand.

THE NICENE CREED

All

**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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries are invited to come forward.

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours (*N.*), and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*N.*); give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died (*N.*), that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The congregation may add their own petitions.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

People We pray for those in our congregation who are celebrating a birthday or an anniversary, saying,
**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.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Gospeller Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The people kneel. A brief period of silence is observed.

People **Most merciful God,
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 neighbors 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.**

The Celebrant offers the absolution, and the people respond Amen.

The people stand.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.

THE OFFERTORY

The people remain seated while the offering is collected.

ANTHEM

IF YE LOVE ME

*Thomas Tallis
(1505-1585)*

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever, even the Spirit of Truth.

John 14: 15-16

The people stand as the gifts are presented.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People  There-fore let us keep the feast. Al-le-lu-ia.

THE INVITATION

To receive Communion, come to a Communion Station or to the Altar Rail at the direction of the ushers. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than Communion, cross your arms over your chest—this will alert the priest of your request.

VOLUNTARY

GRAVE, FROM CONCERTO IN G MAJOR,
AFTER ERNST, BWV 592

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

AGNUS DEI

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The people stand.

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebrant blesses the people.

People **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

The Gospeller dismisses the people.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

HYMN 174

AT THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST WE SING

Salzburg

VOLUNTARY

PRAELUDIUM IN G MAJOR, BWV 568

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)