

The Words of Institution

The service of holy communion is a celebration of the presence of God and Christ among us and a feast of bounty for all. In this place, all are welcome to partake. You will be directed, row by row, to come forward. The server will place the bread in your open palms. Gluten free wafers are available. You are invited to take your own cup.

The Communion Anthem *Come, Share, All Are Welcome Here* Arr. Don Schlosser

Come, share, all are welcome here; come as you are. Give, take, share from a wooden plate and earthenware jar; come as you are. Souls are fed, hearts made new by a common uncommonly spirit. At this table many have found their heart's true home. And as often as you return, you'll know you are not alone.

-Antonin Dvořák, *Romance*, op. 11; Lyrics by David Mears

The Communion Response

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all creatures here below.
Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter,
One God Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

OLD ONE HUNDREDTH

Departing to Respond to God's Love

*The Closing Hymn and Recessional No. 465

Teach Me, O Lord, Your Holy Way
ROCKINGHAM

*The Benediction

Rev. Hankamer



At Northminster, Everyone Is a Minister Our Equipping Ministers

Senior Pastor: Rev. Jillian Hankamer

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In Memoriam Rev. Dr. C. Welton Gaddy, Senior Pastor 1992-2016

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The Worship of God

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025

Welcome to our service at Northminster Church. We believe that true worship is an active experience for each worshipper. As we become aware of the presence of those seated near us let us enter into the realization that this hour provides us with an opportunity to encounter the Holy. At this time, please silence all electronic devices. Then, please sign and pass the attendance register on the inside aisle of each row so we can know of your presence with us.

Gathering for Worship

The Preludes

Joe Hisaishi's Suite for Solo Piano:

10:45 a.m.

- I. *Dream Song*
- II. *Ballade*
- III. *Hana-Bi*
- IV. *Silence*

The Chiming of the Hour

11:00 a.m.

The Welcome and Opportunities

Rev. Jillian Hankamer

The Call to Worship

Rev. Hankamer

One: Come as you are. . .

Many: If you have deep faith or your faith has run dry,

One: if you know every scripture or none at all,

Many: if you have calloused hands and live your faith through good works,

One: or if you kneel at God's feet, with a million hungry questions,

Many: come as you are.

One: This is God's house.

Many: None are turned away. All are welcome here.

The Processional

(Please rise in body or in spirit as the processional cross passes your row)

*The Opening Hymn No. 576

For the Healing of the Nations
WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Colossians 1:15-28

The Children's Message

I see the face of God in you; the love of Christ comes shining through, and I am blessed to be with you, beloved, holy child of God.

Ann Aro

Listening for God in Word and Prayer

The Voluntary

"Lacrymosa"
from *Requiem in d* Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

The Psalter

One: A Psalm of David.
Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 15

The Prayer of Confession

God of Grace, we long to do the "right" thing. We long to make the "right" choice. We long to stand on the "right" side of the dividing line. In our earnestness, we sometimes miss the sacred right in front of us. In our earnestness, we sometimes miss opportunities to show love. Show us how to hold our heart's desire for perfection loosely. Show us how to lead with grace and love, over anything else. For even more than our desire to be right, we desire to be close to you. Show us the way. Amen.

The Words of Forgiveness

Faithful friends, God knows your heart. When you mean well and lose your way, God knows. When you try to do the right thing and miss the point, God knows. When you long to be close to God and doubt your worth, God knows. You are seen. You are loved. You are forgiven. You have been sent to serve. This is the good news of the gospel! Nothing can separate you from God's love.

Rev. Hankamer

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*The Hymn (see insert)

Be Not Afraid
Bob Dufford, SJ

The New Testament Reading

Colossians 1:15-28

One: Words to remember who we are and to whom we belong.
Many: **Thanks be to God.**

*The Gospel Acclamation

D.H. Clark

Return to God, maintain love and justice, and wait for God always. Glory be to you, O Christ.

*The Gospel Reading

Luke 10:38-42

One: The Gospel of the Lord.
Many: **Thanks be to God.**
Choir: *God, let your light guide our way, and your spirit bring us peace. Praise be to you, O Christ.*

The Sermon

Rev. Hankamer

The Anthem

How Can I Keep from Singing?

John Carter

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation I hear the sweet, though far off hymn that hails a new creation. What though my joys and comforts die? My Savior Jesus liveth. What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth! No storm can shake my inmost calm while to my hope I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing? The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing! All things are mine since I am his. How can I keep from singing? Through all the tumult and strife I hear the music ringing; it finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

Dedicating Gifts to God

The Offertory is a time of personal devotion and reflection on the day's teaching, and an opportunity to present silently before God what we can give of ourselves. Monetary gifts, which are an important part of our worship and commitment to our church, may be made privately in the offering plate located in the aisle at the back of the sanctuary or via PayPal by scanning the QR Code found on the insert.

Sharing Holy Communion

The Invitation to Communion

The Prayer of Jesus (Using "Father" or "God" and "trespasses")

*Please rise, if able.