

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 OLD ONE HUNDREDTH

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

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 **Director of Music:** Rev. Dr. Deborah Chandler  
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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

The Children’s Message Ann Aro  
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.

Listening for God in Word and Prayer

The Voluntary “Lacrymosa” Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart  
from Requiem in d

The Psalter Psalm 15  
One: A Psalm of David.  
Many: Thanks be to God.

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 Rev. Hankamer  
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.  
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.