ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude  Organ Mass (excerpts)  Nicolas de Grigny  (1672-1703)

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation
  Presider  Alleluia. Christ is risen.
  People  The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Collect for Purity
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria  Sung by the cantor
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day
O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson: Acts 10:44-48
While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Psalm 98 Sung by the cantor
1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *  
   for he has done marvelous things.
2 With his right hand and his holy arm *  
   has he won for himself the victory.
3 The Lord has made known his victory; *  
   his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *  
   and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *  
   lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *  
   with the harp and the voice of song.
7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *  
   shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *  
   the lands and those who dwell therein.
9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *  
   and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
   when he comes to judge the earth.
10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

**The Second Lesson:** 1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**The Gospel:** John 15:9-17

*Presider* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

*Following the Gospel*


*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon**

*The Rector*

The Nicene Creed

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

Presider  Gracious and loving God, your Son Jesus has laid down his life and called
us as his friends, and you have promised to give whatever we ask you in Christ’s
name:  Hear our prayers for the whole human family and for the world, as we say:
Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

Litanist  Your Church is the community of those who believe that Jesus is the
Christ, and you have taught us that we have been born of God:  Help us to
show our love for you, O God, by loving your children and thus fulfilling
Christ’s command to us.
Sing to the Lord a new song;

People  for he has done marvelous things.

Litanist  You have shown your righteousness openly in the sight of the nations, O
Mighty One, and with your right hand and your holy arm have you won for
yearn for your dominion over all the earth and imbue all in authority with your Spirit of love and compassion, that they may serve the world in peace and justice.

Sing to the Lord a new song;

People for he has done marvelous things.

Litanist All creation witnesses to God’s goodness; the sea and the lands, the rivers and hills ring out with joy before the Lord: Bless and protect this world and its fragile environment, and grant to all your children their necessities for daily life and peaceful freedom from all that may threaten.

Sing to the Lord a new song;

People for he has done marvelous things.

Litanist You have taught us to keep your commandments by abiding in your love, O God: Bless this community with such faithfulness that your joy may be in us and that our joy may be complete.

Sing to the Lord a new song;

People for he has done marvelous things.

Litanist Hear our prayers for our friends and for all who suffer, especially Laurel Voss, as she recovers at home from an accident and for Emily Hay. Accept our grateful thanksgivings as we lift up our voice, rejoice and sing, especially for those things we now name, either silently or aloud. We entrust to your never failing victory those who have died, who we now name either silently or aloud. Let our faith in you witness to the victory that conquers the world.

Sing to the Lord a new song;

People for he has done marvelous things.

Presider Blessed One, you have loved us, chosen us, and appointed us to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last: Honor the faithful prayers of your people, that all the earth may abide in your love and know the joy of your friendship, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

All are invited to exchange greetings of peace.

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Voluntary at the Offertory Dialogue sur les Grand Jeux
THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

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 him thanks and praise.

The Presider gives thanks to God, continuing until the words
Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

The Sanctus   Sung by the cantor

The Presider continues the Eucharistic Prayer, continuing until the words
....and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Presider continues the Eucharistic Prayer, continuing until the words
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. AMEN.

Presider  And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Our Father, who art in heaven,
    hallowed be thy Name,
    thy kingdom come,
    thy will be done,
    on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
    And forgive us our trespasses,
        as we forgive those who trespass against us.
    And lead us not into temptation,
        but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
    and the power and the glory,
    for ever and ever. Amen.
The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

**Celebrant** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*During the communion, those worshiping from home may wish to pray the following prayer of spiritual communion, or simply spend the time in quiet prayer.*

Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

The Postcommunion Prayer  *Please stand as able.*

**Presider** Let us pray.

**People** 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 Easter Blessing

The Dismissal

**Presider** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

**People** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude *Caprice sur les Grands Jeux*  
Louis-Nicolas Clerambault (1676-1749)

**Ministers Serving Today:**
The Rev. Greg Johnston, Rector  
Douglas Witte, Organist and Cantor  
John Quinn and Barbara Bush, Readers  
Laura Carroll, Litanist  
Adrienne Sweetser, Zoom Host  
Luette Bourne, Altar Guild  
Jane Struss, Usher

*The flowers on the alter are given and arranged by Alice Krapf in loving memory of Mary Sullivan Krapf.*
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Garden Group invites all parishioners to join them every Monday –weather permitting– to help keep the gardens lush and tidy. All are welcome to gather after work ... starting around 5pm. What better way to unwind after a busy day? Spending time in the fresh air with great St. John’s friends will put a spring in your step, so grab your gardening gloves and come on down!

Youth Group will meet tonight at 7pm, in-person in the back of the Sanctuary! We’ll be talking about how our worship works: what we’d change if we could, what we’d never want to change, and more!

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