Birthday and Other Anniversaries Prayer

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Stand.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Offertory Sentence

The congregation is seated following the sentence.

The Offertory

Anthem Arise, Shine! Joel Martinson

Transfiguration Choir

The text of this anthem is today’s First Lesson.

Stand.

Hymn How Bright Appears the Morning Star The Hymnal 496

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B BCP 367

You are encouraged to open The Book of Common Prayer and join in the responses as indicated.

Sanctus

A Community Mass – Richard Proulx

The Hymnal S 125

The Lord’s Prayer Sung

The Hymnal S 119

The Breaking of the Bread

Silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem New Plainsong – David Hurd

The Hymnal S 154

Communion of the People

All who are baptized by water and in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, regardless of denomination, are invited to receive Communion. Those who are not baptized, or who choose not to receive for any reason, are invited forward to the altar rail to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. To receive by intinction, continue holding the host out and the Eucharistic Minister will dip it into the chalice and place it on your tongue. Indicate your desire to receive a gluten-free host by holding out your hands together palms-down.

Anthem Is It Far to Bethlehem City? Giovanni Gastoldi

Transfiguration Choir

Voluntary Love Came Down at Christmas Bella Musica Handbell Choir

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

Hymn We Three Kings of Orient Are The Hymnal 128

The Postcommunion Prayer BCP 366

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And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

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The Dismissal

Presider or Deacon

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Thanks be to God.

People The Hymnal 119

As with Gladness Men of Old

Voluntary In Thee Is Gladness BWV 615 J. S. Bach

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The Gradual  Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

J. W. Meachen

All kings shall bow down before him,*
and all the nations do him service.

For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress,*
and the oppressed who has no helper.

He shall have pity on the lowly and poor,*
he shall preserve the lives of the needy,
he shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,*
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

The First Lesson  Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;
you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
then you shall see and be radiant;
your sons shall come from far away,
your daughters shall be carried on their nurses’ arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia - Missa Guadalupe
Joel Martinson

Verse  We observed his star at its rising,
and have come to pay him homage.

The Second Lesson  Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—for surely you have already heard of the commision of God’s grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand.

The Nicene Creed

Sung  Calvin Hampton

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The Prayers of the People

The Intercessor invites the prayers of the congregation and offers on the altar, the prayers printed in the Parish Intercession Book.

Each petition concludes:

To you, O Lord, we pray.

The Presider prays a concluding collect.

Father, we rejoice in our fellowship with the Holy Family, magi, and all the saints: In your unfailing love for us and for all people, grant these prayers through the Word made flesh, your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.