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 "In a That Good News" African-American Spiritual
Transfiguration Choir arr. William Dawson

Stand.
Hymn "The Church of Christ in Every Age" WLP 779
The words and music to this hymn are printed in the green Wonder, Love, and Praise hymnal in the pew boxes.

The Great Thanksgiving
You are encouraged to open The Book of Common Prayer to Eucharistic Prayer B on page 367 and join in the responses as indicated.

Sanctus Missa Paer Nobis arr. William Trafka

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

The Breaking of the Bread
Fraction Anthem "Deutsche Messe – Franz Schubert"

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 palm-up.

Solo "How Beautiful Are the Feet (Messiah)" G. F. Handel
Sung by Terrie Preskitt-Brown, soprano

Voluntary "Air in F (Water Music)" G. F. Handel

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Voluntary "Little Prelude in G Major" BWV 557 attrib. J. S. Bach

Welcome
Please stand at the ringing of the sacring bell.

Entrance Hymn "Hail to the Lord’s Anointed" The Hymnal 616
The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

The Opening Acclamation "Christ for the World We Sing!" The Hymnal 616
The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

The Collect for Purity "The Spacious Firmament on High" The Hymnal 616
You are invited to sing this entire hymn in harmony.

The Collect of the Day "The Lord be with you."
The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

The First Lesson "Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10"
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The Postcommunion Prayer "Benedicite" The Hymnal 366
The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

The Blessing
The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

The Dismissal "Let us go forth in the name of Christ."
The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

Processional Hymn "Christ for the World We Sing!" The Hymnal 357

Voluntary "Psalm 19" Benedetto Marcello

All people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and
the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.
And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so is it with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no division within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, followed by gifts of healing, the ability to interpret and to speak in other languages. And a man who speaks in a language unknown to you and says words that you do not understand, if you do not have another person who can interpret to you, is like the person who speaks in a tongue.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.


The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Be seated.

The Prayers of the People

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Presider Lord, have mercy.

People Christ have mercy.

The Presider prays a Concluding Collect: Almighty Father, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he are one; Grant that your Church, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom you have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

The Presider pronounces an absolution and the People respond Amen.

The Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Kneel.

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.

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