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 after the ushers present the oblations at the altar.

The Offertory

Anthem O How Amiable Ralph Vaughan Williams Transfiguration Choir

Stand.
The Great Thanksgiving
The Hymnal S 120

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 Puer Nobis arr. William Trafka

The Lord's Prayer Song
The Hymnal S 119

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-down.

Anthem The Gift of Love arr. Hal Hopson Canticle & Youth Choirs

Voluntary Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Hymn Holy Banquet, Feast of Love The Hymnal A 723

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Stand.
The Postcommunion Prayer

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Almighty and everlasting 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.

And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
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.

Sending Forth of the Eucharistic Visitors

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread, one cup.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

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

Processional Hymn Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Voluntary Postlude – Toccata on HYMN TO JOY Joel Martinson

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and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end; when I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face.

Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.


The Gospel Acclamation Alleluia

Please sing this refrain after the organ introduction and following the verse.

The Gospel

In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus read from the book of the prophet Isaiah, and began to say, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Prayer of the People

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

Each petition concludes:

Presider Lord, have mercy.

People Christ have mercy.

The Presider prays a Concluding Collect:

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing; Send your Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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.

The Presider pronounces an absolution and the People respond Amen.