Holy Communion

Gathering

Prelude 8:15

*O Christ the Same*

Kimberly Allmann, French horn

10:45

*If You But Trust in God to Guide You*

arr. Aaron David Miller

+(+) indicates that the assembly stands. Please stand as you are able.

+Confession and Forgiveness

The Blessed Holy Trinity, one God,
whose Spirit flows within and around us,
be with you.

And also with you.

Dear friends, we were created to be in communion
with creation, one another, and with God.
In these wilderness days of Lent, we return to the font of our beginning,
turning again toward love, community, and the promise of spring.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

Our hearts have not always been open to those seeking change.
We get afraid and flee from connections that could heal all of us together.
We don’t recognize the gifts in ourselves or one another.
For this and so many other ways
that we turn away from your beloved community,
meet us with merciful forgiveness
and bring us home to resurrected life. Amen.

There is nothing that can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ.
God draws near to us,
breaks down the barriers,
and restores us to right relationship,
in the saving name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.
Psalm 51

Refrain sung by cantor, repeated by the assembly.

0 God, create in me a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not away your Holy Spirit. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and with your bountiful Spirit sustain me.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Let the Children Come

Announcements

Word

First Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

1 God spoke all these words:
2 I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; 3 you shall have no other gods before me.
4 You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, 6 but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.
7 You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The Ten Commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life
Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

After the reading, the assembly responds by saying: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19

Refrain

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker’s handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world,
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.

It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The teaching of the LORD is perfect and renews the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. R

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can detect one’s own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. R

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

After the reading, the assembly responds by saying: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.
After the Gospel is announced, the assembly responds: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

13 The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. 15 Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. 16 He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” 17 His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” 18 The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” 19 Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” 20 The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” 21 But he was speaking of the temple of his body. 22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

After the Gospel has been read, the assembly responds: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

+Hymn of the Day  
*Canticle of the Turning*  723

+Prayers of Intercession

After each petition: Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Meal

+Peace

The assembly responds: **And also with you.**

Offering 8:15  
**Scarlet Waltz**  
James Naigus  
Kimberly Allmann, French Horn

10:45  
**The Ground**  
Ola Gjeilo  
Chancel Choir  
Sung in Latin

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.
On my heart imprint your image, blessed Jesus, king of grace,
that life’s troubles nor its pleasures ever may your work erase.

Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,
is my life, my hope’s foundation, all my glory and salvation!
Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O God, Creator of our wilderness world,
Seeker of the lost,
Comforter of the sick and suffering,
we give you thanks for your everlasting presence.

You became truly human in Jesus your beloved.
For forty days, with fasting and prayer, he renounced the power of sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
he took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Transform us, O God, with your lively Spirit.
Make this food into manna for our journey.
Renew the whole earth with baptismal grace.
At the last, lead all your pilgrim people through the desert to your abundant garden.

To you, O God, Creator, Savior, Comforter,
We offer our worship and praise, adoration and thanksgiving,
Our Mother,
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

At this table, all are welcome.
The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

We trust that the love of Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of holy communion.

- Receive a cup from the usher.
- Come first to the bread station. If you need gluten free bread, please tell the server.
- Receive the wine from the silver chalice or juice from the pottery chalice.
- Place the cup in the basket and return to your seat.

If you are unable to come forward to for communion, please inform an usher, and communion can be brought to your seat.
Hymn

In the Cross of Christ I Glory 324

Handbells 8:15

Wondrous Love
arr. Don McAfee
Handbell Choir; Dennis Friesen-Carper, director

Hymn

God the Sculptor of the Mountains 736

+Prayer after Communion

Sending

+Blessing

+Sending Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory 705

+Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ restores you.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

God of Grace  Paul Manz

Please face the cross as the assembly is sent into the world.
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