For our public worship services, we observe the following:

All are warmly invited to participate in worship in whatever way is safest and best for them. Those of us who worship in person and those who worship at home are all members of one parish family, united in love of God and neighbor.

In order to aid in your decision making, we summarize the precautions we take during in person worship below. Please feel free to reach out with any questions. All our clergy and lectors are required to be vaccinated and submit their records to the office. Our acolytes have the same requirement, unless they are too young to be vaccinated in which case they must test negative on the day to participate. The worship leaders and the congregation are distanced and masked during the whole service. As required by the city of Lexington, the clergy preacher must test negative on the Friday and Sunday of her sermon in order to remove her mask while preaching, and turn on the HEPA filter in front of the pulpit. We also keep the windows open in the sanctuary in order to facilitate air flow.

Those at home may wish to have candles ready to light and a cross to place in your home worship area.

We are glad to be worshipping with you today. You are invited into a quiet worshipful space during the prelude.

Prelude

Christus der ist mein Leben

Johann Gottfried Walther

Welcome

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand in body or in spirit.



Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.People Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

All 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.



Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

THE READINGS

Please be seated.

First Reading Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people of Israel 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."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Reader Please join me in praying together **Psalm 19.**

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, * and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, * and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, * and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, * and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; * it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 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.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; * the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; * the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; * the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, * sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, * and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? * cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 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.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is 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.

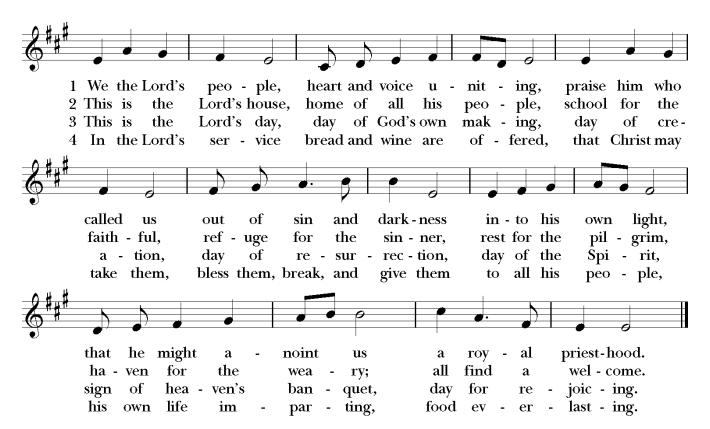
Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any 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 dissension 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, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand in body or in spirit.



Holy Gospel Luke 4:14-21

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

Please stand in body or in spirit.

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.

Prayers of the People

by David Adam, Church of England

Leader As seekers from many places were called to worship before the Christ child, open

our ears to your call, and open our eyes to your glory. We pray for all seekers, for all who walk in darkness and look for the light. We pray for your church, that it

may be drawn ever towards you. Jesus, Light of the World

People Give us your light and peace

Leader Lord God, we pray that the rulers of this world may seek the peace and justice of

your kingdom, and that the resources of the world may be used for the relief of

those in need, and to your praise and glory. Jesus, Light of the World

People Give us your light and peace

Leader We pray for all who work in our local communities, for a sharing of talents and

awareness of needs. We thank you for the gifts you have given to us, and we seek to use them rightly. May our homes be places were the Christ abides and is

welcomed. Jesus, Light of the World

People Give us your light and peace

Leader We pray for all who are in sorrow, pain or distress; we remember especially The

Jacoby-Twigg Family, Barbara, Charlie, Theresa, Maeve, Beth, Helene, Ann, Carole, Anna, Bonnie, Joel, Susan, Susie, Charley, Royce, Patricia, Enid, Bill, Jayne, Dale, Aura, Lauren, Joan, John, Jack, Martin, Thien, Diane, Nguyen, Rose,

Phyllis, Janet, Dale, Nancy, the Doan Family, and John.

We remember all who are struggling for justice and freedom.

Jesus, Light of the World

People Give us your light and peace

Leader We pray for those who have died, especially Brenda, Mary, Cecelia, Jim, June,

Doris, Judy, Edwin, Janet, Lucille, Mary, Adele, Joan, Grayson, Mary, and Sarah. May they have fullness of life in your kingdom. Give hope and strength to all who

mourn, and bring a new light into their darkness. Jesus, Light of the World

People Give us your light and peace

Collect for the Parish, Leader and People together:

Loving God, who calls us to restore unity and justice, your son Jesus teaches us that love brings us together in a community where all are welcome. Help us deepen our faith and relationships so that we can grow our community to make a difference within and beyond ourselves, through Jesus Christ Our Redeemer. Amen.

Presider O Lord our God, you call us in the depths of our being, you have a purpose for us, open our ears to hear your call, open our hearts to your love, open our minds to your purpose, that we may know you and give ourselves fully in your service.

Confession BCP p. 360

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please kneel in body or in spirit and join in a moment of silent prayer.

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.

Absolution

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**.

The Peace

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Presider The peace of God be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Please be seated.

Presider With grateful hearts, let us give what we have. With joyful hope, let us give for what can be.

Your financial offering can be shared online at our-redeemer.net/stewardship-2

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.

And we, though many, throughout the earth, We are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.

One Lord.

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

One Lord.

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all.

One Lord.

Great Thanksgiving

Prayer 3, Enriching Our Worship *Please stand or kneel in body or in spirit.*

Presider The Lord be with you.

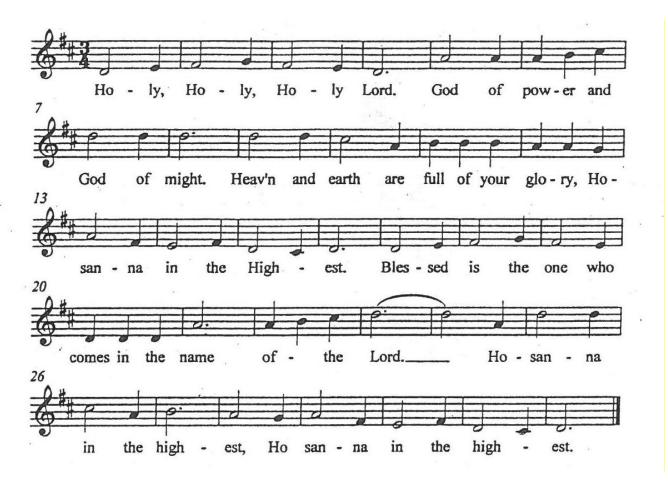
People And also with you.

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 our thanks and praise.

Presider All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy



The Presider continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Presider Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

All Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer (contemporary) BCP p. 364

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

All Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is 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 for ever. Amen. Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

Communion

All who desire to share in Communion are encouraged to do so. Please wear your mask and step at least 6 feet away from the clergy before removing your mask to consume the Host. If you do not wish to receive Communion, we invite you to come forward for a blessing. To indicate your desire for a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest when you step forward.

If you are worshipping at home and not able to come to church for Communion, you are invited to pray this prayer:

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is able to be celebrated, and especially with all those in this Diocese and in the Redeemer community who, for the sake of health and wholeness, cannot gather at this time, we

desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

BCP p. 366

Please stand in body or in spirit.

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. 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.

Blessing

The Presider blesses the people, saying

May Christ be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and may the Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

Announcements

Please be seated.

Closing Hymn

We are all one mission

Please stand in body or in spirit.



Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God!

Postlude Fughetta in C George Frideric Handel

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For those in the sanctuary, please be aware that this service will be live-streamed. Both audio and video will be recorded. The area under the balcony will not be filmed, however, audio may be overheard.

Our community is committed to keeping our members, visitors, and community safe during the pandemic. Our Regathering Committee & Ventilation Subcommittee decide what is or is not safe to do, and our Worship Committee decides what to implement within those parameters. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Dr. Erica Brotschi, the head of the Regathering Committee, or Rev. Ginger or Mtr. Emily.

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