

PRELUDE**HYMN*****There's a Wideness in God's Mercy***

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good;
there is mercy with the Saviour; there is healing in His blood.
For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

But we make his love too narrow by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness with a zeal he will not own.
Was there ever kinder shepherd half so gentle, half so sweet,
as the Saviour who would have us come and gather at His feet?

If our love were but more simple, we should take him at his word:
and our lives would be all sunshine, in the sweetness of our Lord.
There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

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*Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.*

People And also with you.

Celebrant Almighty God,

**People To you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden.
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**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant Almighty God,
your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence.
Give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen***

Proclamation of the Word**First Reading****Isaiah 44: 6-8**

READ BY LESLEY NEVINS

Reader: The 1st Reading is taken from the book of *Isaiah, Chapter 44, beginning at verse 6***God's Blessing on Israel**

AFTER THE READING Reader:

*The Word of the Lord***ALL: Thanks be to God****Children's Chat***KIDS EXIT TO GNC***Gospel Reading****Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

READ BY AIZA SAMUEL

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. *Matthew, Chapter 13, beginning at verse 24***The Parable of Weeds among the Wheat****People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

AFTER THE READING Reader:

*The Gospel of Christ***ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ****Sermon****REVEREND JILLIAN RUCH****The Nicene Creed**

PLEASE STAND

Celebrant

*Let us confess our faith, as we say,***All****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 worshipped 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****THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

PLEASE BE SEATED OR KNEEL

LED BY JONATHAN HUNT

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant

*Dear friends in Christ,**God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;**he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table.**Let us confess our sin, confident in God's forgiveness.*

Celebrant Most merciful God,
All 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 neighbours 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

Celebrant Almighty God,
have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sin,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE PEACE*PLEASE STAND*

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
All And also with you.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**OFFERTORY HYMN*****IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST***

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

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OFFERTORY DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

COMMUNION - THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord is here!
People His Spirit is with us.

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

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

*Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer.
He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfilment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those
who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.
He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness
of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.
Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.*

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
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.**

*Celebrant Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son
our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you."
In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which
is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."*

*Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we present to you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that
you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.
We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts.
Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Son,
Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church, now and for ever.*

All Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**All Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Celebrant These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God

THE COMMUNION**COMMUNION HYMNS****HYMN****In Christ Alone**

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save:
'til on that cross as Jesus died, the love of God was magnified –
for every sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious day up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine – bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;
'til he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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HYMN***Beneath the Cross of Jesus***

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
O blessed shelter from the storm, the sinner's sure retreat,
O trysting place where heavenly love and heavenly justice meet!

There lies beyond its shadow upon the further side
the darkness of an awful pit that opens deep and wide.
But lo, between there stands the cross of him who died to save,
with his own lifeblood, my lost soul from that eternal grave.

Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye by faith can see
the very dying form of one who suffered there for me;
and from my smitten heart with tears two wonders I confess;
the wonders of his glorious love and my unworthiness.

O Christ, beneath that shadow, be my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of thy face;
content to let the world go by and count its gain but loss,
this sinful self my only shame, my only hope, thy cross.

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HYMN***Abide With Me***

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide;
when other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Reveal thyself before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies,
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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CLOSING DOXOLOGY*PLEASE STAND*

Celebrant Glory to God,

**All Whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen**

BLESSING**HYMN TELL OUT, MY SOUL**

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age to same;
his holy Name--the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

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DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE**SILENT PRAYER**