

WE GATHER IN CHRIST'S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC *Prelude and Fugue in C* Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CENTERING SILENCE The Rev. Dr. James Butler

* INTROIT

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons—Blessed Trinity!*

* OPENING RESPONSES

Laura VanDale

Jesus said: I am the alpha and omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

He also said: I am the Good Shepherd. I know my own and they know me.

And he commanded us:

Love one another as I have loved you.

Blessed is the one true God who creates, redeems, loves. and sustains the world.

And blessed is God's just and gracious kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

* HYMN 2

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

ITALIAN HYMN

* ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Beloved in Christ: God is with us!

We are not alone!

THE LITURGICAL YEAR: FROM PROMISED CHILD TO LIVING LORD

ADVENT With God's people of old, we learn how to wait.

ANTHEM

Prepare the Way

Taize

Prepare the way of the Lord. And all people will see the salvation of our God.

CHRISTMAS God is present and active in humble circumstances.

ANTHEM

Fum, Fum, Fum Arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

On December five and twenty, Fum, Fum, Fum. Oh, a child was born this night, so rosy white.

Son of Mary, Virgin Holy. In a stable mean and lowly, Fum, Fum, Fum! On December five and

twenty, Fum, Fum, Fum! Comes a most important day. Let us be gay! We go first to church and then we have the sweetest buns and candy, Fum, Fum, Fum! God will send us days of feasting, Fum, Fum, Fum! Both in hot months and in cold, for young and old. When we tell the Holy story, ever singing of His glory, Fum, Fum, Fum!

EPIPHANY/BAPTISM OF JESUS He "appears" at the Jordan.

HYMN 164

"Down Galilee's Slow Roadways"

WEST MAIN

LENT/HOLY WEEK Like Jesus, we spend forty days reflecting and praying.

MUSIC

The Lamb

John Tavener

Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee? Gave thee life, and bid thee feed, by the stream and over the mead. Gave thee clothing of delight, softest clothing, woolly, bright. Gave thee such a tender voice, making all the vales rejoice? Little Lamb, I'll tell thee. He is called by thy name. For he calls himself a Lamb. He is meek and he is mild. He became a little child. I, a child, and thou a lamb. We are called by his name. Little Lamb, God bless thee.

EASTER

We rise to "newness of life" with the Resurrected Christ.

HYMN 240

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

ALLELUIA NO. 1

PENTECOST

Jesus' followers are empowered to continue his ministry.

ORGAN

*Viens, Esprit Saint, Seigneur Dieu
(Come, Holy Ghost, Lord God)*

Marcel Dupré

PENTECOST SEASON Jesus' parables and healings strengthen us.

HYMN 462

"I Love to Tell the Story"

HANKEY

CHRIST THE KING We pledge allegiance to Jesus Christ above all else.

WE PRAY AND GIVE THANKS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY *God, my King, Thy mighty confessing* J. S. Bach
Quartet

God, my King, Thy might confessing. Ever will I bless Thy name. Day by day Thy throne addressing, still will I Thy praise proclaim. All Thy works, O Lord, shall bless Thee. Thee shall all Thy saints adore. King supreme shall they confess Thee. And proclaim Thy sovereign power. Full of kindness and compassion. Slow to anger fast in love. God is good to all creation. All God's works, God's goodness prove. Still, Almighty, Thee confessing. Shall my tongue Thy praise proclaim. And may all the world with blessing ever hail Thy holy name.

* **DOXOLOGY** (Hymn 606)

THANKSGIVING LITANY *Please respond with: "Thank you, Lord!"*

* **HYMN 643** "Now Thank We All Our God" NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **DEPARTING MUSIC** *Toccata in F* Dietrich Buxtehude
The people are welcome to depart or remain seated while the Departing Music is played.

Our Mission

To extend the gracious welcome of God in Jesus Christ through worship, service and spiritual growth in a supportive community of faith.

Staff

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Thanksgiving Sunday
Celebrating the Reign of Christ
November 24, 2024
10 a.m.
