

So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him." As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn

Hymn 535, Vss. 1-2, 4: Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

Paderborn

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

John 1:43-51

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

The Sermon

The Rev. David Powers

The Nicene Creed

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*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*

The Prayers of the People

Form III, BCP p. 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

For the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby; our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry; our Bishop, Russell Kendrick; and our Rector, Tim Backus; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

For our President, Donald Trump, for all leaders of our nation and those in authority; that they may be guided by your wisdom and grace to exercise their duties for the common good. And for those in authority of all nations, let us pray to the Lord.
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

A few moments of silence.

(Today's Intercessor will now read congregational prayers for healing, protection and thanksgiving.)

Celebrant offers a concluding prayer.

The Confession

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Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Celebrant and People:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Absolution

Celebrant: Almighty God our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace

(Please greet one another and welcome a guest.)

Welcome

The Offertory

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Daniel Schutte

Hymn at the Presentation *(Choir & Congregation)*

Hymn 380, Vs. 3: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Old 100th

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.



The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, because in the mystery of the flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

The Sanctus

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Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

(The congregation may stand, kneel or sit.)

The Celebrant continues:

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

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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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

The Breaking of The Bread

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Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

Fraction Anthem

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Prayer of Humble Access

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We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table, But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink the blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

The Communion

(All baptized Christians of any denomination are welcome to receive the Eucharist at the Lord's Table.)

Hymn at the Administration

Hymn 439: What wondrous love is this

Wondrous Love

You are Near

(see insert)

D. Schutte

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

(see insert)

Indian Folk Melody

The Post-Communion Prayer

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Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are

also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis (in unison)

Lord, make us instruments of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Hymn 477, Vss. 1-3, 5: All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine

Engelberg

The Dismissal

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

Postlude

To God Be the Glory

V. Johnson



The Prayer Ministry Team is available during and following Communion in the Prayer Chapel to pray with you for any need or concern you may have.

“Pray for each other so that you may be healed.” (James 5:16b)

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Acolytes	John Griffing
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Lectors	Brad Wilson
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Nursery Assistant	Jay Smith
Ministers of Music	St. Francis Adult Choir
Organist/Choirmaster	Cathy Griffing
Celebrant	The Rev. David Powers

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

SUN., JAN. 14:	9:00 a.m.	Adult Education
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 a.m. - Communion	Children’s Christian Ed
		Nursery
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite One
	11:15 a.m.	Coffee Hour
TUES., JAN. 16:	10:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
WEDS., JAN. 17:	12:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharistic Rite Two
THURS., JAN. 18:	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
FRI., JAN. 19:	9-11:00 a.m.	Senior Moment Café
SUN., JAN. 21 :.....	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 a.m. - Communion	Children’s Christian Ed
		Nursery
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite Two
	11:15 a.m.	Coffee Hour

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS. We are happy to have you with us today to share in worship and fellowship. Please fill out a pew card, put it in the offering plate and sign the guest book in the Atrium. Join us after the service in the Parish Hall for refreshments and conversation.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. George M. Neville from Betty Neville and family.

PLEASE WELCOME THE REV. DAVID POWERS. Fr. Tim is ill and unable to celebrate Eucharist today. Fr. Powers has kindly agreed on very short notice to fill in. Please give Fr. Powers a warm St. Francis welcome!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED. The office will be closed Monday, January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY. All women are invited to join in Bible study at 10 a.m. Tuesdays in the Conference Room.

TAI CHI. Tai Chi for Seniors is held on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:15 a.m.

CALL FOR TAIZÉ MUSICIANS: If you play any type of instrument and would like to offer your gift of music at our upcoming Lenten Taizé Services, please see John or Cathy Griffing. We use a variety of musicians and instruments, and we need more from our Parish. You do not have to commit to each service, and you may pick which service(s) you would like to participate in. Lenten Taizé Services for 2018 are as follows: **17 February; 24 February; 3 March; 10 March; 17 March; 24 March.** All services begin at 5:00 p.m.

2018 PLEDGE BOXES. If you have not picked up your pledge box or if you requested a pledge box but were unable to find one assigned to you, please see or call Chris in the Parish Office (932-2861).

PRAYER LIST

Pray for Healing: Christine Bradley, Marcia Brownlie, Diane Bruner, Penny Carter, Alice & Armand Caruso, Lessie Cauthen, Anna Clausen, Connie DeSalvo, Fred Drinkwater, Scott Geiger, Josephina Jimenez, Matthew Kenworthy & family, Vonceil Kittel, Kristie Kroh, John Lane, Terry Lewis, Liza McKee, Barbara Ogden, Kathy Price, Libby Prochaska, Betsy Beach Rea, Marianne Stanky, Bob Stine, Bob Stine, Jr., Gemma Stout

Pray for the departed: Diana Vono

Pray for Active Duty Military: T.J. Teicher, Matthew King, Doug Kroh, Anthony Olson, Jason Pritchett, Kevin Walsh, Nicolas Zbikowski, Shane Murtha, Dylan Price, Daniel Lane, Ryan Schuler, Bryan Lucas, Martin Bunt, Karri Styron, Josh Payne