

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

* All may stand as able

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Karen O'Brien

Prelude

Prelude on CANDLER

James Mansfield

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Karen O'Brien

One: From north and south and east and west,

Many: all Creation sings forth your praises!

One: The mountains and the hills burst into song;

Many: the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

One: Your steadfast love never ceases.

Many: With joy and peace, let us worship God together.

*HYMN 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

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* INVOCATION

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God of all nations, you have poured out your blessings upon all the peoples of the earth. Grant us eyes to see your gifts of faith and love. Appoint us as heralds of your mercies that are new every morning. Empower us to write the vision of your peaceable kingdom, where destruction and violence are no more, where suffering and wars shall cease. Through our worship empower us to be sent out with joy as bearers of your hope in a hurting world; through Christ. Amen.

A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN

Children may choose to go to Junior Church after Children's Sermon

CONFESSING TO GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Lord, you created the whole world and called it good, but we look out at your world and see division and suffering. You call us to maintain the unity of spirit in the bond of peace, but we choose division over diversity, confrontation over civility, conflict over peace born from justice. You call us to love the least of these among us, but we hear the cries of the oppressed and choose our own comfort. We allow senseless suffering rather than sacrifice for our neighbors. Forgive us. Grant us fresh vision to see one another as siblings in Christ. Rekindle in us your gifts — the spirit of power, love and self-discipline — that with faith in Christ, we might be made new and be part of bringing forth your peaceable kingdom. Amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Karen O'Brien

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 119:97-104

ANTHEM

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Robert Thygeron

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart
to sing Thy praise. Streams of mercy never ceasing
call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious
sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount
I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's redeeming love!
Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come.
And I hope by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God.
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be.
Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, Lord take and seal it,
seal it for Thy courts above. Amen.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:1-8

SERMON

"The Widow and the Judge"

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

* AFFIRMING OUR FAITH (UNISON)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *Like a River Glorious* arr. Martha Kelsey

* THE 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**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 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.**

SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

* **HYMN 744** *Arise, Your Light Has Come!*

FESTAL SONG

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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And, all God's children say, **Alleluia! Amen!**

* **CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Go with Us, Lord

TALLIS' CANON

* **POSTLUDE**

Fanfare and Recessional

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and each other in meaningful ways*