**Opening Hymn: Bright the vision that delighted**

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| Bright the vision that delighted  once the sight of Judah’s seer;  sweet the countless tongues united  to entrance the prophet’s ear.  Round the Lord in glory seated  cherubim and seraphim  filled his temple, and repeated  each to each the alternate hymn:  ‘Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;  earth is with its fullness stored;  unto thee be glory given,  holy, holy, holy, Lord.’ | Heaven is still with glory ringing,  earth takes up the angels’ cry,  ‘Holy, holy, holy,’ singing,  ‘Lord of hosts, the Lord most high.’  With his seraph train before him,  with his holy Church below,  thus unite we to adore him,  bid we thus our anthem flow:  ‘Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;  earth is with its fullness stored;  unto thee be glory given,  holy, holy, holy, Lord.’  *Redhead 343 NEH* |

**The Collect**

Almighty God,

in Christ you make all things new:

transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,

and in the renewal of our lives

make known your heavenly glory;

through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**The Old Testament Reading**

A reading from the first book of Samuel

The boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ and he said, ‘Here I am!’ and ran to Eli, and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’ But he said, ‘I did not call; lie down again.’ 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.’

*1 Samuel 3: 1–10*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The New Testament Reading**

A reading from the book of Revelation

I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, ‘Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?’ And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, ‘Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.’

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: ‘You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.’

*Revelation 5: 1–10*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations,

and believed in throughout the world.

**Alleluia!**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The next day 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 towards him, he said of him, ‘Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!’ Nathanael asked him, ‘Where did you come 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.’

*St John 1: 43–end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Creed:**

Let us declare our faith in the living God.

**We believe in God the Father,**

**from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,**

**who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,**

**who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;**

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Offertory Hymn: Dear Lord and Father of mankind**

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| Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  forgive our foolish ways;  re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  in purer lives thy service find,  in deeper reverence praise.  In simple trust like theirs who heard,  beside the Syrian sea,  the gracious calling of the Lord,  let us, like them, without a word  rise up and follow thee. | O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  O calm of hills above,  where Jesus knelt to share with thee  the silence of eternity,  interpreted by love!  Drop thy still dews of quietness,  till all our strivings cease;  take from our souls the strain and stress,  and let our ordered lives confess  the beauty of thy peace. |
| Breathe through the heats of our desire  thy coolness and thy balm;  let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  O still small voice of calm.  *Repton 353 NEH* | |

**A Prayer to receive Spiritual Communion**

**In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of thy Church**

**where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated,**

**I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving.**

**I present to you my soul and body**

**with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you.**

**And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,**

**I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart.**

**I unite myself with you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul.**

**Let nothing ever separate you from me.**

**May I live and die in your love. Amen.**

**Anthem: The Call**

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| Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  such a Way, as gives us breath;  such a Truth, as ends all strife;  such a Life, as killeth death. | Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:  such a Light, as shows a feast;  such a Feast, as mends in length;  such a Strength, as makes his guest. |
| Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  such a Joy, as none can move;  such a Love, as none can part;  such a Heart, as joys in love.  *Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)*  *from* Five Mystical Songs  *George Herbert (1593–1633)* | |

**Dismissal: In Christ alone**

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| 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. | 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:  till he returns or calls me home,  Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.  *In Christ alone 678 AM* | |