

**Prelude:**        *Wayne Seppala*

**Processional Hymn** (*The people stand*) #390 (1-3), "Praise To The Lord, The Almighty"

### Opening Salutation

**Celebrant:**        Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People:**         *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

**Celebrant:**        There is one Body and one Spirit;

**People**            *There is one hope in God's call to us;*

**Celebrant**        One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**People**            *One God and Father of all.*

### Collect of the Day

**Celebrant:**        The Lord be with you.

**People:**         *And also with you.*

**Celebrant:**        Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### The Lessons (*The people sit*)

#### The First Reading: Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh." The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

**Reader:**         The Word of the Lord.

**People:**            *Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 116:1, 10-17**

1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

**10 How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things he has done for me?**

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord.

**12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.**

13 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his servants.

**14 O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.**

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the Name of the Lord.

**16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,**

17 In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

**The Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Reader:            The Word of the Lord.

**People:**            *Thanks be to God.*

**Gospel Hymn:** *(The people stand) #460 (1-3), "Alleluia! Sing To Jesus"*

**The Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:23**

Celebrant:        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People:**            *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let

your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. "See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."

Celebrant: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**Celtic Alleluia** (*sung*)

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Now He is living, the Christ, out of the tomb He is risen; He has conquered death – opened heaven to all believers. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

**Sermon** (*The people sit*)                      The Rt. Rev. Dr. Susan Brown Snook

### **Presentation and Examination of the Candidate**

Bishop: The Candidate will now be presented.

**Presenter:** *I present Lillie Cooper for Confirmation.*

Bishop: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil.

**Candidate:** *I do.*

Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**Candidate:** *I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.*

*After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation,*

Bishop: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

**People:** *We will.*

Bishop: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

### **The Baptismal Covenant**

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?

**People:** *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People:** *I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People:** *I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

Bishop: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?  
**People:** *I will, with God's help.*  
Bishop: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
**People:** *I will, with God's help.*  
Bishop: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
**People:** *I will, with God's help.*  
Bishop: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
**People:** *I will, with God's help.*  
Bishop: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
**People:** *I will, with God's help.*

### Prayers for the Candidates

Bishop: Let us now pray for this person who has renewed her commitment to Christ.

Leader: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Bishop: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*A period of silence follows. Then the Bishop says*

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### The Confirmation

Bishop: Strengthen, O Lord, your servant **Lillian Cooper** with your Holy Spirit; empower her for your service; and sustain her all the days of her life. **Amen.**

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Peace** *(The people stand)*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** *And also with you.*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

**Announcements**

**Offertory** *(The people sit) "Holy Is He" – St. Andrew's Choir*

**Doxology** *(The people stand and sing)*

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

**Dedication/Communion Prayer**

***My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart, as though you have already come. I embrace You, and unite myself with you entirely. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.***

**The Great Thanksgiving** *(Eucharistic Prayer A, remain standing)*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And also with you.*

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 him thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *[Proper Preface]*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus (S125: Sung)**

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

*(The people kneel)* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the

forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: *(sung)*

***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.  
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We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *(sung)* ***Amen, Amen, Amen,  
Amen, Amen, Amen.***

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing:

***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 and ever. Amen.***

### **Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Communion** *(The people sit)* "Here I Am to Worship" – Chris, Anna, & Friends

### **Post Communion Prayer** *(The people kneel)*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

***Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

### **The Blessing**

Bishop: Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

***People: The maker of heaven and earth.***

Bishop: Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

***People: From this time forth for evermore.***

Bishop: The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. ***Amen.***

**Recessional Hymn** *(The people stand)* #376 (1-3), "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

### **Dismissal**

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

**People:**        *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

**Postlude:**     *Wayne Seppala*

**Prayers at the Altar:**

*Our friendly Prayer Ministers are available in front of the altar for anyone seeking additional prayer.*