Prelude

Hymn  416  For the Beauty of the Earth  Evans

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant  Blessed be the God of our salvation:
People  Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Trisagion  Hymnal S102  Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One

Collect of the Day

Celebrant  God be with you.
People  And also with you.
Celebrant  Let us pray.

O God, Creator of the heavens and the earth, we give thanks for all who gathered in Beijing (25 years ago) and those whose work continues today. Bless them. Help us to see one another through eyes enlightened by understanding and compassion. Release us from prejudice so we can receive the stories of our sisters with respect and attention. Open our ears to the cries of a suffering world and the healing melodies of peace. Empower us to be instruments in bringing about Your justice and equality everywhere. (adapted from Noonday Prayer 1995.)

The Lessons

After the Readings, the Reader may say: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. The People: Thanks be to God.

Daniel 9:3–10  I turned to the Lord God

I turned to the Lord God, to seek an answer by prayer and supplication with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. I prayed to the Lord my God and made confession, saying,

“Ah, Lord, great and awesome God, keeping covenant and steadfast love with those who love you and keep your commandments, we have sinned and done wrong, acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your
commandments and ordinances. We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our ancestors, and to all the people of the land.

“Righteousness is on your side, O Lord, but open shame, as at this day, falls on us, the people of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and all Israel, those who are near and those who are far away, in all the lands to which you have driven them, because of the treachery that they have committed against you. Open shame, O Lord, falls on us, our kings, our officials, and our ancestors, because we have sinned against you. To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him, and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by following his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.”

Canticle  
**Deus, venerunt**  
Psalm 79:1–9

1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;  
they have profaned your holy temple; *  
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.

2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, *  
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.

3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, *  
and there was no one to bury them.

4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, *  
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.

5 How long will you be angry, O Lord?*  
will your fury blaze like fire for ever?

6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you *  
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob *  
and made his dwelling a ruin.

8 Remember not our past sins;  
let your compassion be swift to meet us; *  
for we have been brought very low.

9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; *  
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name’s sake.

Gospel

*All standing the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel first saying:*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke


Jesus said, “I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do
to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

The Sermon

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The Prayers of the People

(See insert)

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.
Minister and People God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

686 Come thou fount of every blessing Nettleton

The Holy Eucharist

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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

Sanctus   Hymnal S 130

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me”.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People  Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Mary, the Godbearer, Beth, Joan, Elizabeth, Marge and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

The Lord’s Prayer

Prayed in the language of your heart

Fraction Anthem

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.
Communion
All are invited to share the bread and wine at God's Table

Hymn at Communion
120 (Lift Every Voice)  Sweet, Sweet Spirit  Akers

Post Communion Prayer
The Celebrant and People join in the prayer

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing
May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen

Closing Hymn
470  There is a Wideness in God's Mercy  Beecher

Dismissal

Celebrant:  Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People:  Thanks be to God.

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