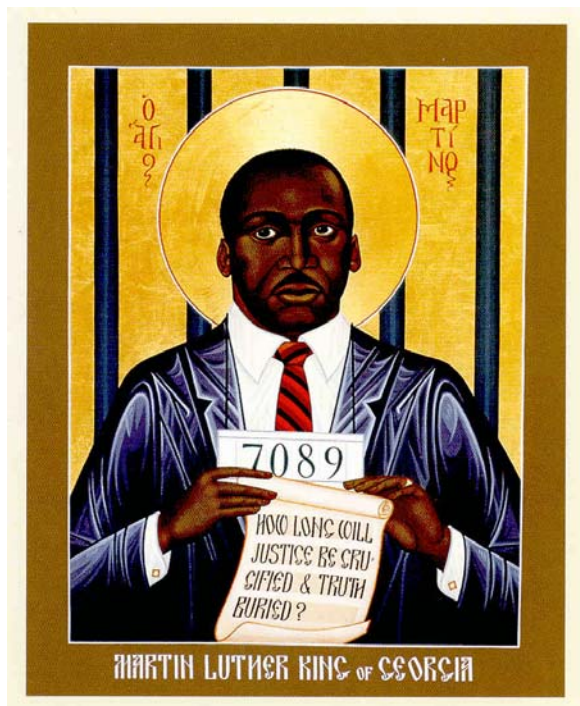


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The Bell Rings *All stand*

The Doors are opened.

The Celebrant marks the threshold with the Cross, saying:

Peace be to this house, and to all who enter here:
In the Name of God the Creator, God the Redeemer,
and God the Sustainer. **AMEN**

Men's Club "We've come this far by Faith" LEVAS #208

Celebrant: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Friends and honored Guests: this is a day of rejoicing. We have come together to rededicate this parish church of Saint Augustine of Hippo by offering this Church and ourselves as a living sacrifice to Christ and to His Kingdom alone, and to this end, we worship at His altar.

People AMEN

+As the Procession enters the Church, we sing together

Processional "Lift every Voice and Sing" LEVAS #1

Celebrant: And now may Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father and The Lord Jesus Christ.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Today, may we open our hearts and minds to receive

His words with Faith. May our fellowship born from our Baptism in His Name and sustained at the Table of the Passover Supper shared with His disciples become a Temple of His Spirit as we gather around this Altar commemorating His Sacrifice and His Love.

Amen

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, this is a day of rejoicing. It is the day the Lord has made and we will rejoice and be glad in it.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the world for which in His love He gave His only begotten Son. In these times let us pray especially for peace and justice, for this community, and for those who lead us in our local government. Let us pray for the unity and the mission of God's church on earth throughout the world remembering the Anglican Communion and all churches everywhere. *Amen*

And because our God has shown that God loves the poor and oppressed let us pray especially for them. We remember before God on this day our brothers and sisters who are the victims of illness and disease, those addicted to soul-destroying drugs and narcotics, and those whose lives are afflicted by natural disaster or domestic violence. *Amen*

As we commemorate The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Absalom Jones and all those who have gone before us, sacrificing their lives for our freedom and peace, we pray today for your divine Presence with those who labor to achieve and maintain ethnic and racial harmony in our diversified communities. *Amen*

Finally, let us remember the pure and lovely Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, along with that multitude which cannot be numbered, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom we are one.

People: *Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins., known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.* *Amen.*

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

Celebrant: Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

People: The Maker of Heaven and Earth.

Celebrant: Let us Pray:

Celebrant: Ever living Father, watchful and caring, our source and our end: All that we are and all that we have is yours. Accept us now, as we rededicate this place to which we come to praise your Name, to ask your forgiveness, to know your healing power, to hear your Word, and to be nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son. Be present always to guide and to judge, to illumine and to bless your people. *Amen*

Deacon: Lord Jesus Christ, make this a temple of your presence and a house of prayer for all people. Be always near us when we seek you in this place. Draw us unto you, when we come alone and when we come with others, to find comfort and wisdom, to be supported and strengthened, to rejoice and give thanks. May it be here, Lord Christ, that we are made one with you and with one another, so that our lives are sustained and sanctified for your service. *Amen*

Celebrant: Holy Spirit, open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts, that we may grow closer to you through joy and through suffering. Be with us in the fullness of your power as new members are added to your household, as we grow in grace through the years, when we are joined in marriage, when we turn to you in sickness or in special need, and, at the last, when we are committed into the Father's hands. Now, O Father, Son and Holy Spirit, sanctify this place: *Amen*

People: For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

Celebrant: Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom,

People: And you are exalted as head over all.

The Gloria: Glory to God in the highest
and peace to his people on earth. S280
Lord God, heavenly king
Almighty God and Father,
we worship you we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God.
You take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us,
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of the Father. *Amen.*

THE WORD OF GOD

The Congregation is seated.

The Reading from Hebrew Scripture Micah

Listen to what the LORD says: "Stand up, plead your case before the mountains; let the hills hear what you have to say. Hear, O mountains, the LORD's accusation; listen, you everlasting foundations of the earth. For the LORD has a case against his people; he is lodging a charge against Israel. "My people, what have I done to you? How have I burdened you? Answer me. I brought you up out of Egypt and redeemed you from the land of slavery. I sent Moses to lead you, also Aaron and Miriam. My people, remember what Balak king of Moab counseled and what Balaam son of Beor answered. Remember your journey from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD." With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall

I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6: 1-8

Lector: Hear what Spirit is saying to God's People

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn "Go Down Moses" LEVAS 228

The Second Lesson The Book of Ruth

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. The man's name was Elimelech, his wife's name Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. Now Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband. When she heard in Moab that the LORD had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, Naomi and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. With her two daughters-in-law she left the place. Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the LORD grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband." Then she kissed them and they wept aloud and said to her, "We will go back with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons—would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. At this they wept again. Then Orpah kissed

her mother-in-law good-by, but Ruth clung to her. "Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her." But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me." When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her. So Naomi returned from Moab accompanied by Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter-in-law, arriving in Bethlehem as the barley harvest was beginning. Ruth 21:1-7

Lector: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual Hymn L111 *The Congregation stands*

The Holy Gospel

Reader: The Holy Gospel According to Luke. Luke 6: 27-32
People: *Glory to You Lord Christ.*

So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheepfold. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that you may have life and have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason

the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

John 10:7-18."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People *Praise to you Lord Christ.*

The Sermon: The Reverend Robin Whitlock

The Nicene Creed

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 flesh.
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 Peace

Priest The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

Welcome of Visitors
Announcements
Birthdays, Anniversaries, Prayer Requests



HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Anthem

“It is Well with my Soul” Clifford Stewart

The Presentation: The Gifts of our Thanks and of Ourselves

Offertory Hymn: The Doxology Hymnal 380 v 1-3

The Great Thanksgiving

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.*

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:
It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing,

Therefore joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Celebrant and People:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

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 mother of God, St. Augustine, Absalom Jones, Dr. King, and St. Augustine, our patron saint, 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, forever and ever.

AMEN

And now, as our Savior has taught us we are bold and sing,

The Lords' Prayer

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Please stand and join hands

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

(All baptized Christians are invited to join us in the Holy Communion)

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
We who are many are One Body,
For we all share in the One Bread

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people. The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**
or with these words: The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Let all Mortal Flesh”
“Let us Break Bread Together”

Hymnal 324
Hymnal 325

Postcommunion Prayer

Let us Pray:

Celebrant and People

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

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Soon, Very Soon”

Levas 14

Dismissal

Deacon: Go in the Blessed Assurance that the Spirit of God goes with you to do the work you are given to do..

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