Prelude
Allegro comodo, H. 56, No. 1 (1905)  
Aria (2021)  
Frank Bridge (1879–1941)  
Tim Knight (b. 1959)

Hymn
No. 91, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”  
The congregation stands and sings  
Veni Emmanuel

Call to Worship
from Isaiah 40 and Isaiah 2
Minister: A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, 
make straight in the desert a highway for our God. 
People: Every valley shall be lifted up, 
and every mountain and hill be made low; 
Minister: The uneven ground shall become level, 
and the rough places a plain. 
People: Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, 
and all people shall see it together.”

Confession
In unison: 
Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sin, and 
whose mercy we forget: cleanse us from all offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires; 
that humbly we may draw near to thee, confessing our faults, confiding in thy grace, and finding in thee 
our refuge and our strength, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assurance of Pardon

Kyrie
from Communion Service in E (Collegium Regale) (1961)  
Harold Darke (1888–1976)  
Sung by the choir

The Peace & Greeting
All are invited to join in the singing of Hymn No. 27, stanza 1

Lesson
Isaiah 11:1–10  
Pew Bible, page 600 (OT)
PSALM
Psalms 72:1–7, 18–19  Deus judicium
Sung by the choir

THE GOSPEL
Matthew 3:1–10

HYMN
No. 99, “Hark, a Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”  Merton
The congregation stands and sings

SERMON  The Rev. Matthew Ichibashi Potts

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW
Minister:  Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ.
People:  Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and all your mind and all your strength. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Never Weather-Beaten Sail (publ. 1933)  Charles Wood (1866–1926)

DOXOLOGY
The congregation stands and sings

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
The congregation remains standing
Minister:  The Lord be with you.
People:  And also with you.
Minister:  Lift up your hearts.
People:  We lift them to the Lord.
Minister:  Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People:  It is right to give God thanks and praise.
Minister:  It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Loving God, Creator of heaven and earth. [...]  
Minister:  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

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. Hosanna in the highest.

The congregation remains standing

Minister: ... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

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

Minister: ... all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

People: AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Minister: When the centurion standing there saw how Jesus died, he said:

People: Truly, this is the Son of God.

The congregation sits
THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

AGNUS DEI
Sung by the choir

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER
The congregation stands
Minister: Let us pray.
People: Almighty and everliving God, 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.

BLESSING

HYMN
No. 94, “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”                    Genevan 42

DISMISSAL
Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE
Litanies, JA 119 (1937)                                        Jehan Alain (1911–1940)

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