Order of Worship

Opening of Term / The Third Sunday after Epiphany January 21, 2024, 11 am

PRELUDE "Star" from *Hymnos* (2013)

Ronald Perera '63 (1941–2023)

HYMN

No. 1, "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" *The congregation stands and sings*

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 36 & Lamentations 3

Minister:	Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.
People:	Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep.
Minister:	The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end;
People:	They are new every morning; great is God's faithfulness.

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

HYMN

No. 14, "God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him" *The congregation stands and sings*

Abbot's Leigh

Old Hundredth

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THE PEACE AND GREETINGS

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

People: And also with you.

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

OFFERTORY

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Psalm 62:5–12 Nonne Deo? Sung by the choir

William Boyce (1711–1779)

DOXOLOGY

The congregation stands and sings. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Jonah 3:1–10

ANTHEM

"The Shepherds' Farewell" from L'enfance du Christ, Op. 25 (1853-54)

Thou must leave thy lowly dwelling, the humble crib, the stable bare. Babe, all mortal babes excelling, content our earthly lot to share. Loving father, Loving mother, shelter thee with tender care!

Blessed Jesus, we implore thee with humble love and holy fear. In the land that lies before thee, forget not us who linger here! May the shepherd's lowly calling, ever to thy heart be dear!

Blest are ye beyond all measure, thou happy father, mother mild! Guard ye well your heav'nly treasure, the Prince of Peace, The Holy Child! God go with you, God protect you, guide you safely through the wild!

> Original French text by Hector Berlioz English translation by Paul England (1793-1867)

Pew Bible, page 813 (OT)

Hector Berlioz (1803–1869)

SECOND LESSON Mark 1:14–20

ANTHEM

The Coventry Carol (arr. 2003)

Lully, lullay, thou little tiny child, By by, lully, lullay.

O sisters too, How may we do For to preserve this day This poor youngling, For whom we sing, By by, lully, lullay?

Herod, the king, In his raging, Charged he hath this day His men of might, In his own sight, All young children to slay. Pew Bible, page 30 (NT)

Traditional English Carol Arranged by Steve Pilkington (b. 1952)

That woe is me, Poor child for thee! And ever morn and day, For thy parting Nor say nor sing By by, lully, lullay.

Collected by Robert Croo, 1534

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

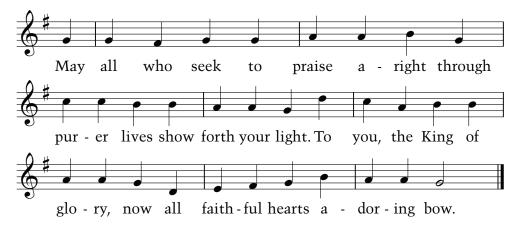
THE LORD'S PRAYER

In unison

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

The congregation remains seated



SERMON

HYMN

No. 333, "God of Grace and God of Glory" The congregation stands and sings

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Voluntary on French Carols (2018) The Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts

Regent Square

Michael Helman (b. 1956)

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