OPENING VOLUNTARY
Fantasia in G minor
(BWV 542)
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

WELCOME
The Rev. Professor Jane Shaw

Please stand.

HYMN
Come Down O Love Divine

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING WORDS
Responses of the people are in bold.

Blessed be God: Eternal Majesty, Incarnate Word and Abiding Spirit.
And blessed be God’s reign, now and forever. Amen.

ABSOLUTION & CONFESSION

God forgives you:
Forgive others,
Forgive yourself.

In the gospels forgiveness always precedes repentance. In Christ, no matter who we are or what we have done, we are forgiven, accepted, loved and welcomed to the feast. In response to such grace let us confess our sins:
We need your healing, merciful God:  
give us true repentance.  
Some sins are plain to us,  
some escape us,  
some we cannot face.  
Forgive us:  
set us free to hear your word to us;  
set us free to serve you. Amen.

GLORIA  
Goodness is stronger than evil;  
love is stronger than hate;  
life is stronger than death;  
victory is ours through Him who loved us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY  
May God be with you.  
And also with you.  
Let us pray:  
God of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,  
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,  
but always to bring our prayers before you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.
READING  
Psalm 67  
Susan Christiansen

VOLUNTARY  
Werde munter, mein Gemüte  
(BWV 1118)  
Bach

Please stand.

GOSPEL  
Matthew 15:21-28

Please be seated.

SERMON  
Persistence  
The Rev. Professor Jane Shaw

Please stand.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
Anne Hill

THE PEACE  
The peace of God be with you.  
And also with you.

HYMN  
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence  
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THE HOLY COMMUNION

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of life and love,
gathered together here around you,
we remember the old story
which has been told down the ages of Jesus of Nazareth,
who boldly dared to say to you, “Abba,”
and has taught us to do the same.

O God, we thank you for Jesus of Nazareth,
this truly human being,
who has changed the face of the earth,
because he spoke of a great vision,
of the liberation of God which will come one day,
a liberation of freedom, love and peace, the perfection of your creation.

We remember, that wherever Jesus came people rediscovered their humanity,
and were filled with new riches,
so that they could give one another new courage in their lives.

We remember, how he spoke to people,
about a lost coin, a sheep that had strayed, a prodigal son:
of all those who no longer count, out of sight, out of mind;
the weak and the poor, all those who are captive, unknown, unloved.
We recall that he went to search for all who were lost, for those who are saddened and out in the cold, and how he always took their side, without forgetting the others.

That cost him his life because the mighty of the earth would not tolerate it.

Inspired by him, emboldened by the Spirit, we join together with his followers throughout the ages, in celebrating the glorious liberation of all your children:
Please be seated.

Ever-generous God,
we remember when Jesus celebrated with his friends
the night before he died, he took the bread;
he thanked you, broke it, gave it to his friends and said:
Take this and eat it – this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine;
he thanked you, gave it to his friends and said:
All of you drink from this cup, it is my blood –
shed for my love of humanity and my love of God.
Do this every time you drink it to remember me.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ is here.

Send your Spirit upon us
and upon these small gifts,
a piece of ordinary bread and a cup of ordinary wine,
may they be for us something extraordinary
- the body and blood of Jesus.
Inspire us to reverence your world
as we follow the way of your Christ.

All honour and glory belong to you, Creator God,
through Jesus, your Son, with the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Christ has taught us, so we are bold to pray:

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body, because we all share in one bread.
The gifts of God for the people of God.

FRACTION ANTHEM
Eat This Bread
Organ first, then all.
DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome at God’s holy table, to receive the bread and wine in this church. Hold out your hands to receive the bread to eat. Please dip the bread in the cup of wine. The following words will be used when you are given the bread and wine, ‘The body of Christ, the bread of Heaven.’ and ‘The blood of Christ, the cup of Salvation’ to which the response, each time, is Amen.

If you would prefer simply to receive a blessing then please come forward to the communion assistants, and simply cross your arms across your chest.

Gluten free wafers are available. Please request one when you come forward for Communion.
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal 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 Jesus Christ, Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand.

HYMN

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BENEDICTION

You are invited to be seated to enjoy the closing voluntary after the clergy have departed.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fugue in G minor  Bach  
(BWV 542)
Come Down O Love Divine (The Hymnal 1982 #516)
There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy (New Century #23)
The Call to Be God’s People

The call to be God’s people is new in every age,
Yet written clearly, boldly, on all our history’s page.
How dare we claim that calling with seers and common folk
Who stood for faith in action and listened when God spoke?

We dare because Christ claims us and gives us work and skill
To make our witness daily, responding to God’s will
The task is placed before us in dreams to be made real.
We find our common calling to teach, support, and heal.

So let us join together, as God’s new people here,
In partnership and mission, because the call is clear.
The world awaits the dawning of that long promised day
When love shall be the standard that none can take away.

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*September 24
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*Service with Communion
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