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Friday Opening Worship

The people stand and sing: Joyful, joyful we adore thee (*Hymn to Joy*).

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother: all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

The Officiant then says

Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.

The People reply

Men Splendor and honor and kingly power*
are yours by right, O Lord our God.

Women For you created everything that is,*
and by your will they were created and have their being.

Men And yours by right, O Lamb, that was slain,*
for with your blood you have redeemed for God.

Women From every family, language, people and nation,*
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

Men And so, to him who sits upon the throne,*
and to Christ the Lamb,

Women Be worship and praise, and dominion and splendor,*
for ever and for evermore.

All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

The Assembly is seated. The assigned reader then says

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

The people stand and pray together

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

Officiant

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in the Diocese of Southern Virginia for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor. Guide us to perceive what is right; and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

I invite your intercessions and thanksgivings.

The People offer their prayers. The Officiant and people then say together

At the beginning of the day
we seek your countenance among us, O God,
in the countless forms of creation all around us:
in the sun's rising glory,
in the face of friend and stranger,
your Presence within every presence,
your Light within all light,
your Heart at the heart of this moment.
May the fresh light of this morning wash our sight
that we may see you in the work we do;
this we pray through the incarnate Light from Light
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Holy Eucharist and Reaffirmation of Vows

The text for this liturgy is located in a separate document.

Friday Closing Worship

The Assembly stands. The Officiant then says

Night after night, I have set the Lord always before me.

Let us confess our sins to God.

Officiant and People

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:
We have sinned against you,
through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
forgive us all our offenses;
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life,
to the glory of your Name. Amen

The Bishop then says

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.*

The Assembly remains standing as the assigned reader then says

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

“Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest in your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Officiant Let us pray.

The people stand and 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,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.

The Officiant and People then chant

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before
the great judgment seat of Christ,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of saints,
entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,
We entreat you, O Lord.

The Officiant chants the following prayers and closing

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. *Amen.*

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. *Amen.*

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Officiant May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Our worship for Saturday follows the pattern of the ancient monastic offices of Terce, Sexte, and Nones, or in the vernacular, the Third Hour (9:00), the Sixth Hour (12:00), and the Ninth Hour (3:00). (Traditionally these were known as the minor offices because their shorter length and because the majority of scripture and psalms assigned for the day were read during the major services of morning and evening prayer.) All three offices are based on An Order of Service for Noonday found in the Book of Common Prayer. The authors originally designed this liturgy with the possibility of using it on three separate occasions during the day, mirroring the before mentioned monastic offices. This is why there are three psalm and three scriptural options provided in the Order of Service for Noonday.

The liturgical commission took advantage of the rubric that states, "... or some other suitable passage of Scripture is read" to choose lessons appropriate for this Council. Keeping with the theme of becoming learning communities, we will follow the Apostles' journey through being called, being sent out with supervision, and being commissioned for their own ministry. At each stage they learned something new, grew in their faith, and experienced a little more of the Kingdom of God. It is our hope that these lessons will enrich and enforce what we've been learning about at this Council.

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Saturday Opening Worship

An Order of Service for Terce

The Assembly stands.

Officiant ✠O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The people sing: Christ, whose glory fills the skies (*Ratisbon*).

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ the true, the only Light.
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph o'er the shades of night:
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine!
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, radiancy divine;
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

The Assembly is seated to pray Psalm 119:105-112.

Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.

I have sworn and am determined *
to keep your righteous judgments.

I am deeply troubled; *

preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, *
and teach me your judgments.

My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.

The wicked have set a trap for me, *
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes *
for ever and to the end.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The lector then reads Luke 5:1-11.

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Assembly stands and prays

Officiant Lord, have mercy.
People Christ, have mercy.
Officiant Lord, have mercy.

Officiant and People

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer;
People And let our cry come to you.
Officiant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Saturday Midday Worship

An Order of Service for Sexte

The Assembly stands.

Officiant ✠O God, make speed to save us.
People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The people sing: Now Holy Spirit (Wareham).

Now Holy Spirit, ever one
with God the Father and the Son,
pour forth into our hearts, we pray,
the fullness of your grace today.

Let mouth and tongue, mind, sense, and strength,
God's mighty actions tell at length;
let love in flames of living fire
the hearts of all the world inspire.

Almighty Father, hear our cry
through Jesus Christ, our Lord Most High,
who with the Spirit we adore
for ever and fore evermore.

The Assembly is seated to pray Psalm 121:1-8.

I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.

The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.

The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The lector then reads Luke 10:1-12, 17-20.

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’ I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town.

The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” Jesus said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Assembly stands and prays

Officiant Lord, have mercy.
People Christ, have mercy.
Officiant Lord, have mercy.

Officiant and People

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer;

People And let our cry come to you.

Officiant I invite your intercessions or thanksgivings.

The People offer their prayers. The Officiant then says

Almighty Savior, who at noonday called your servant Saint Paul to be an apostle to the Gentiles: We pray you to illumine the world with the radiance of your glory, that all nations may come and worship you; for you live and reign for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Saturday Closing Worship

An Order of Service for Nones

The Assembly stands.

Officiant ✠O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The people sing: Take my life and let it be (*Hollingside*).

Take my life, and let it be consecrated Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of your love;
take my heart, it is your own; it shall be your royal throne.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only for my King;
Take my intellect, and use every power as you shall choose.
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

The Assembly is seated to pray Psalm 126:1-7.

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for them."

The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The lector then reads Luke 24:44-53.

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke

Then Jesus said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Then Jesus led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Assembly stands and prays

Officiant Lord, have mercy.
People Christ, have mercy.
Officiant Lord, have mercy.

Officiant and People

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer;
People And let our cry come to you.
Officiant Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly city, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever. Amen.

Bishop Hollerith then offers his blessing

Bishop Our help is in the name of the Lord;

People The maker of heaven and earth.

Bishop Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

People From this time forth and for evermore.

Bishop

The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the ✠ Father, the ✠ Son, and the ✠ Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Officiant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.