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Friday Opening Worship

The people stand and sing Hymn 679: Surely it is God who saves me (tune *Morning Song*).

Surely it is God who save me; trusting him, I shall not fear.
For the Lord defends and shield me and his saving help is near.
So rejoice as you draw water from salvation's living spring;
in the day of your deliverance thank the Lord, his mercies sing.

Make his deeds know to the peoples; tell out his exalted Name.
Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his might proclaim.
Zion, lift your voice in singing; for with you has come to dwell,
in your very midst, the great and Holy One of Israel.

The Officiant then says

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, because we have rebelled
against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by following his
laws which he set before us. *Daniel 9:9,10*

The Assembly is seated. Psalm 95 is prayed responsively by whole verse.

Come, let us sing to the LORD, *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the LORD is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Harden not your hearts,
as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
when they tempted me.

They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.

Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
“This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways.

So I swore in my wrath, *
“They shall not enter into my rest.”

All say together

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 assigned Reader then reads Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32 (*New Revised Standard Version*)

A Reading from Ezekiel

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

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 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 then says

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

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

Lenten Council Eucharist

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

Friday Closing Worship

The Assembly is seated for an Ignatian Meditation on the Temptation of Christ

Saturday Opening Worship

*The Feast of Janani Luwum,
Archbishop of Uganda & Martyr (1977)*

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 Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

The people sing Hymn 696: *By gracious powers* (text written by Dietrich Bonhoeffer before his martyrdom at the hands of the Nazis in 1945; tune *Le Cénacle*).

Text with music can be found on the next page.

By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered,
and confidently waiting come what may,
we know that God is with us night and morning,
and never fails to greet us each new day.

Yet is this heart by its old foe tormented,
still evil days bring burdens hard to bear;
O give our frightened souls the sure salvation,
for which, O Lord, you taught us to prepare.

And when this cup you give is filled to brimming
with bitter suffering, hard to understand,
we take it thankfully and without trembling,
out of so good and so beloved a hand.

Yet when again in this same world you give us
the joy we had, the brightness of your Sun,
we shall remember all the days we lived through,
and our whole life shall then be yours alone.

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The Assembly is seated to pray Psalm 119:41-48 in unison

Let your loving-kindness come to me, O LORD *
 and your salvation, according to your promise.

Then shall I have a word for those who taunt me, *
 because I trust in your words.

Do not take the word of truth out of my mouth, *
 for my hope is in your judgments.

I shall continue to keep your law; *
 I shall keep it for ever and ever.

I will walk at liberty, *
 because I study your commandments.

I will tell of your decrees before kings *
 and will not be ashamed.

I delight in your commandments, *
which I have always loved.

I will lift up my hands to your commandments, *
and I will meditate on your statutes.

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 assigned Reader then reads Daniel 3:13-29 (New Revised Standard Version).

A Reading from Daniel

Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought in; so they brought those men before the king. Nebuchadnezzar said to them, “Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods and you do not worship the golden statue that I have set up? Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble to fall down and worship the statue that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire, and who is the god that will deliver you out of my hands?”

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defense to you in this matter. If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up.” Then Nebuchadnezzar was so filled with rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face was distorted. He ordered the furnace heated up seven times more than was customary, and ordered some of the strongest guards in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire. So the men were bound, still wearing their tunics, their trousers, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the furnace of blazing fire. Because the king’s command was urgent and the furnace was so overheated, the raging flames killed the men who lifted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. But the three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down, bound, into the furnace of blazing fire.

Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up quickly. He said to his counselors, “Was it not three men that we threw bound into the fire?” They answered the king, “True, O king.” He replied, “But I see four men unbound, walking in the middle of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the fourth has the appearance of a god.” Nebuchadnezzar then approached the door of the furnace of

blazing fire and said, “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!” So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king’s counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men; the hair of their heads was not singed, their tunics were not harmed, and not even the smell of fire came from them. Nebuchadnezzar said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him. They disobeyed the king’s command and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that utters blasphemy against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins; for there is no other god who is able to deliver in this way.”

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 Assembly stands

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.

The Officiant then says

I invite your intercessions and thanksgivings.

The People offer their prayers.

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

Officiant

O God, whose Son the Good Shepherd laid down his life for the sheep: We give you thanks for your faithful shepherd Janani Luwum, who after his Savior's example, gave up his life for the people of Uganda. Grant us to be so inspired by his witness that we make no peace with oppression, but live as those who are sealed with the Cross of Christ, who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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

Saturday Closing Worship

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 the Hymn 534: God is working his purpose out (tune Purpose)

God is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year;
God is working his purpose out, and the time is drawing near;
nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west, wherever foot hath trod,
by the mouth of many messengers goes forth the voice of God;
give ear to me, you continents, you isles, give ear to me,
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

March we forth in the strength of God, with the banner of Christ unfurled,
that the light of the glorious gospel of truth may shine throughout the world:
fight we the fight with sorrow and sin to set their captives free,
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth unless God blesses the deed;
vainly we hope for the harvest-tide till God gives life to the seed;
yet nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

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 own 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 for ever. *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.