OPENING HYMN    Christ, Be Our Light!

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.                              Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.                                    Longing for hope, many despair.
Make us your own, your holy people,                                 Your word alone has pow’r to save us.
light for the world to see.                                         Make us your living voice.

Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING    Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17

Philip went to the town of Samaria and told the people about Christ. They crowded around Philip because they were eager to hear what he was saying and to see him work miracles. Many people with evil spirits were healed, and the spirits went out of them with a shout. A lot of crippled and lame people were also healed. Everyone in that city was very glad because of what was happening. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that some people in Samaria had accepted God’s message, they sent Peter and John. When the two apostles arrived, they prayed that the people would be given the Holy Spirit. Before this, the Holy Spirit had not been given to anyone in Samaria though some of them had been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Peter and John then placed their hands on everyone who had faith in the Lord, and they were given the Holy Spirit. The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.
RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 66: 1-3ab, 4-5, 16 & 20

Refrain
Let all the earth cry out to God with joy!

Tell everyone on this earth to shout praises to God! Sing about his glorious name. Honor him with praises. Say to God, “Everything you do is fearsome!”

“You are worshiped by everyone! We all sing praises to you.” Come and see the fearsome things our God has done!

All who worship God, come here and listen; I will tell you everything God has done for me. Let’s praise God! He listened when I prayed, and he is always kind.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL

Jn 14: 15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:
“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you.
I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.
In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you.
Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me.
And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”

The Gospel of the Lord. Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH
OFFERTORY HYMN  
*O Mary! We Crown Thee*  (First verse sung by second grader)

Bring flow’rs of the fairest,  
Bring flow’rs of the rarest,  
From garden and woodland  
And hillside and vale;  
Our full hearts are swelling,  
Our Glad voices telling  
The praise of the loveliest  
Rose of the vale.

Refrain
O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today,  
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May,  
O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today,  
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - THE LORD’S PRAYER - SIGN OF PEACE - LAMB OF GOD - COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN  
*Gentle Woman*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women  
and bllest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners now  
and at the hour of death. Amen.

Refrain
Gentle woman, quiet light, morning star, so strong and bright,  
gentle Mother, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom; teach us love.

CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

CLOSING HYMN  
*Unless a Grain of Wheat Shall Fall*

Refrain
Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die,  
it remains but a single grain with no life.

If we have died with him then we shall live with him;  
if we hold firm we shall reign with him.  Refrain

If anyone serves me then they must follow me;  
wherever I am my servants will be.  Refrain