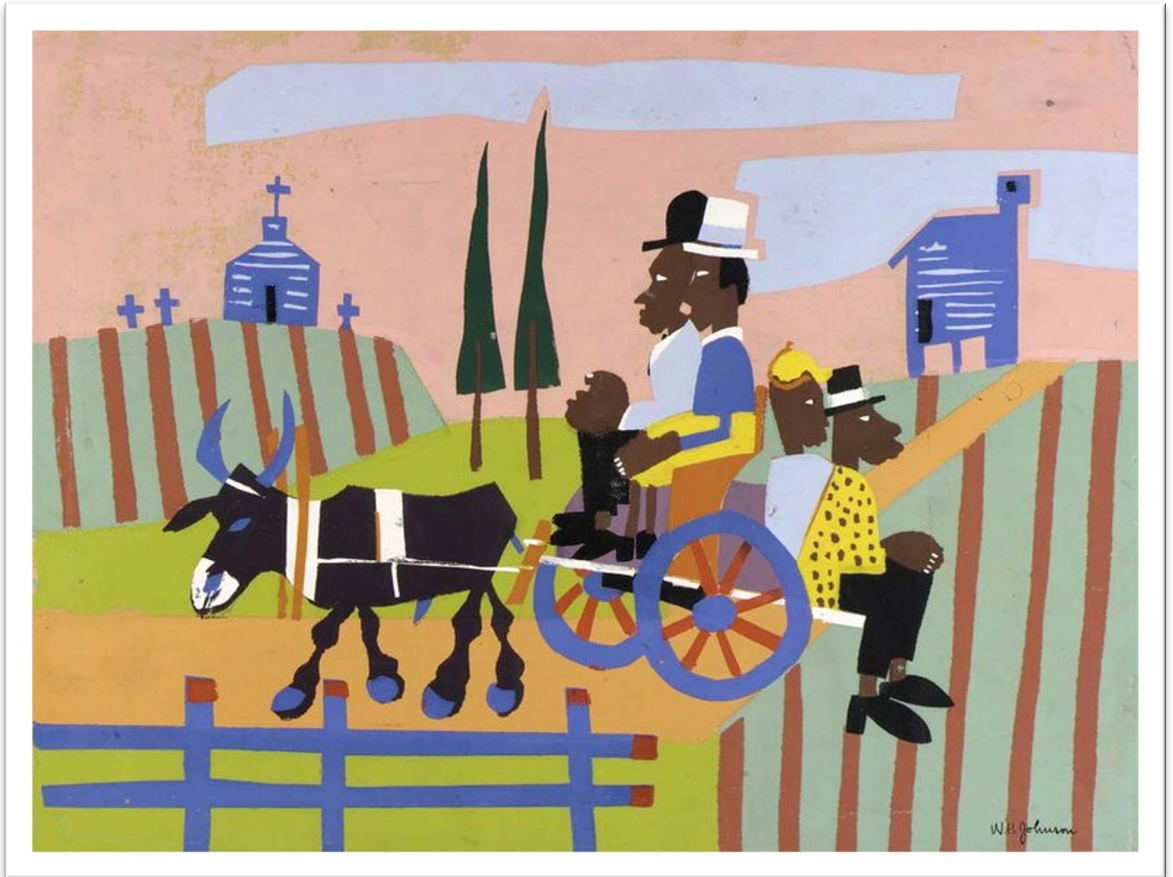




CHURCH *of the* HOLY NATIVITY

CLARENDON HILLS



Johnson, William H. *"Going to Church."* ca. 1940-1941.

HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(PROPER 18)

September 6, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

ENTRANCE RITE

PRELUDE

At the ringing of the bell, **STAND** as able as the ministers enter during the hymn.

HYMN IN PROCESSION

“Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve”

The Hymnal 1982 #546



1 A - wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, and press with vi - gor
2 A cloud of wit - ness - es a - round hold thee in full sur -
3 'Tis God's all - an - i - mat-ing voice that calls thee from on
4 Then wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, and press with vi - gor



on; a heaven - ly race de - mands thy zeal, and
vey; for - get the steps al - read - y trod and
high; 'tis his own hand pre - sents the prize to
on; a heaven - ly race de - mands thy zeal, and



an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.
on - ward urge thy way, and on - ward urge thy way.
thine as - pir - ing eye, to thine as - pir - ing eye.
an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751). Music: *Siroë*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. *Melodia Sacra*, 1815.

OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**



1 Chris - tians, we have met to wor - ship and a - dore the liv - ing God;
will you pray with all your pow - er, while we try to preach the Word?
All is vain un - less the Spir - it of the Ho - ly One comes down;
Chris - tians, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show - ered all a - round.

Text: Attr. to George Atkins, 19th cent., *The Columbian Harmony*, 1825, alt.

Music: HOLY MANNA, *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. Margaret Mealy. Harm. © 1994 Selah Publishing Co., Inc.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 357

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be SEATED.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 12:1-14

Lector A reading from Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 Hallelujah!
Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
- 4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people *
and adorns the poor with victory.
- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.
- 6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- 7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;
- 8 To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;
- 9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 13:8-14

Lector A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*All **STAND** as able.*

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

Sung by all.

Celtic Mass
Fintan O’Carroll and Christopher Walker



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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Bradley A. Linboom
Rector

*All **STAND** as able.*

We believe in one God the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Intercessor Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Intercessor We pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Paula our Bishop, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Intercessor We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Intercessor For those who are currently ailing or have requested our prayers: John & Pam; Phyllis; Cassie; Terry; Brenda; Donna; Charlotte; Jane and those we now name...

The congregation is invited to add their concerns, either silently or aloud.

[We continue to pray for those with ongoing concerns: Elizabeth & Matthew; Shain; Betsy; Gloria B; Gloria D; Evan; Elsie; Temple; Fola & Yinka; Rachel; Peter; Margie & Jeff]

People Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Intercessor We pray for those who have died, especially Mark...

The congregation is invited to add their concerns, either silently or aloud.

People Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

The celebrant concludes with this or a similar collect.

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant 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 PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord, be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

*The people greet one another in the name of the Lord and then are **SEATED**.*

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of scripture. The people are then **SEATED**.*

THE OFFERTORY

“Different”
Fred LeBaron

Ellen Britton & Will Hopkins

During the Offertory, the gifts of bread and wine are brought forward and Deacon prepares the table.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“People of God”

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*The people **STAND** for the Hymn as the Offering is presented.*

3 Bear - ing your gifts, en - ter God's pre - sence; come, let us
share in the hea - ven - ly feast. Mend - ing all rifts,
heal - ing di - vi - sions, come and from sor - rows and hurts be re - leased.
Come, let us join in the hea - ven - ly dance,
prais - ing in joy - ous ce - le - bra - tion.

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Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

[Here is proper Preface is sung or said]

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

Sung by all.

MHSO #38

Ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly God of pow - er and might, Hea - ven and earth are

full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na

in the high - est! Ho - san - na! Ho - sa - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Then facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

Holy and gracious Father:

In your infinite love you made us for yourself;
and, when we had fallen into sin
and become subject to evil and death,
you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ,
your only and eternal Son,
to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross,
and offered himself, in obedience to your will,
a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,
“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given to you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,
“Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
Which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father,
in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit
to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son,
the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also
that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament,
and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace;
and at the last day bring us with all your saints
into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ.

By him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit

all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father,
now and for ever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Said by all.

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
All **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 for ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

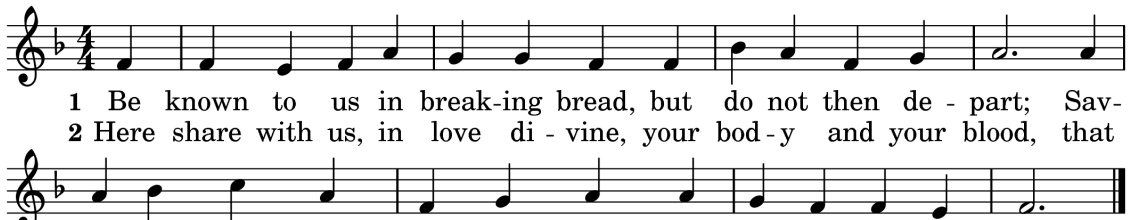
We observe a moment of holy silence as the Celebrant breaks the bread.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE ANTHEM

Sung by all.

Glory to God #500



1 Be known to us in break-ing bread, but do not then de - part; Sav-
2 Here share with us, in love di - vine, your bod - y and your blood, that
ior, a - bide with us, and spread your ta - ble in our heart.
liv - ing bread, that heaven - ly wine be our im - mor - tal food.

Glory to God #500
TEXT: James Montgomery, 1825
MUSIC (ST. FLAVIAN, CM): Day's *Psalter*, 1562

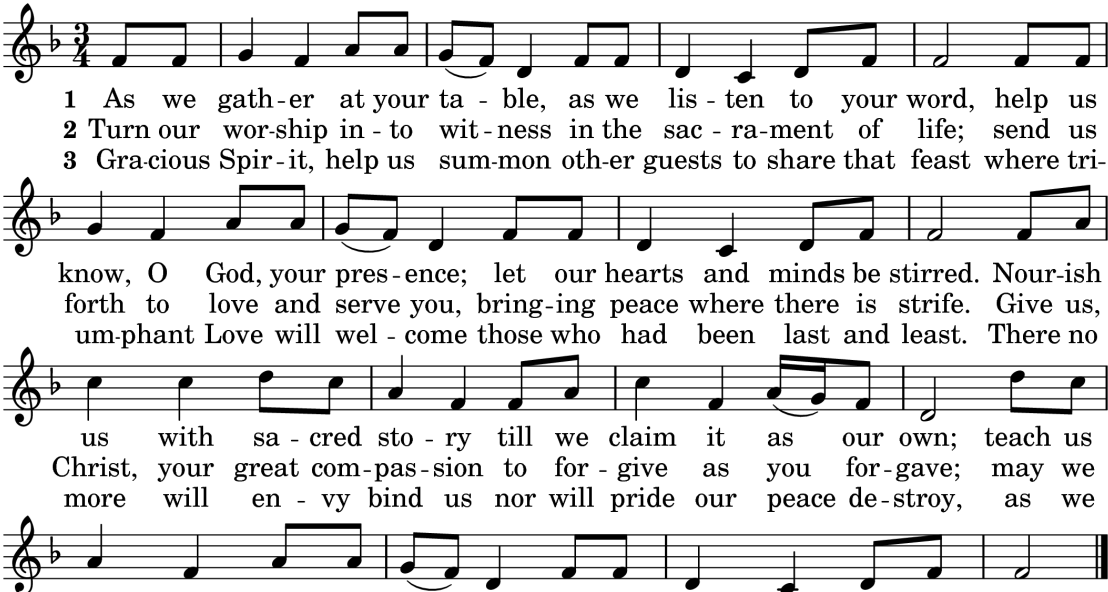
THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

About Receiving Communion

*All who seek God and are drawn by Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.
Follow the instructions of the clergy and/or ushers.
If for any reason, you do not wish to receive Communion, you are still invited to come forward.
Please cross your arms over your chest for a prayer of blessing to be said over you.
Please inform the minister if you need a gluten-free wafer.*

COMMUNION HYMN “As we gather at your table” Wonder, Love, & Praise #763



The musical notation is written on four staves in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics aligned under the notes.

1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word, help us
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra-ment of life; send us
3 Gracious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast where tri-
know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nour-ish
forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife. Give us,
um-phunt Love will wel - come those who had been last and least. There no
us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own; teach us
Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for-gave; may we
more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace de-destroy, as we
through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.
still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

THE SENDING FORTH OF HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS

*The Home Communion Ministers come forward at this time to receive Bread and Wine consecrated at today's Eucharist to share with people sick or homebound. All **STAND** as able.*

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts,
that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's
Body and Blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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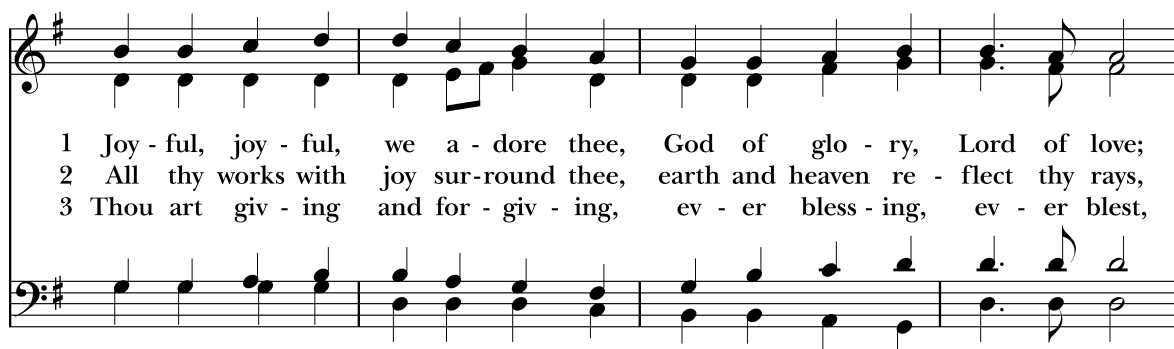
Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
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 Christ our Lord. Amen.**

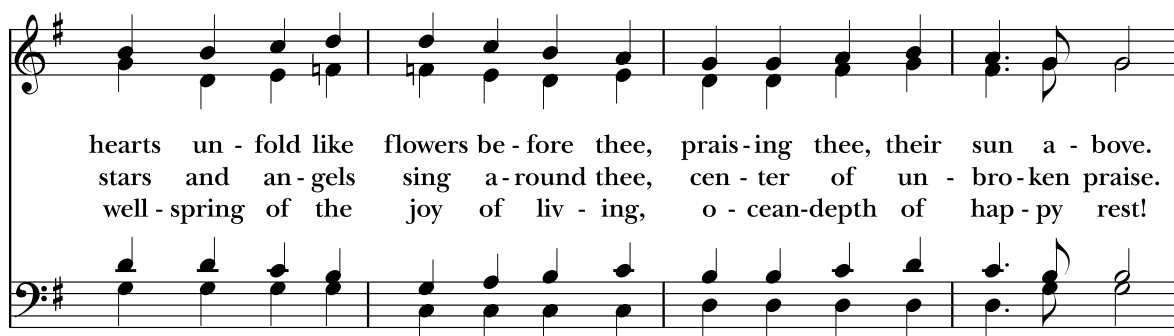
ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

THE BLESSING

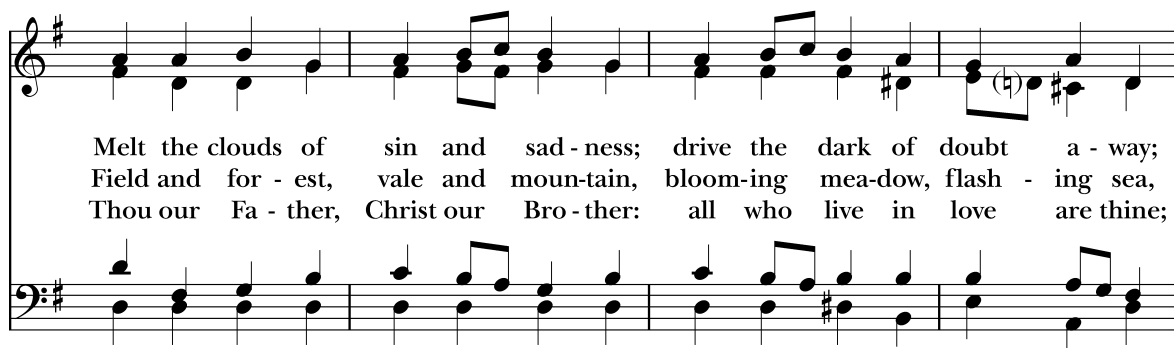
The Priest may bless the people, the people responding **Amen.**



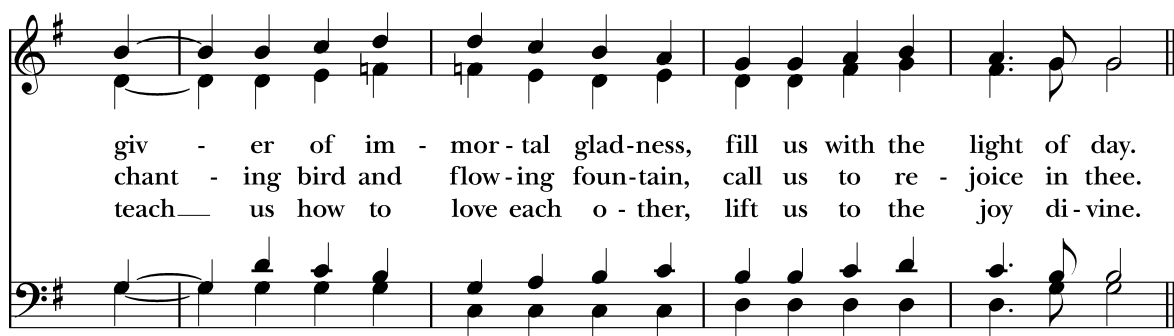
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach — us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people, the people responding

People

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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