



CHURCH *of the* HOLY NATIVITY

CLARENDON HILLS



"Laborers in the Vineyard." ca. 21st century. Mural.

HOLY EUCHARIST

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(PROPER 21)

September 27, 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

“Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness”

The Hymnal 1982 #492



1 Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,
2 Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him - self to
3 So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man -
4 Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's



sweet - est strain, with the prais - es of your Sa - vior
Beth - lehem's cave, stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture,
kind the head, sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,
throne the Son rules and guides the world he ran - somed,



let his house res - ound a - gain; him let all your
bore the pain, the cross, the grave, passed with - in the
Prince of life, a - mong the dead; thus he wrought the
till the ap - point - ed work be done, till he see, re -



mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.
gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.
full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.
newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

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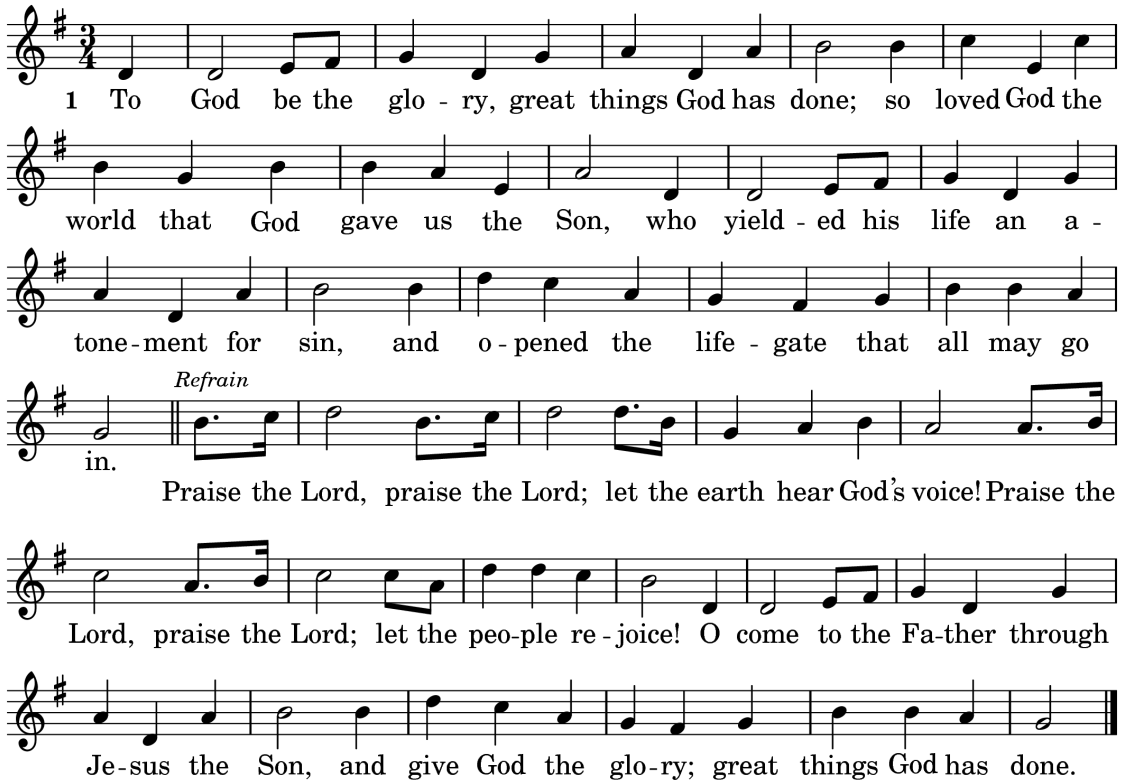
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

"To God be the glory"

Voices Found #108



1 To God be the glo - ry, great things God has done; so loved God the
 world that God gave us the Son, who yield - ed his life an a -
 tone-ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that all may go
Refrain
 in. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear God's voice! Praise the
 Lord, praise the Lord; let the peo-ple re-joice! O come to the Fa-ther through
 Je-sus the Son, and give God the glo-ry; great things God has done.

Lift Up Your Hearts 604
 Words: Fanny J. Crosby, 1875, alt., P.D.
 Music (TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11.11 refrain 6.6.6.6.11.11): William H. Doane, 1875, P.D.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be SEATED.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 17:1-7

Lector A reading from Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

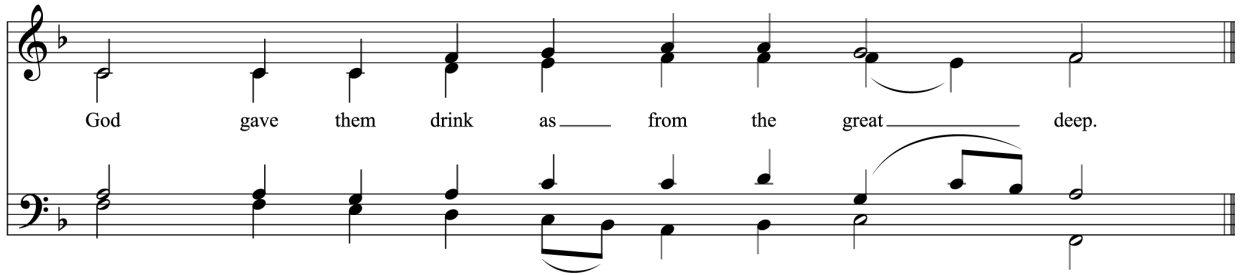
THE PSALM

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

All sing the Antiphon together.

The choir chants the verses. The congregation joins the choir for the Antiphon as noted.

Antiphon



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- 1 Hear my teaching, O my | **people;**
incline your ears to the words of my | **mouth.**
- 2 I will open my mouth in a | **parable;**
I will declare the mysteries of ancient | **times.**
- 3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have | **told us,**
we will not hide from their | **children.**
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the | **Lord,**
and the wonderful works he has | **done.**

[Antiphon]

(last part of chant)

- 12 He worked marvels in the sight of their | **forefathers,**
in the land of Egypt, in the field of | **Zoan.**
- 13 He split open the sea and let them pass | **through;**
he made the waters stand up like | **walls.**
- 14 He led them with a cloud by | **day,**
and all the night through with a glow of | **fire.**
- 15 He split the hard rocks in the | **wilderness**
and gave them drink as from the great | **deep.**
- 16 He brought streams out of the | **cliff,**
and the waters gushed out like | **rivers.**

[Antiphon]

[Antiphon]

[Antiphon]

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

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. 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.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

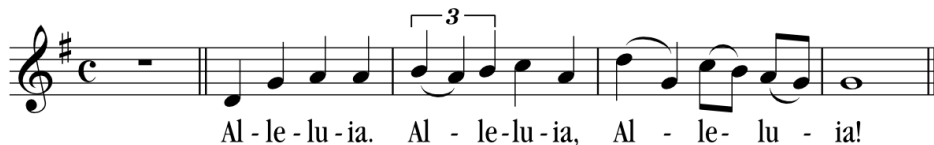
*All **STAND** as able.*

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

Sung by all.

*Calvary Service
by Thomas Pavlechko*

The Alleluia is sung twice by all. The choir sings a verse. All repeat the Alleluia twice.



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

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

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: Christian, Heather, Joe, Priyanka, & Saynoza; John & Pam; Olga; Phyllis; Cassie; Terry; Brenda; Charlotte; Donna; 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; Marianne & 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 Ardie & Hilary...

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

“Father In Whom We Live”

Paul Hicks

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Upon thy table, Lord”

MFC Wilson

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

- 1 Upon thy table, Lord, we place
These symbols of our work and thine,
Life's food won only by thy grace,
Who giv'st to all the bread and wine.
- 2 Accept them, Lord; from thee they come;
We take them humbly at thy hand.
These gifts of thine for higher use
We offer, as thou dost command.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

The musical notation is arranged in four lines, alternating between the Celebrant and the People. Each line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes.

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.

Calvary Service
by Thomas Pavlechko

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est Blest is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. 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

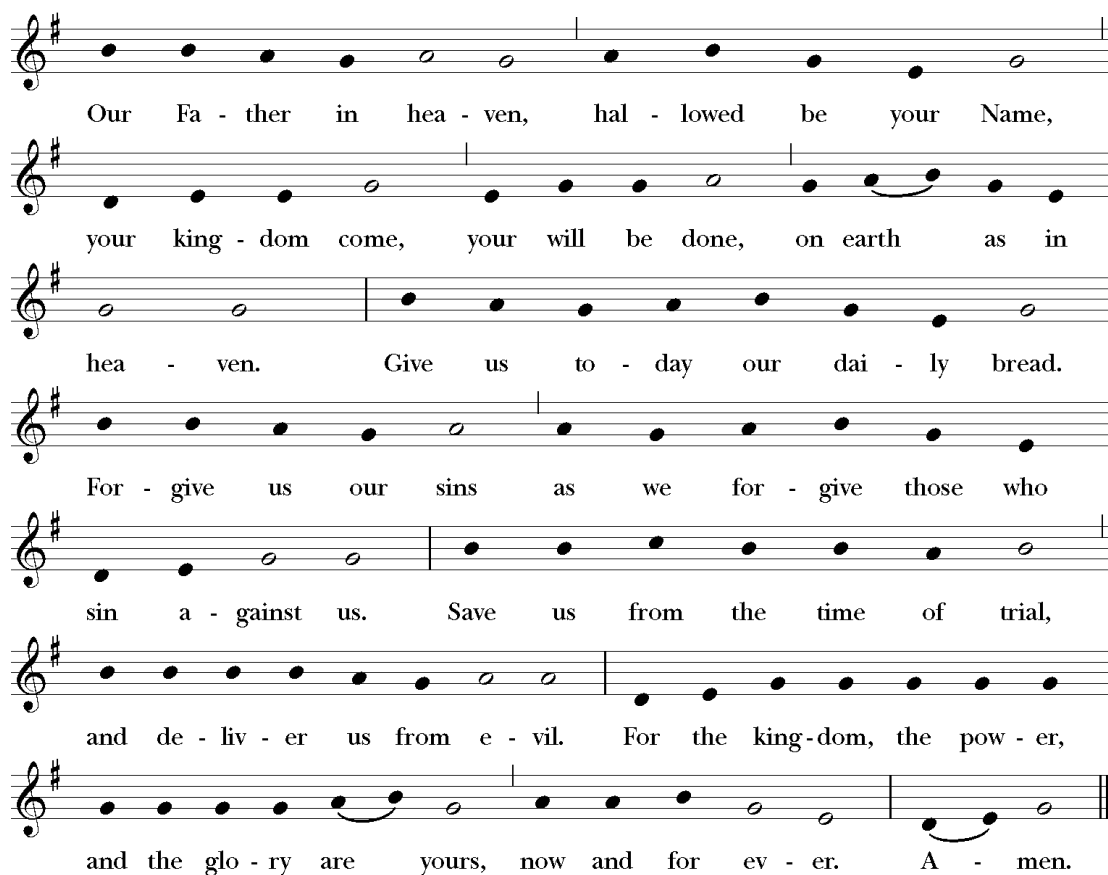
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father,
now and for ever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sung by all.

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,



The musical score is written on eight staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and half notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The text is as follows:

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who
sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king-dom, the pow - er,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

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.

Calvary Service
by Thomas Pavlechko

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin_ of the

world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sin_ of the world, grant_ us your peace.

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.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains four lines of lyrics. The second system contains four lines of lyrics. The third system contains four lines of lyrics. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
 word of grace, in strength of which we
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

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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

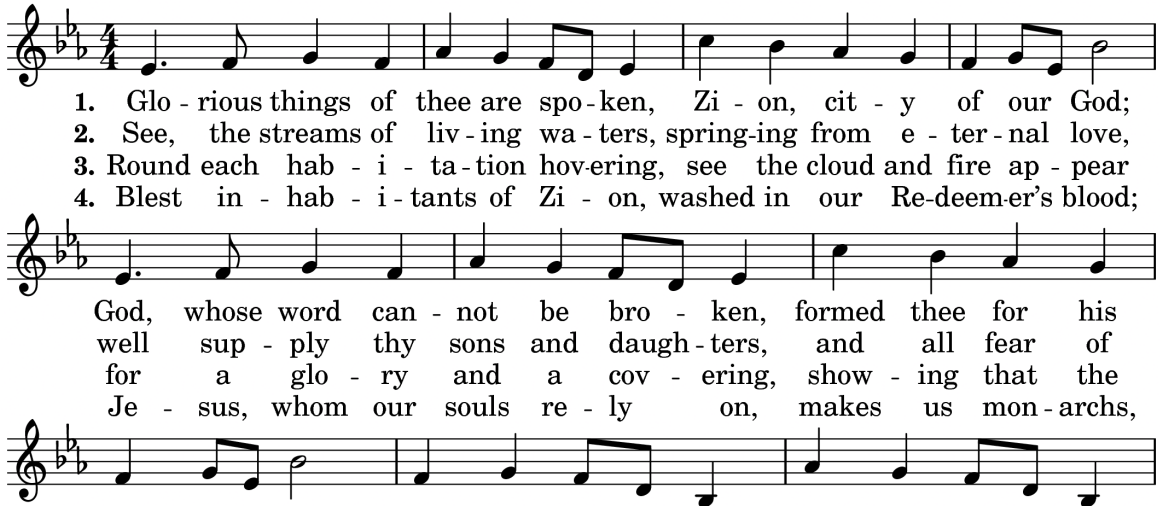
THE BLESSING

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

HYMN IN PROCESSION

“Glorious things of thee are spoken”

The Hymnal 1982 #522



1. Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God;
 2. See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,
 3. Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
 4. Blest in - hab - i - tants of Zi - on, washed in our Re - deem - er's blood;

God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for his
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of
 for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the
 Je - sus, whom our souls re - ly on, makes us mon - archs,

own a - bode. On the Rock of A - ges found - ed,
 want re - move. Who can faint while such a riv - er
 Lord is near! Thus de - riv - ing from our ban - ner
 priests to God. Us, by his great love, he rais - es,

what can shake thy sure re- pose? With sal - va - tion's
 ev - er will their thirst as- suage? Grace which like the
 light by night and shade by day, safe we feed up -
 rul - ers o - ver self to reign, and as priests his

walls sur - round - ed, thou mayst smile at all thy foes.
 Lord, the giv - er, ne - ver fails from age to age.
 on the man - na which God gives us when we pray.
 sol - emn prais - es we for thank - ful of - fering bring.

United Methodist Hymnal 731

WORDS: John Newton, 1779 (Ps. 87:3; Is. 33:20-21; Ex. 13:22)

MUSIC (AUSTRIA 87.87 D): Croatian folk song; arr. by Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797

DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people, the people responding

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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