



CHURCH *of the* HOLY NATIVITY

CLARENDON HILLS



Sisley, Alfred. *Orchard in Spring*. 1881.

HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 18, 2025 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

"We know that Christ is raised"

The Hymnal 1982 #296



1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Em -
2. We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. Re -
3. The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. The
4. A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows As



braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold, And our de -
born, we share with him an East - er life As liv - ing
Spir - it's pow - er shakes the Church of God. Bap - tized, we
Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood. The u - ni -



spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. Al - le - lu - ia!
mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ. Al - le - lu - ia!
live with God the Three in One. Al - le - lu - ia!
verse re - stored and whole will sing: Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Romans 6:4, 9; John B. Geyer, b.1932, © 1972, John B. Geyer
Tune: ENGELBERG, 10 10 10 with alleluia; Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924

OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant continues

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. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Sung by all.

The Hymnal 1982 #S278



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther —



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly — Spi - rit



in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. — A - men.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be SEATED.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 11:1-18

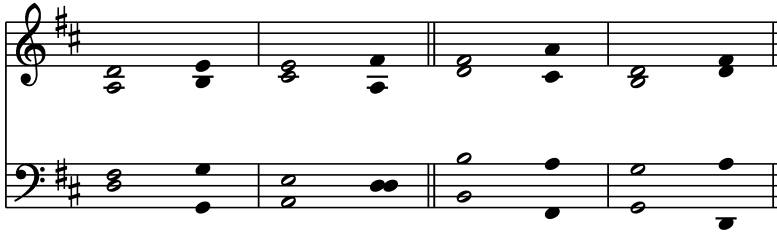
Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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(b. 1930)



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- 1 Hallelujah!
Praise the Lord from the | **heavens**;
praise him in the | **heights**.
- 2 Praise him, all you | **angels of his**;
praise him, all his | **host**.
- 3 Praise him, sun and | **moon**;
praise him, all you shining | **stars**.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of | **heavens**
and you waters above the | **heavens**.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the | **Lord**;
for he commanded, and they were cre | **ated**.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and | **ever**;
he gave them a law which shall not pass a | **way**.
- 7 Praise the Lord from the | **earth**,
you sea-monsters and all | **deeps**;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and | **fog**,
tempestuous wind, doing his | **will**;
- 9 Mountains and all | **hills**,
fruit trees and all | **cedars**;
- 10 Wild beasts and all | **cattle**,
creeping things and winged | **birds**;

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- 11 Kings of the earth and all | **peoples**,
princes and all rulers of the | **world**;
- 12 Young men and | **maidens**,
old and young to | **gether**.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the | **Lord**,
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and | **heaven**.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal | **servants**,
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Halle | **lujah!**

Lector A reading from the Revelation to John.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*All **STAND** as able.*

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

“A Repeating Alleluia”

Calvin Hampton

sung four times

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - ia.

final time

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

Rachel Snavely
Director of Youth & Family Formation

*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	Beloved in Christ, let us praise the name of the Lord! The promises of God are trustworthy and true, so let us pray, “Loving God, make all things new.”
Intercessor	Heavenly Father, your Son Jesus commands us to love one another as he loves us. Help us to do as he commands. Give your Church the will to seek and serve Christ in all persons. <i>Silence</i>
People	Loving God, Make all things new.
Intercessor	Gracious God, you blessed the world in your incarnation. Come and make your home with us. Establish your reign of peace on earth as in heaven. <i>Silence</i>
People	Loving God, Make all things new.
Intercessor	Glorious Lord, you created the heavens and earth and all that therein. At your command all things came into being. Give us ears to hear the praise coming forth from the worlds. May our voices join the song of creation. <i>Silence</i>
People	Loving God, Make all things new.
Intercessor	Grant, O God, that our city might become more like your heavenly city. Banish from our borders the pain of violence and addiction, abuse and hatred. <i>Silence</i>
People	Loving God, Make all things new.

Intercessor Mighty God, wipe every tear from the eyes of your children. Come with healing. Come with strength. Come to your people. For the special needs and concerns of this congregation: For Elizabeth & Matthew; R and J; Maria Luz & Eusebio (Acabel); David (Andrulis); Shain (Barry); Betsy (Bennett); Sarah (Booten); Judy (Brackett); Diane (Brodzinski); Gloria (Brown); Sarah (Card); Pam (Cianci); Zeke (Colman); Gloria (Domrose); Rhyn (Gabriel); Evan (Georgi); Liz (Giacomelli); Fern (Harper); Sharon (Kingery); Brenda (Layne); Gordon (Leipold); Elsie (Mann); Christine (Massie); Barb (Maves); Rosario (Medrano); Luis (Mendoza); David (Munneke); Gilbert (Orejudos); Temple (Parker); Yetunde Grace (Peters); Fola & Yinka (Phillips); Eduardo, Laron, Milagros, Clemente, & “Tia” Maria (Rivera); Frank (Romans); Richard (Schoenfeld); Charlotte (Sladek); Rachel (Snaveley); Donna (Stasiulis); Peter (Thompson); Nancy (Vincent); Margie & Jeff (Wilson); Scott (Yerkey); John & Joyce (Yurko) and those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts...

The people are invited to voice additional petitions.

People Loving God,
Make all things new.

Intercessor Alpha and Omega, we long for the day when you will make all things new. We long for the day when death will be no more, when mourning and crying and pain will be no more. We trust in the power of your love. Lead us in the way of everlasting life. We pray for those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts...

The people are invited to voice additional petitions.

People Loving God,
Make all things new.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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

“Love is all our joy”

arr. by Malcolm Archer

The CHN Choir

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

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow” tune: Lasst uns Erfreuen

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

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/2 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-

low; al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly

host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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.

Then facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us.**
By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS

Sung by all.

The Hymnal 1982 #S128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption,
and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate Christ’s death and resurrection
as we await the day of his coming.**

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

God our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

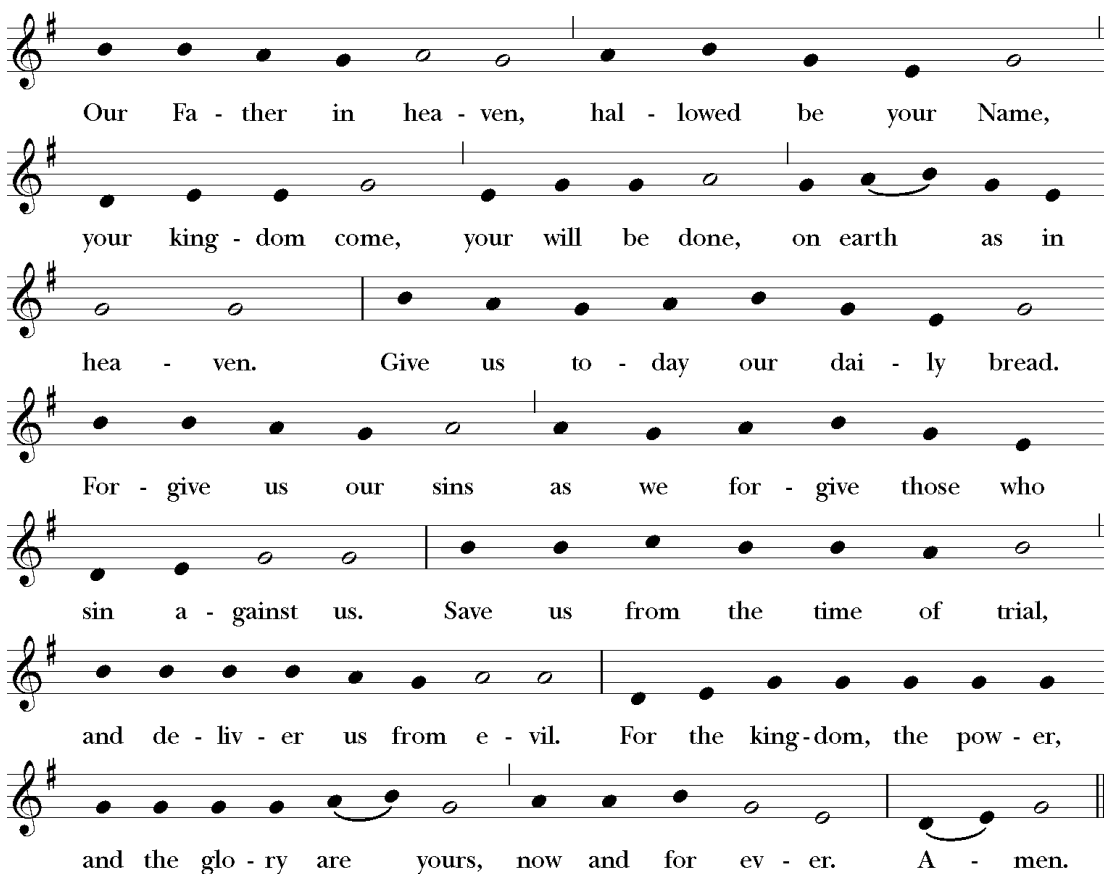
Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

People **AMEN.**

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, aligned with the notes. The text is: "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 score ends with a double bar line on the eighth staff.

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
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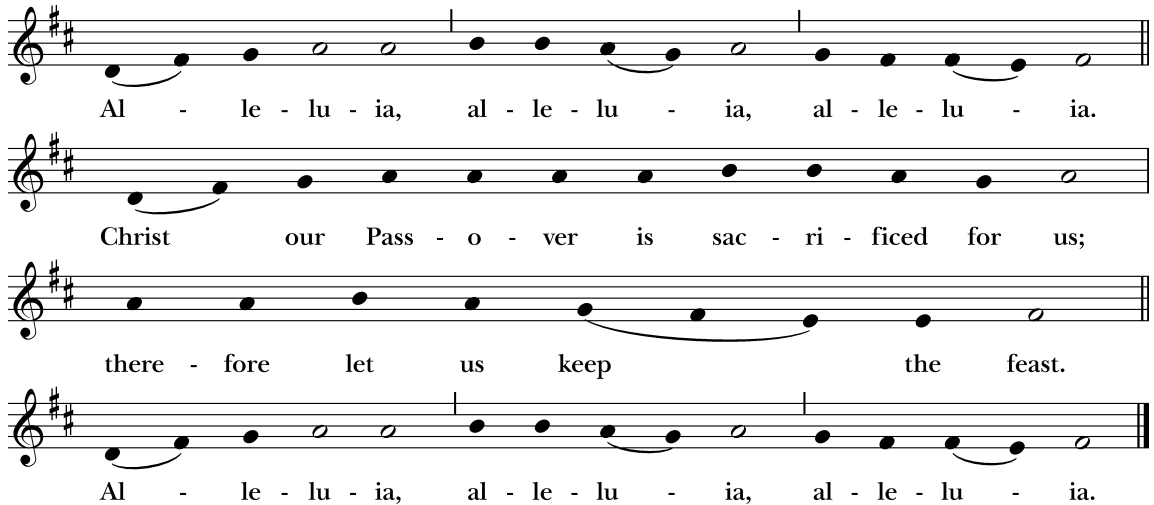
THE FRACTION

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

THE ANTHEM

Sung by all.

The Hymnal 1982 #S154



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

Children can now be picked up from the nursery for Communion. After receiving Communion children and youth may gather in the Ford Room for Sunday School.

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

"Thou art the Way, to thee alone"

The Hymnal 1982 #457

1 Thou art the Way, to thee a - lone from sin and death we flee;
 2 Thou art the Truth, thy word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
 3 Thou art the Life, the rend - ing tomb pro - claims thy con - quering arm;
 4 Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life: grant us that way to know,

and all who would the Fa - ther seek, must seek him, Lord, by thee.
 thou on - ly canst in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
 and those who put their trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm.
 that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Words: George Washington Doane (1799-1859), alt. Music: *St. James*, Raphael Courteville (d. 1735).

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

EOW 69

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

THE BLESSING

*The Celebrant offers a blessing to those assembled, the people respond **AMEN.***

HYMN IN PROCESSION

“When Christ was lifted from the earth” The Hymnal 1982 #603

1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his
 2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and
 3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -
 4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may

arms stretched out a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture,
 al - ways, near or far, he calls and claims us
 vide us to our shame, he sees not la - bels
 I in Christ be free to wel - come and ac -

ev - ery birth, to draw an an - swering love.
 as his friends and loves us as we are.
 but a face, a per - son, and a name.
 cept his own as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

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DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people with these or similar words.

Deacon Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind, and go forth rejoicing in the Spirit of the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE



Serving in Worship Today

Ushers	Martha Garnett & Jeanne Widing
Readers	Tom Mendoza & Yinka Phillips
Intercessor	Dave Siedlecki
Acolytes	Eliza Gabriel & Sara Gabriel
Altar Guild	Jenni Garnett
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Jim Massie
Vestry Greeter/Closer	Ross Drobny
Sound/Livestream	Blake Gabriel
Altar Flowers	Given by Martha Garnett <i>In celebration of my children, grandchildren, & great grandchildren</i>



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