
THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN THE SEASON OF PENTECOST
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
Service of Holy Eucharist
November 22, 2020

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE: *All Glory Be To God* by *Johann Pachelbel*

OPENING HYMN: 645 THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

1. The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine for ever.
2. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.
5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
6. And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.

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

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE - GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

Robert Powell



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy



on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,



you a - lone are the Lord, 7. 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: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: EZEKIEL 34:11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 95:1-7A

(the people read the verses in bold print)

1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

3 For the LORD is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

7 For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

SECOND LESSON: EPHESIANS 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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GOSPEL SEQUENCE *Celtic Alleluia refrain*

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

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Refrain sung two times followed by verse:
Speak, Lord, your servant is list'ning.
Speak your words of wisdom,
for the words you speak are everlasting life. *Refrain*

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:31-46

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Celtic Alleluia Refrain sung once followed by verse:

Blessed apostles sing praise, prophets and martyrs give glory
For your majesty praise the Spirit, praise the Son *Refrain*

SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Presider: Let us pray to the Lord our God, who seeks the lost sheep, binds up the injured, and strengthens the weak.

Leader: For Daniel our bishop and Lynn our presbyter, for this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place.

Lord, have mercy.

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, and for mercy, justice, and peace among all peoples.

Lord, have mercy.

For good weather, abundant fruits of the earth, and peaceful times.

Lord, have mercy.

For our county and those who live in it, and for our families, companions, and all those we love.

Lord, have mercy.

For those on our parish prayer list: Carmel, Gail Ballerstedt, Melody Cannon, Sherry Eichert, Bob Juskalis, Penny Miller, Kristen Mirabello, Jen, Jessica, Dennis Roberts, and Tony Lawson, and for those whom we now name either silently and aloud, and all those in danger and need: the hungry and the thirsty, strangers and the naked, the sick and those in prison.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who rest in Christ and for all the dead.

Lord, have mercy.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.

Lord, have mercy.

Lifting our voices with all creation, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord.

Presider: God our shepherd, who raised your Son from the dead and made him king of all creation, hear the prayers we offer this day and enable us to see your glory in the face of the poor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Celebrant concludes with a collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**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.

The Priest stands and says

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

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - On **Sunday, November 22** we'll have a special Zoom coffee hour at 10:30 to celebrate our 2020 stewardship drive and to reveal the preliminary 2021 budget.

Our **Wednesday morning Bible study** is online and easy to attend from the comfort of your own favorite chair! To participate you need an invitation with a meeting ID and password. If you would like to be included in the weekly email with that information, contact the rector at rectoradvent4@gmail.com and she will be happy to put you on the list. You can participate either using your computer or by phone. 'This isn't your mother's Bible study.' Come explore the texts for the following Sunday as we consider how the historic, cultural, and personal influences help us to hear the readings in new ways.

The Bishop is coming, the Bishop is coming! On Sunday, **December 13th**, we will have a virtual visit from Bishop Daniel Gutierrez. He will be our preacher at our 9 am service, will meet with parishioners in a virtual coffee hour (Zoom log in needed) and meet with the vestry afterwards.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR ST. JOHN'S FOOD PANTRY - Advent will continue to support St. John's Food Pantry however, due to the pandemic, the Food Pantry requests highly used items rather than holiday items as donated in the past. Advent will collect **25 each** of the following: Spaghetti Sauce, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Beans- black, red, pork & beans, Cereal, Oatmeal, Pancake mix, Syrup, Toilet Paper, Laundry detergent (avoid large box store sizes). These items can be left in the designated boxes in the narthex **from November 8th through December 6th**. If you do not feel comfortable coming to church to deliver items,

contact one of the members of the Outreach Committee below, and we'll arrange for a socially distanced pickup at your home. We will provide **30 Gift Cards @ \$30 each** to the **Grocery Outlet** (1023 West County Line Road, Warminster; **preferred store**) or Giant. *The Food Pantry is not accepting Aldi gift cards at this time.* The Outreach budget will underwrite the cost of the gift cards. A donation supporting the gift cards or a donation of the actual gift cards is greatly appreciated. Monetary donations can be sent to the church with "Food pantry donation" on the memo line. **Help deliver the items to St. John's on Sunday, December 13th.** We will load up the cars after church on Sunday and deliver to St. John's at 10:45 AM. Direct questions to Ellen Kavash EllenBaxter@msn.com or Jeanne Bernosky - jeannebernosky@gmail.com 215-322-0195.

News from the vestry meeting on Sunday, November 15th:

- Learned that Bishop Gutierrez will visit Advent via Zoom for 9 am service and a 10:30 am meeting with the congregation on Sunday December 13th.
- Discussed the recent return to phase II COVID protocols per Bishop. This will limit attendance at Christmas to 25 people per service
- Alan Kiel updated the status of several plumbing repairs that will be completed soon.
- Reviewed the preliminary budget for 2021.
- Authorized investment of \$225,000 of endowment funds into the Church Foundation.
- Discussed information obtained via vestry calls to parishioners.
- Planned a fall clean up day for Saturday, December 5th.

THE BIRTHDAY PRAYER Book of Common Prayer, page 830
Birthdays in our parish this week: *Ellen Welsh, Lyn Werner*

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them where ever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: NO SAINT ON EARTH *recorded by the choir*

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Sanctus *Land of Rest*

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

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of five systems of two staves each. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 6/4. The lyrics are: "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". The piano accompaniment features chords and melodic lines that support the vocal melody.



The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, 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 for 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. *AMEN.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now say,
**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.***

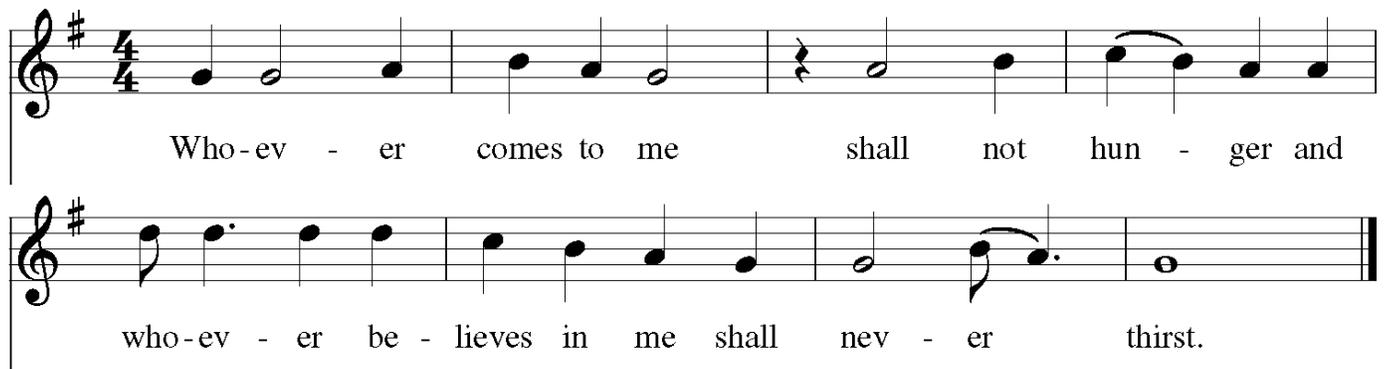
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.



Who - ev - er comes to me shall not hun - ger and
who - ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - er thirst.

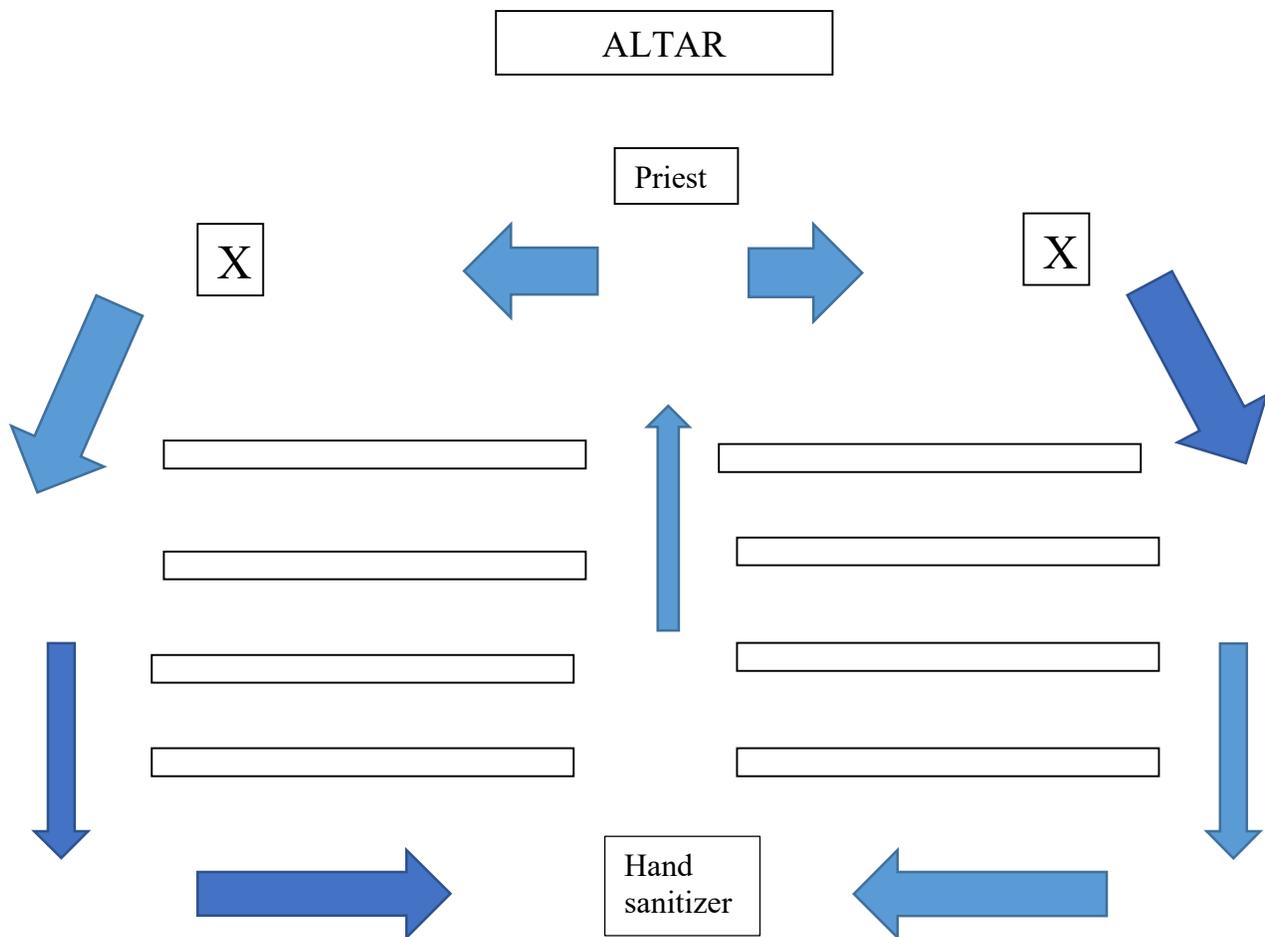
The Celebrant says the following Invitation

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

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people gathered around every altar of your Church, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Here's how to come forward for communion:



- Leave your mask on.
- Beginning with the last pew, use the side aisle to walk to the back of the church and to the hand sanitizer.
- Put hand sanitizer on your hands and then walk forward to the altar as you rub in the sanitizer.
- Please leave 6 ft between yourself and other people.
- Leave your mask on while you receive the bread in your hands.
- Move to the side and lifting your mask, pause and eat the bread. Say a prayer if you wish. We have plenty of time.
- Return to your pew via the side aisle.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(spoken together)*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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 the 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: 382 KING OF GLORY, KING OF PEACE

1. King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee;
and that love may never cease, I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.

2. Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee;
and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.

3. Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll thee;
e'en eternity's too short to extol thee.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Emperor's Fanfare by Antonio Soler

MY LONGING

*Oh how I long to go to church
To feel God's presence there
And concentrate on Holy things
Discarding worldly care.*

*Oh how I long to kneel before
The altar to the Lord,
In the presence of others who
All pray in one accord.*

*Oh how I long to be able
To bow my head and pray
And know inside that the Lord hears
All that I have to say.*

*Oh how I long to reverence
The cross upon the wall,
The symbol that leads me to God
As I answer the call.*

*Oh how I long to partake of
That Holy Bread and Wine,
The sacraments on the altar
Those gifts that are divine.*

*Oh how I long to sing the hymns
We dedicate to Him,
Who is the Lord, giver of life
Whose light will never dim.*

---Brian Disley

MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

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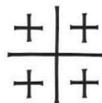
Altar Guild: Maryann Cannon

Officiant: Rev. Lynn Hade

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in memory of the loved ones of George and Aylis Wolf.*

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