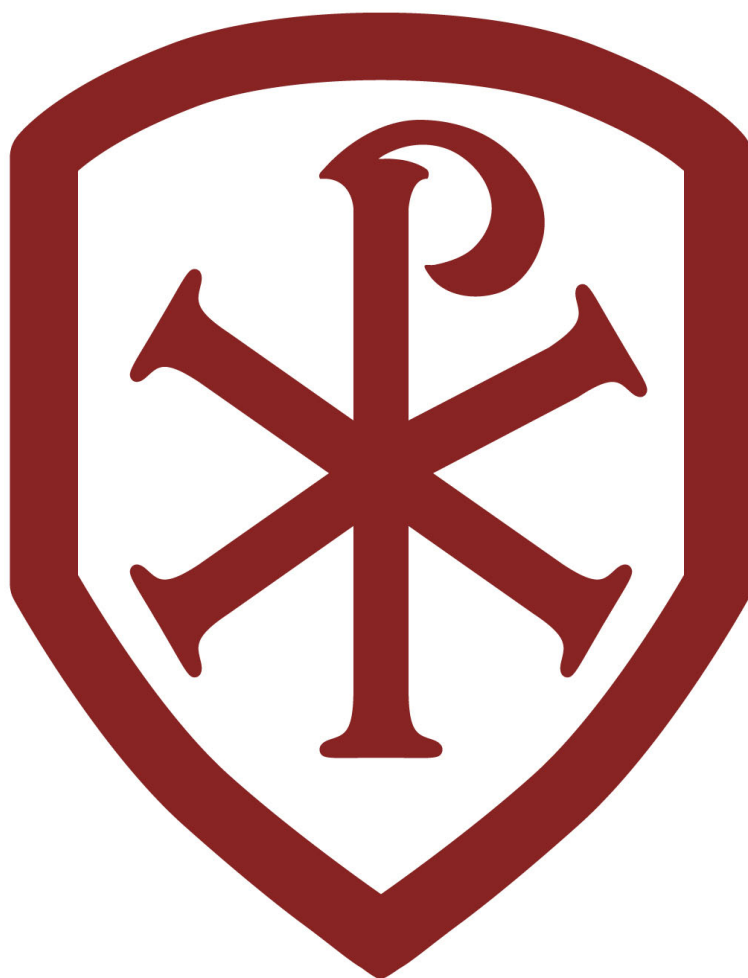


A SERVICE OF WORD
AND SACRAMENT
THE FOURTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

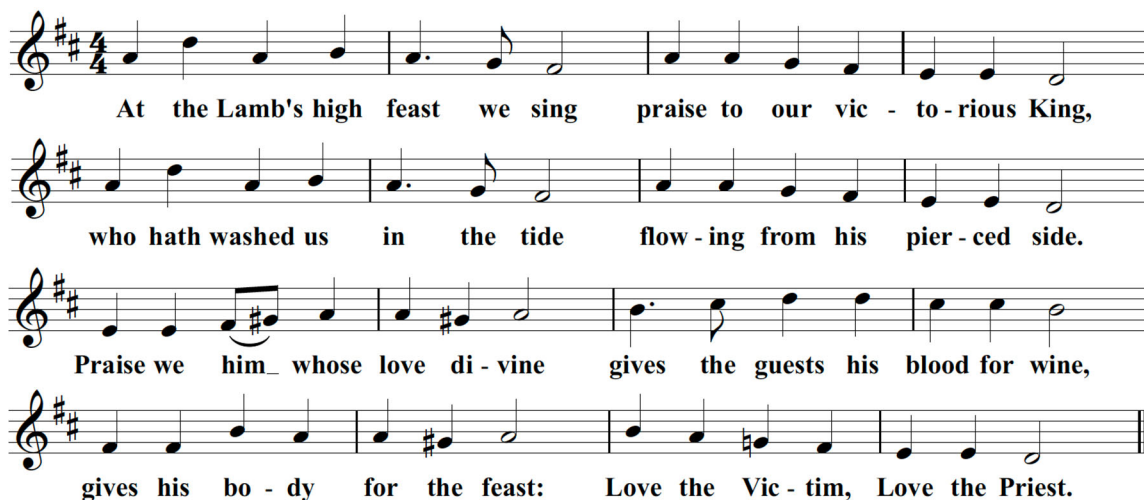


CHRISTCHURCH
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26 April 2026

..... The Entrance Rite

Processional Hymn *Please stand*

At The Lamb's High Feast



At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
 who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pier - ced side.
 Praise we him_ whose love di - vine gives the guests his blood for wine,
 gives his bo - dy for the feast: Love the Vic - tim, Love the Priest.

Verse 2

*Where the Paschal blood is poured,
 death's dark angel sheathes his sword.
 Israel's hosts triumphant go
 through the wave that drowns the foe.
 Christ, the Lamb whose blood was shed,
 Paschal victim, Paschal bread!
 With sincerity and love
 eat we manna from above.*

Verse 4

*Paschal triumph, Paschal joy,
 only sin can this destroy.
 From sin's death do thou set free
 souls re-born, dear Lord, in thee.
 Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
 Father, unto thee we raise.
 Risen Lord, all praise to thee,
 ever with the Spirit be.*

Verse 3

*Mighty Victim from on high,
 powers of hell beneath thee lie.
 Death is broken in the fight;
 thou hast brought us life and light.
 Now thy banner thou dost wave,
 conquering Satan and the grave.
 See the prince of darkness quelled;
 heaven's bright gates are open held.*

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant and People

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.*

The Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

The Trisagion

Ho - ly God! Ho - ly and might - ty!
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

Gloria

Glo - ry be to God in hea - ven, songs of joy and peace we bring!
Lamb of God, who on your shoul - ders bore the load of this world's sin.
You, O Son of God, are ho - ly; you we praise with one ac - cord.
Thank - ful hearts and voi - ces rai - sing, to cre - a - tion's Lord we sing!
On - ly Son of God the Fa - ther, you have brought us peace with - in.
None in heav'n or earth is like you; on - ly you are Christ the Lord,
Lord, we thank you; Lord, we bless you. Glo - ry be to God our King!
Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; now your glo - rious reign be - gin!
with the Fa - ther, and the Spi - rit, ev - er wor - shipped and a - dored!
Glo - ry be to God our King!
Now your glo - rious reign be - gin!
Ev - er wor - shipped and a - dored!

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant O God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd of your people: Grant that, when we hear his voice, we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

..... The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson *Please be seated*

Nehemiah 9:1-3, 6-15

¹ Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the people of Israel were assembled with fasting and in sackcloth, and with earth on their heads. ² And the Israelites separated themselves from all foreigners and stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers. ³ And they stood up in their place and read from the Book of the Law of the LORD their God for a quarter of the day; for another quarter of it they made confession and worshiped the LORD their God. ⁶ [Then the Levites said,] "You are the LORD, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you. ⁷ You are the LORD, the God who chose Abram and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans and gave him the name Abraham. ⁸ You found his heart faithful before you, and made with him the covenant to give to his offspring the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Jebusite, and the Girgashite. And you have kept your promise, for you are righteous. ⁹ "And you saw the affliction of our fathers in Egypt and heard their cry at the Red Sea, ¹⁰ and performed signs and wonders against Pharaoh and all his servants and all the people of his land, for you knew that they acted arrogantly against our fathers. And you made a name for yourself, as it is to this day. ¹¹ And you divided the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on dry land, and you cast their pursuers into the depths, as a stone into mighty waters. ¹² By a pillar of cloud you led them in the day, and by a pillar of fire in the night to light for them the way in which they should go. ¹³ You came down on Mount Sinai and spoke with them from heaven and gave them right rules and true laws, good statutes and commandments, ¹⁴ and you made known to them your holy Sabbath and commanded them commandments and statutes and a law by Moses your servant. ¹⁵ You gave them bread from heaven for their hunger and brought water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and you told them to go in to possess the land that you had sworn to give them."

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

- ¹ The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
- ² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- ³ He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- ⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
- ⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 2:13-25

¹³ Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵ For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶ Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷ Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. ¹⁸ Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. ¹⁹ For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ For what credit is it if, when you sin and are

beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *Please stand*

Your Grace is Enough

Great is your faithfulness, O God!
 You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.
 You lead us by still waters into mercy,
 and nothing can keep us apart.

So, remember your people,
 remember your children,
 remember your promise, O God.

Your grace is enough!
Your grace is enough!
Your grace is enough for me!

Great is your love and justice, God of Jacob!
 You use the weak to lead the strong.
 You lead us in the song of your salvation,
 and all your people sing along.

So, remember your people,
 remember your children,
 remember your promise, O God.

Your grace is enough!
Your grace is enough!
Your grace is enough for me!

Your grace is enough!
 Heaven reaches out to us!
 Your grace is enough for me!
 Your grace is enough!
 I'm covered in your love!
 Your grace is enough for me!

The Gospel *Please remain standing*

John 10:1-10



Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

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

¹ Jesus said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Nicene Creed *Please stand*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and 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,
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 *Please kneel*

After each prayer, the People respond with the words "Hear our prayer."

The Confession of Sin *Please remain kneeling*

Celebrant and 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.

The Absolution

The Comfortable Words

The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.
Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal
life. *John 3:16*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy
1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

The Peace *Please stand*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with your spirit.**

The ministers and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Parish Announcements *Please be seated*

..... **The Holy Communion**

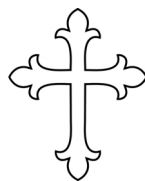
Setting of the Table

Victimae paschali laudes

J. Revert

*Victimae paschali laudes
immolent Christiani!
Agnus redemit oves:
Christus innocens Patri
reconciliavit peccatores.
Mors et vita duello
confluxere mirando:
dux vitae mortuus,
regnat vivus.
Dic nobis Maria,
quid vidisti in via?
"Sepulcrum Christi viventis,
et gloriam vidi resurgentis:
angelicos testes,
sudarium, et vestes.
Surrexit Christus spes mea
praecedet suos in Galilaeam."
Scimus Christum surrexise
a mortuis vere:
tu nobis, victor Rex,
miserere. Amen.
Alleluia!*

*Christians, to the Paschal Victim
offer sacrifice and praise!
The sheep are redeemed by the Lamb,
and Christ, the innocent,
has reconciled sinners to the Father.
Death and life contended
in a spectacular battle:
the Prince of Life, who died,
now reigns immortal.
Tell us, Mary:
what did you see on the way?
"I saw the tomb
of the living Christ
and the glory of his rising,
the angelic witness,
the shroud and the clothes.
Christ, my hope, is arisen;
he will go before his own
into Galilee."
We know Christ is truly
risen from the dead!
Conquering King,
have mercy on us!
Amen. Alleluia!*



*If you'd like to give an offering this morning, you can place your gift in the offering plate,
scan the QR code to the right, or visit our website and click on the "Give" tab.*



The Great Thanksgiving - Renewed Ancient Text *Please stand*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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

Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly Lord! God of pow'r and
might! Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed, bless - ed bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord! Glo - ry and peace in the high - est hea - ven: Ho -
san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

The Prayer of Consecration *Please kneel*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please be seated



Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, Je - sus Christ, fount of heav - en's grace, you take a - way the
 Lamb of God, Mor - ning Star, light on dark - ness shed, you take a - way the
 sins of the world. — Lamb of God, Sav - iour, pour - ing out your
 sins of the world. — Lamb of God, Ma - ry's Son, born for sin - ner's
 life, you take a - way the sins of the world. — Bread of the ang - els, food of the
 good, you take a - way the sins of the world. —
 pil - grim, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, grant us peace, Lord. —

Communion Music

House of Zion

*We will feast in the house of Zion!
 We will sing with our hearts restored!
 He has done great things, we will say together.
 We will feast and weep no more!*

We will not be burned by the fire;
 he is the Lord our God.
 We are not consumed by the flood;
 upheld, protected, gathered up.

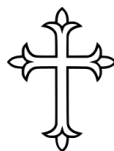
Chorus

In the dark of night, before the dawn,
 my soul, be not afraid.
 For, the promised morning - oh, how long?
 O God of Jacob, be my strength!

Chorus

Every vow we've broken and betrayed;
 you are the faithful one.
 And, from the garden to the grave,
 bind us together; bring shalom!

Chorus



Communion Music

Song of the Saints

This we believe, that we have a Father:
Creator who was, and who is, and will be,
who sent us his Son and poured out his Spirit
with power to heal, resurrect, and redeem.
The song of the saints forever will be:

Glory to God the Father!
Glory to Christ, the Risen One!
All hail the King!
With heaven, sing 'Alleluia'!

This we believe, that we have a Saviour:
Jesus, the Christ, for our sin crucified.
Yes, we believe that, on the third morning,
gone was the stone, for he rose back to life.
Forever he reigns; let his praises fill the skies!

Chorus

We believe in the saving gospel.
We believe in the living Word.
We believe in the Holy Spirit
moving in his holy Church.
We believe in the King of heaven.
We believe that Jesus is coming again.
Alleluia! Amen!

We believe in the blood that washes.
We believe in the cross that saves.
We believe that the curse is broken,
buried in that borrowed grave.
We believe in the resurrection.
We believe that Jesus is coming again.
Alleluia! Amen!

This we believe: our King is returning,
and he will wipe every tear from our eyes.
Our crowns at his feet, his throne at the center.
The song of the saints forever will rise!
Amen!

Communion Music

How deep the Father's love for us!
How vast, beyond all measure,
that he should give his only Son
to make a wretch his treasure!
How great the pain of searing loss;
the Father turns his face away
as wounds which mar the Chosen One
bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross;
my sin upon his shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life;
I know that it is finished.

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

I will not boast in anything:
no gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But, I will boast in Jesus Christ:
his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But, this I know with all my heart:
his wounds have paid my ransom.



Post Communion Prayer *Please kneel*

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn *Please stand*

See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph

See, the Conquer-or mounts in tri-umph! See the King in roy-al state
 rid-ing on the clouds, his char-iot, to his heaven-ly pal-ace gate.

Hark! the choirs of an-gel voic-es joy-ful al-le-lu-ias sing!

And the por-tals high are lift-ed to re-ceive their heaven-ly King.

Verse 2

*Who is this that comes in glory
 with the trump of jubilee?
 Lord of battles, God of armies:
 he has gained the victory.
 He, who on the cross did suffer;
 he, who from the grave arose:
 he has vanquished sin and Satan,
 he, by death, has spoiled his foes.*

Verse 3

*Thou hast raised our human nature
 in the clouds to God's right hand.
 There we sit in heavenly places,
 there with thee in glory stand.
 Jesus reigns, adored by angels;
 man with God is on the throne!
 Mighty Lord, in thine ascension
 we, by faith, behold our own.*

Verse 4

*Glory be to God the Father!
 Glory be to God the Son!
 Dying, risen, ascending for us,
 who the heavenly realm has won.
 Glory to the Holy Spirit;
 to one God in persons Three!
 Glory both in earth and heaven;
 glory, endless glory be!*

The Dismissal

Gospeler God is good,
People **All the time!**
Gospeler All the time,
People **God is good!**
Gospeler Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the power of the Risen Christ.
People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The Altar Flowers are given to
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Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Thorington

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Assisting	The Reverend Canon Andrew M. Rowell The Reverend Cornelius Jackson
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Vergers	Angela Schofield and Dinah McLemore
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Crucifer	Will Steinwinder
Server	David Rees
Gospel Torch Bearers	Claire Blanks and Isabella Reynolds
Altar Guild	Kim Craven, Ethel Hale, Rita Worth, Valerie Owen, and Tricia Seay
Greeters	Susan Barnes and Bobby Barnes
Prayer Team	Teresa Reid, Pamela Swan, Martha Moore, Dee Mooty, and the Daughters of the Holy Cross
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