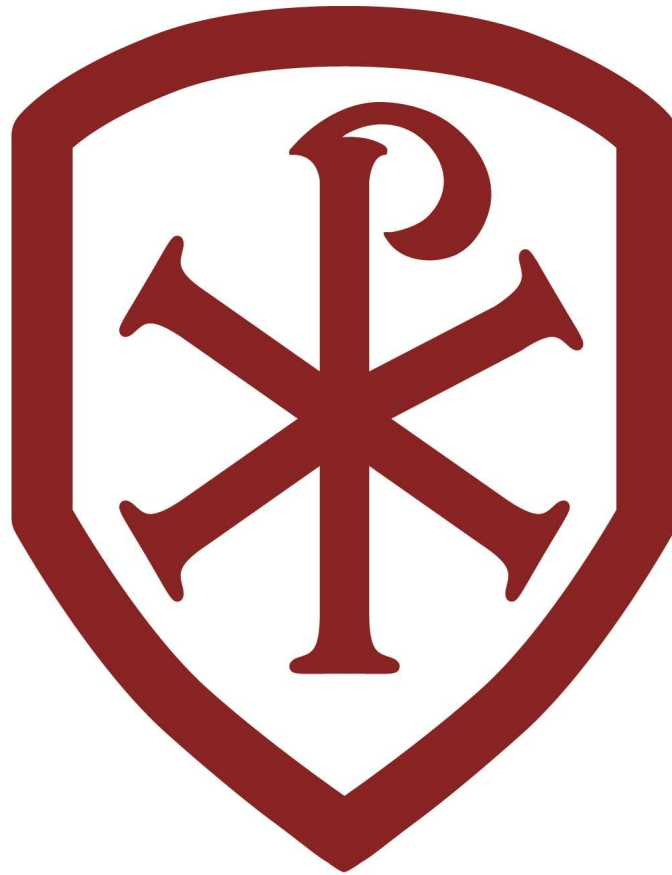


A SERVICE OF WORD AND
SACRAMENT

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



CHRISTCHURCH
ANGLICAN

27 SEPTEMBER 2026

Welcome to Christchurch! If you're visiting with us today, you bless us with your presence!

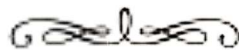
Children's Worship Instructions

Children five years old to 5th grade are invited to follow the last cross in procession to go to Children's Church.

Children under five are invited to join Children's Church with a parent, be taken to our nursery, remain with their family in service, or any combination thereof.

A Note for Mothers of Newborns

If you have a baby who is not ready for the nursery, we have a New Mothers' room on the second floor of the church building in the Hidden Treasure Room located to the right of the elevators where new mothers can watch the service while attending to a newborn's needs.

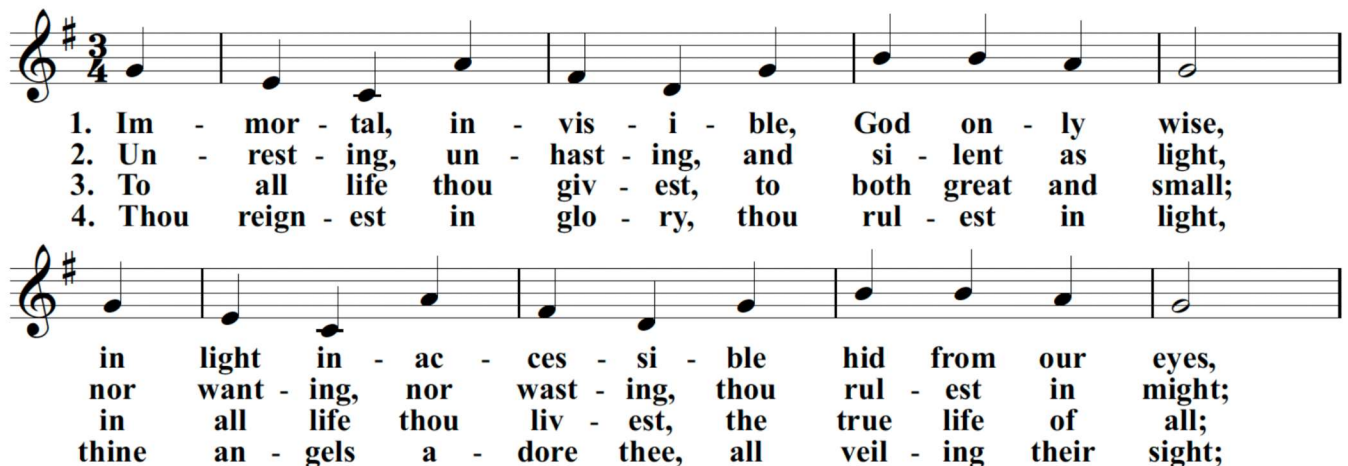


*Kindly refrain from bringing food or drink into the church and silence all electronic devices.
Please maintain silence before worship for prayer.*

..... The Entrance Rite

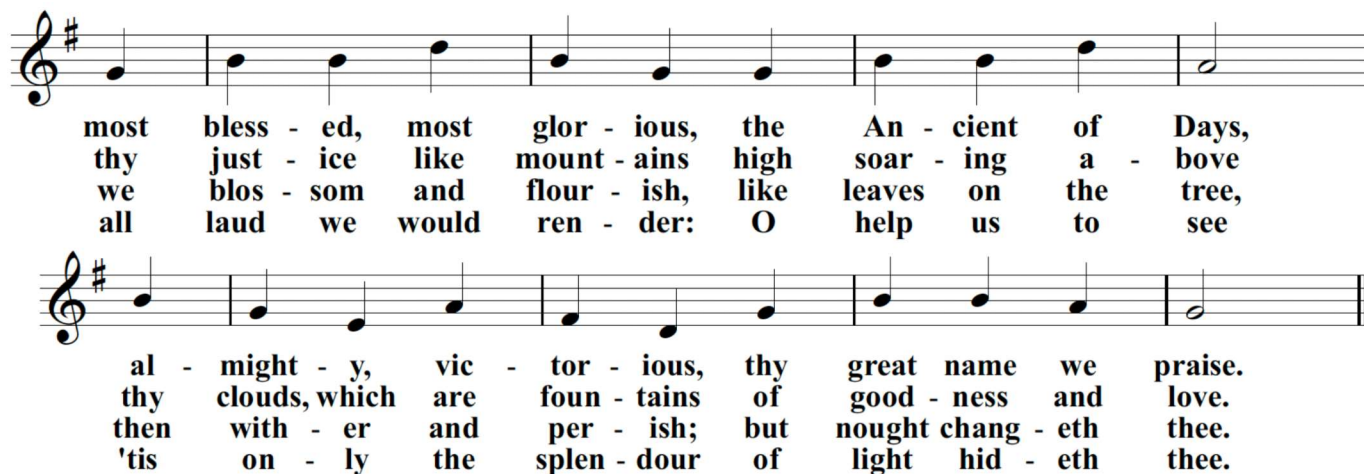
Processional Hymn *Please stand*

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3. To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glor - ious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy just - ice like mount - ains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see
 al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dour of light hid - eth thee.



The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant and People

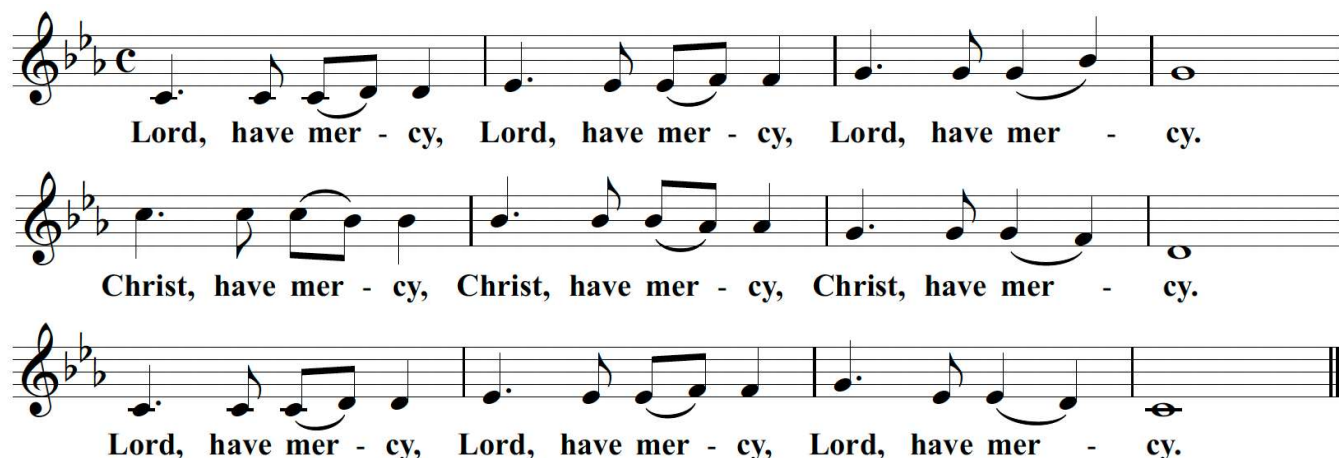
**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
 Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
 love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

Kyrie

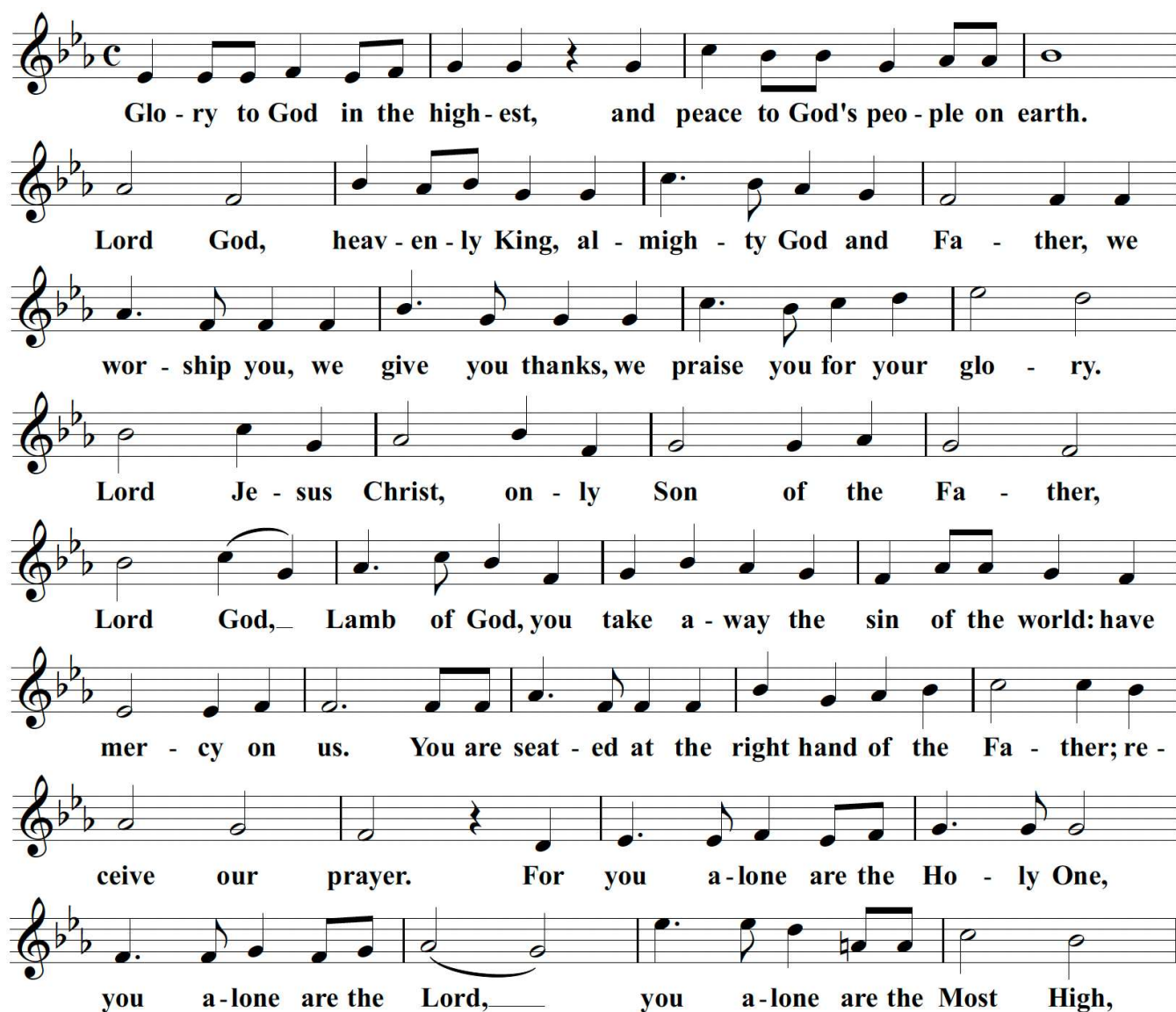


Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria



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

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we

wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

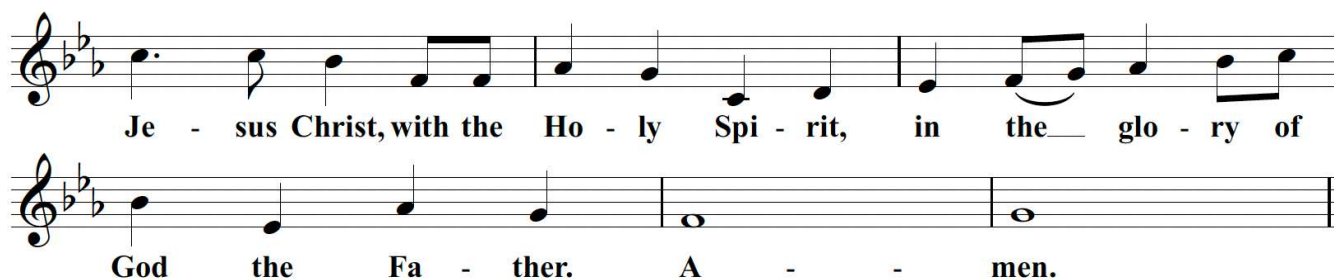
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

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,



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant O merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

..... The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson *Please be seated*

Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

¹ The word of the LORD came to me: ² “What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge?’ ³ As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴ Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

²⁵ Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶ When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷ Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸ Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ³⁰ Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the

transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

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

Psalm 25:1-14

- 1 Unto you, O LORD, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in you;
 O let me not be ashamed, neither let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 For all those who hope in you shall not be ashamed,
 but those who deal untruly shall be put to confusion.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD,
 and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me forth in your truth and teach me,
 for you are the God of my salvation; in you has been my hope all the day long.
- 5 Call to remembrance, O LORD, your tender mercies,
 and your loving-kindnesses, which have been from of old.
- 6 O remember not the sins and offenses of my youth,
 but according to your mercy think on me, O LORD, in your goodness.
- 7 Gracious and righteous is the LORD;
 therefore will he teach sinners in the way.
- 8 Those who are meek shall he guide in judgment,
 and those who are gentle shall he teach his way.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth
 to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.
- 10 For your Name’s sake, O LORD,
 forgive my sin, for it is great.

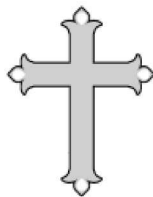
- ¹¹ Who is the one who fears the LORD?
He shall teach him in the way that he shall choose.
- ¹² He shall dwell at ease,
and his seed shall inherit the land.
- ¹³ The LORD reveals his secret counsel to those who fear him,
and he will show them his covenant.
- ¹⁴ My eyes are ever looking to the LORD,
for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

The Second Lesson

Philippians 2:1-13

¹ So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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



Sequence Hymn *Please stand*

Before the Throne of God

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a
 2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me
 3. Be - hold him there! the Ris - en Lamb! my per - fect,
 strong, a per - fect plea: a great High Priest, whose name is
 of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look, and see him
 spot - less Right - eous - ness, the great un - change - a - ble I
 Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
 there, who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the
 AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with my
 gra - ven on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his
 sin - less Sav - iour died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
 Lord, I can - not die; my soul is pur - chased by his
 heart; I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can
 free; for God, the Just, is sat - is - fied to look on
 blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my
 bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
 him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.
 Sav - iour and my God, with Christ, my Sav - iour and my God.

The Gospel *Please remain standing*

Matthew 21:28-32

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

²⁸ Jesus said, "What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹ And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not

go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³² 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 when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him."

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

The Sermon *Please be seated*

The Reverend Canon Andrew M. Rowell

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

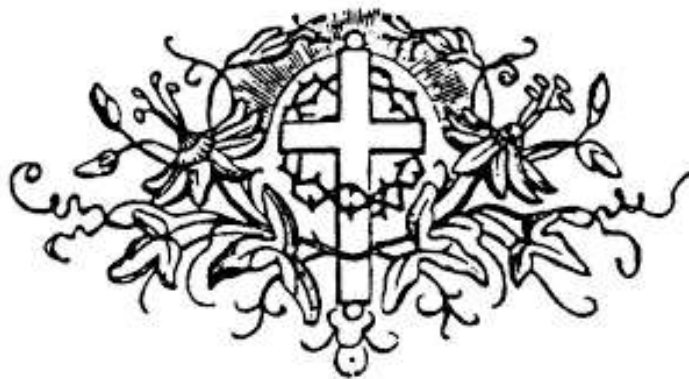
Upon Your Heart

E. Daley

*Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm,
for love is strong as death.*

*Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can the floods drown it.*

*If you keep my commandments,
you shall abide in my love.
Love one another as I have loved you.
Then shall your joy be complete.*

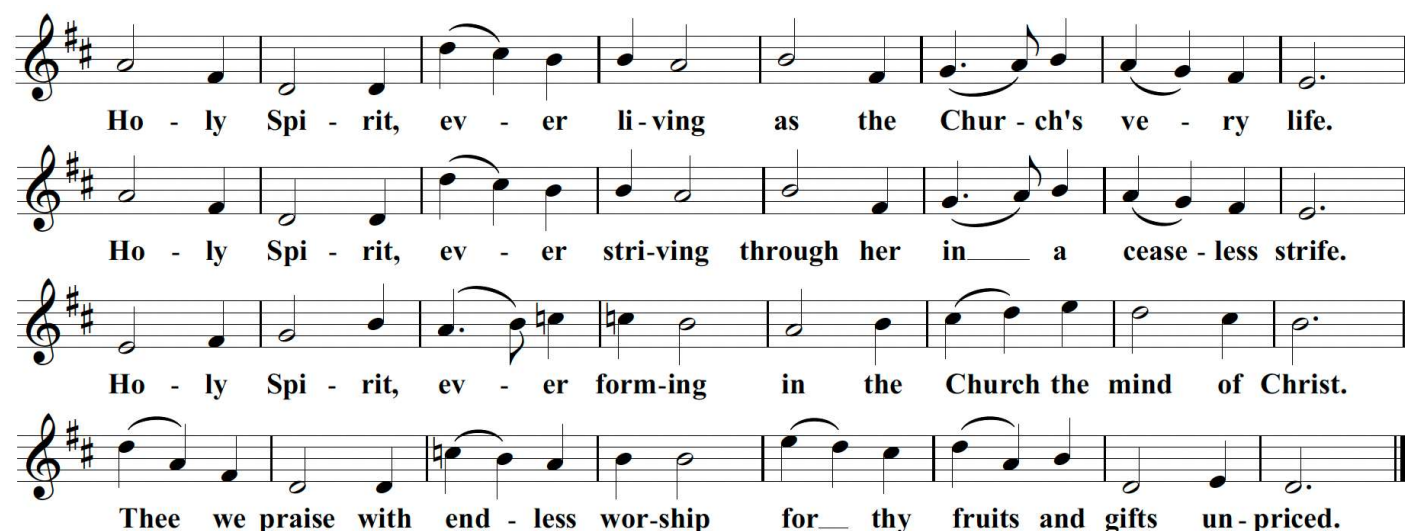


*If you'd like to give an offering this morning, you can place your gift in the offering plate,
scan the QR code to the right, or visit our website and click on the "Give" tab.*



Presentation Hymn *Please stand*

Holy Spirit, Ever Living



Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er li - ving as the Chur - ch's ve - ry life.

Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er stri - ving through her in a cease - less strife.

Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er form - ing in the Church the mind of Christ.

Thee we praise with end - less wor - ship for thy fruits and gifts un - priced.

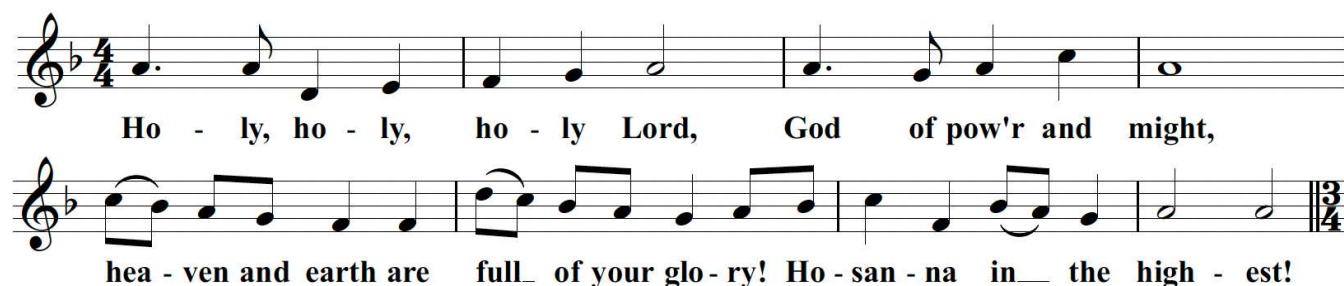
The Great Thanksgiving - Renewed Ancient Text *Please remain standing*

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, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth....

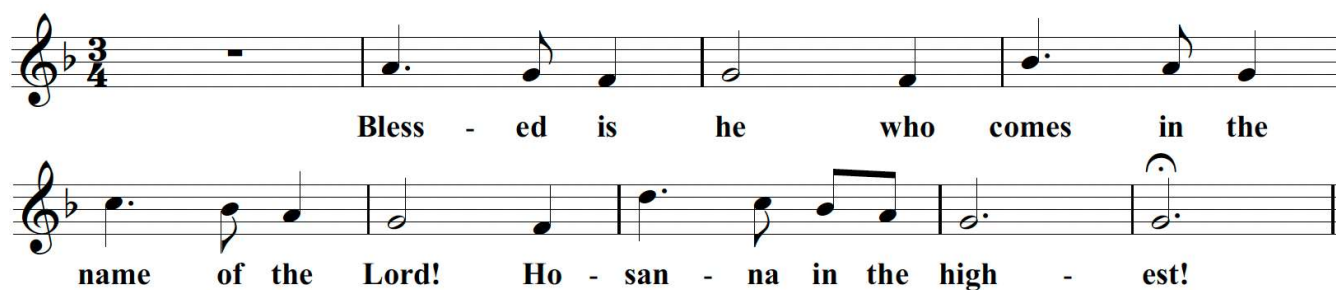
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Celebrant then says

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.

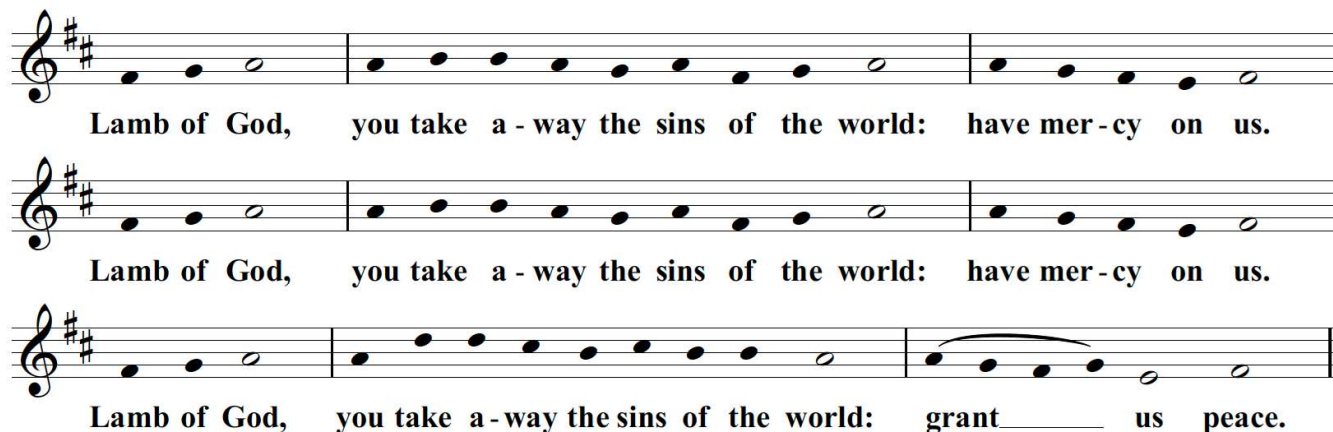
Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please be seated

Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei



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

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant _____ us peace.



All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive the real and living presence of Christ in this Holy Communion.

To receive the Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed.

When receiving the Wine, please guide the chalice as it is offered.

If you prefer you may leave the Bread on your palm for the person administering the chalice to dip into the Wine and place on your tongue.

Women are encouraged to blot lipstick before receiving communion.

Consecrated gluten-free wafers are available from the acolyte stationed at the Modesty Rail.

Anyone may come forward for a blessing in lieu of Communion.

Please indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms on your chest.

Ushers will guide you from your pew. The rails are filled from the center front to the back.

Once you receive, please return to your seat via the side aisle.

If you would like prayer after you have received Communion, please see one of the Prayer Team members who can be found in either of the transepts.

Communion Music

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer.
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus,
for my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine!
I can sing: all is mine!
Yet, not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
for, by my side, the Saviour he will stay.
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,
for, in my need, his power is displayed.

To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.
Through the deepest valley he will lead.
Oh the night has been won,
and I shall overcome!
Yet, not I, but through Christ in me.

Communion Music

A thousand times I've failed;
still, your mercy remains.
And, should I stumble again,
still, I'm caught in your grace.

*Everlasting,
your light will shine when all else fades.
Never-ending,
your glory goes beyond all fame.*

Your will above all else.
My purpose remains
the art of losing myself
in bringing you praise.

Yet Not I

No fate I dread; I know I am forgiven.
The future sure; the price it has been paid,
for Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
and he was raised to overthrow the grave.

To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now, and ever, is my plea!
Oh the chains are released!
I can sing: I am free!
Yet, not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus,
for he has said that he will bring me home!
And, day by day, I know he will renew me
until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete,
still my lips shall repeat:
yet, not I, but through Christ in me!

From the Inside Out

Chorus

And, the cry of my heart
is to bring you praise.
From the inside out,
Lord, my soul cries out.

In my heart, in my soul,
I give you control;
consume me from the inside out, Lord.
Let justice and praise
become my embrace
to love you from the inside out.

Chorus

Communion Music

Lord, I Need You

Lord, I come; I confess.
Bowing here, I find my rest.
And, without you, I fall apart;
you're the one that guides my heart.

*Lord, I need you! Oh I need you!
Every hour I need you!
My one defense, my righteousness;
oh God, how I need you!*

Where sin runs deep, your grace is more.
Where grace is found is where you are.
And, where you are, Lord, I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me.

Chorus

So, teach my song to rise to you
when temptation comes my way.
And, when I cannot stand, I'll fall on you;
Jesus, you're my hope and stay.

Chorus



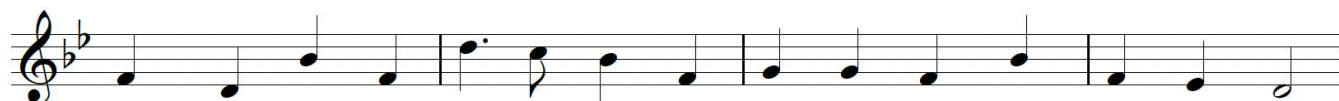
Post Communion Prayer *Please kneel*

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

Recessional Hymn *Please stand*

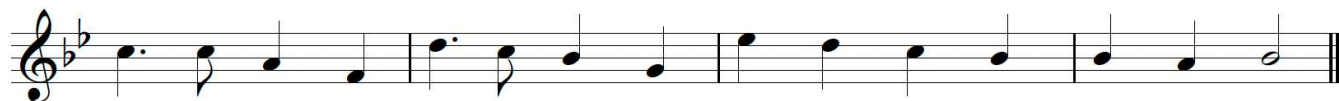
Light's Abode, Celestial Salem



1. Light's a - bode, cel - es - tial Sa - lem, vis - ion dear whence peace doth spring,
2. Oh how glor - ious and res - plen - dent, fra - gile bo - dy, shalt thou be,
3. Now with glad - ness, now with cour - age, bear the bur - den on thee laid,
4. Laud and hon - our to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - our to the Son,



bright - er than the heart can fan - cy, man - sion of the high - est King;
when en - dued with so much beau - ty, full of health, and strong, and free,
that here - af - ter these thy lab - ours may with end - less gifts be paid,
laud and hon - our to the Spi - rit, ev - er Three and ev - er One,



Oh how glor - ious are the prais - es which of thee the proph - ets sing!
full of vig - our, full of plea - sure that shall last e - ter - nal - ly!
and in ev - er - last - ing glo - ry thou with joy may'st be ar - rayed.
one in love, and one in splen - dour, while un - end - ing ag - es run.

The Dismissal

Gospeler God is good,

People **All the time!**

Gospeler All the time,

People **God is good!**

Gospeler Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

**The Altar Flowers are given to
the Honor and Glory of God and in Loving Memory of**

Lee Thomas and Martha Hunter Harper

Serving in the Liturgy

Celebrant	The Reverend Dr. Jack N.T. Lindsay
Gospeler	The Reverend Deacon Dollene W. McLemore
Assisting	The Reverend Canon Andrew M. Rowell
Assistant Director of Music	Margaret Cauthen
Vergers	Bryan McLaughlin and Dinah McLemore
Lectors and Chalice Bearers	Tom Andersen, Suanne Samelson, and David Cobb
Crucifer	Wilson Craven
Server	Jack Crane
Gospel Torch Bearers	Deepa Glass and Zoe Garrison
Altar Guild	Linda Cobb, Amy Millo, and Jackie Waller
Greeters	Stacey Glass and Eric Glass
Prayer Team	George Mardre, Hope Mardre, Kelly Oates, Eloise Wilkerson, and the Daughters of the Holy Cross
Ushers	Marshall Simons, Art Reynolds, Matt Owen, Eric Leisy, and Doug Hixon



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Holy Eucharist: 9:30 am Sunday

Christian Education: 11 am Sundays, 6 pm on Wednesdays, and opportunities throughout the week

The Rev. Cn. Andrew M. Rowell - Rector

The Rev. Dr. Jack N.T. Lindsay - Associate Rector

The Rev. Dcn. Leah M. Slawson - Pastoral Associate for Christian Formation

The Rev. Alan L. Reid - Pastoral Associate for Prayer Ministries

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