



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two, with Baptism
September 28, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Matthew McDermott
Deacon: The Reverend Lauren P. McCombs

WELCOME!

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THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

Please stand in body or spirit.

OPENING HYMN 552 Fight the good fight with all thy might

Pentecost

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is thy
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace, lift up thine
*3 Cast care a - side, lean on thy Guide; his bound - less
*4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near; he chan - geth

strength and Christ thy right; lay hold on life, and
eyes and seek his face; life with its way be -
mer - cy will pro - vide; trust, and thy trust - ing
not, and thou art dear; on - ly be - lieve, and

it shall be thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 fore us lies, Christ is the path and Christ the prize.
 soul shall prove Christ is its life and Christ its love.
 thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

Words: John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875). Music: *Pentecost*, William Boyd (1847-1928).

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

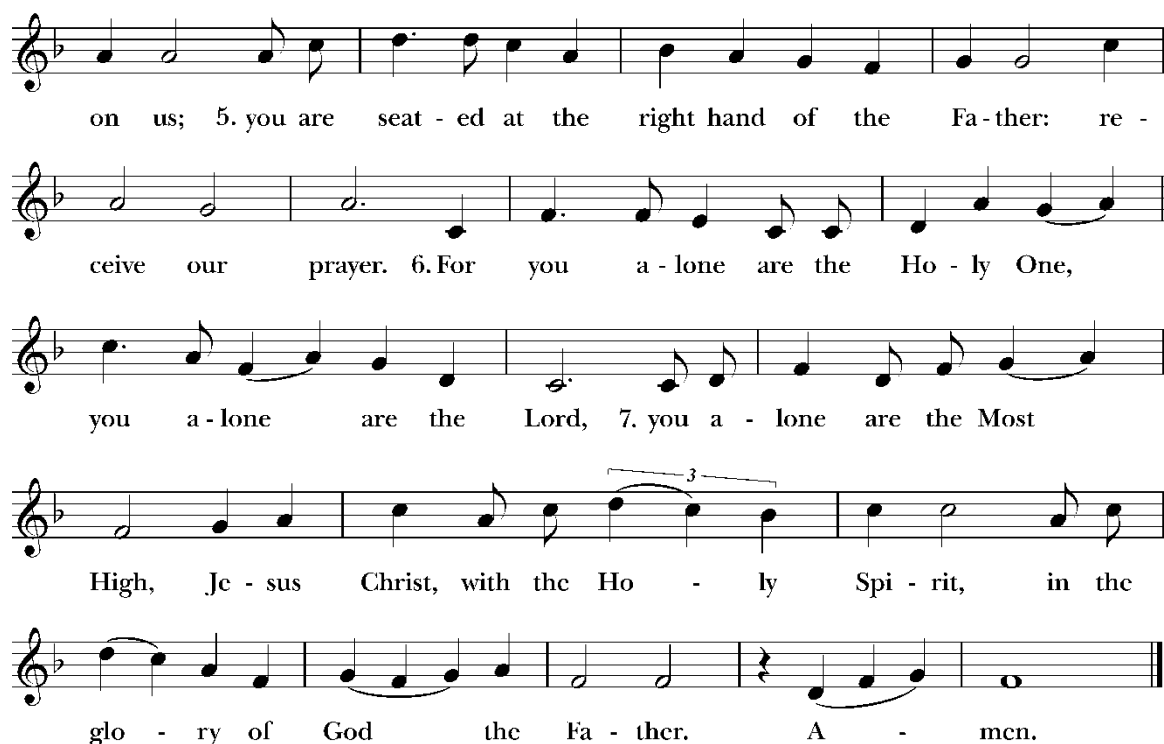
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Officiant 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 S280

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y 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



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant May God be with you.
People And also with you.
 Officiant Let us pray.

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

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING *Amos 6:1a,4-7*

Reader A reading from Amos.

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
 and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
 and lounge on their couches,
 and eat lambs from the flock,
 and calves from the stall;
 who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,

and like David improvise on instruments of music;
who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

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

PSALM 146 (*read in unison*)

Reader Hallelujah!
Praise the Lord, O my soul!
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

People **Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,
for there is no help in them.**

**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

**Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!
whose hope is in the Lord their God;**

**Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps his promise for ever;**

**Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to those who hunger.**

**The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;**

**The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger;
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

**The Lord shall reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!**

THE EPISTLE 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Reader A reading from First Timothy

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, people of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

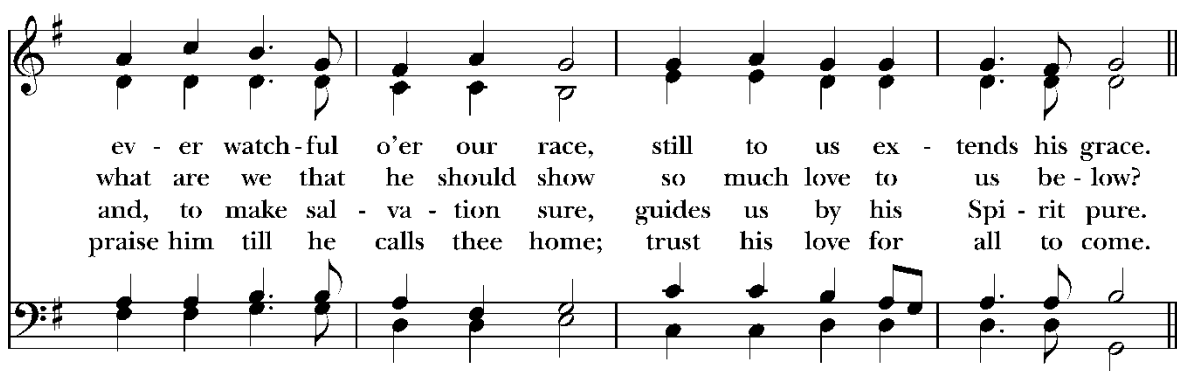
People Thanks be to God.

Please stand in body or spirit.

SEQUENCE HYMN 467 Sing, my soul, his wondrous love

St. Bees

1 Sing, my soul, his won-drous love, who, from yon bright throne a - bove,
2 Heaven and earth by him were made; all is by his scep - ter swayed;
3 God, the mer - ci - ful and good, bought us with the Sa - vior's blood,
4 Sing, my soul, a - dore his Name! Let his glo - ry be thy theme:



Words: Anon., 1800, alt. Music: *St. Bees*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

THE GOSPEL *Luke 16:19-31*

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

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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

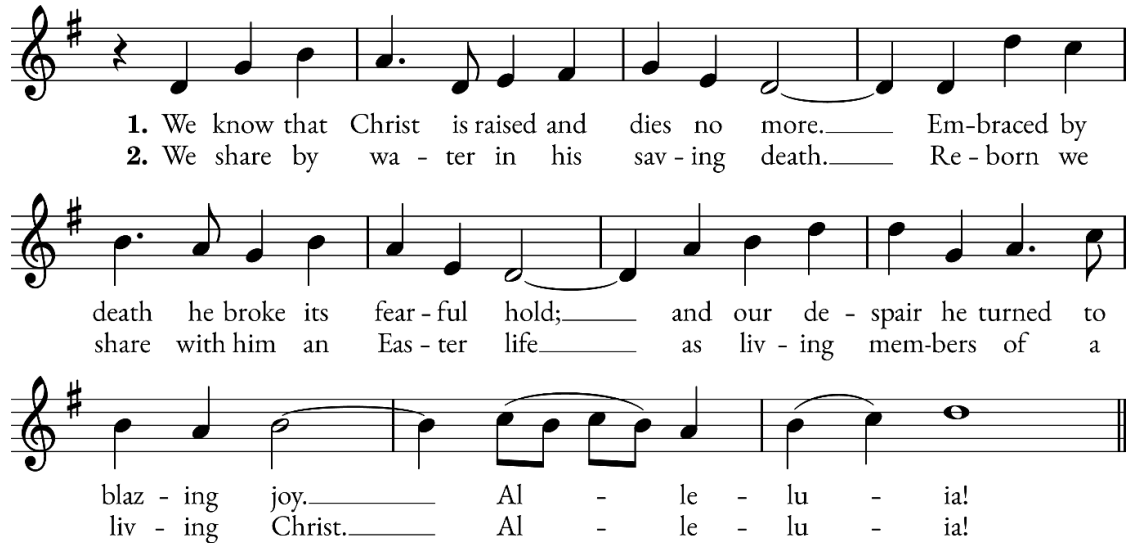
THE SERMON *The Reverend Matthew McDermott*

THE BAPTISM

Please stand in body or spirit.

HYMN 296 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

Engelberg



1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Em-braced by
2. We share by wa-ter in his sav-ing death. Re-born we

death he broke its fear-ful hold; and our de-spair he turned to
share with him an Eas-ter life as liv-ing mem-bers of a

blaz-ing joy. Al-le-lu-ia!
liv-ing Christ. Al-le-lu-ia!

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

(God)parents I present **Colton David Crew** to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

(God)parents I present **Kamryn Marie Crew** to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the following question of the children who are able to answer for themselves:

Celebrant Do you wish to be baptized?

Candidate(s) I do.

The Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents:

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Answer I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Answer I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents, godparents, and the children who are able to answer for themselves:

Celebrant Do you renounce Evil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The Celebrant then addresses the congregation, saying:

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these people in their life in Christ?

***People* We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

***People* I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***People* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Leader Let us now pray for these people who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, O God, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water:

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE BAPTISM

The Celebrant pours water upon each candidate, saying:

Colton, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Kamryn, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Then the Celebrant places a hand on each candidate's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross with holy oil and saying:

Colton, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Kamryn, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

The Celebrant then prays over the candidates, saying:

Let us pray.

O God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them inquiring and discerning hearts, the courage to will and to persevere, spirits to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

The Celebrant then addresses the congregation, saying:

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

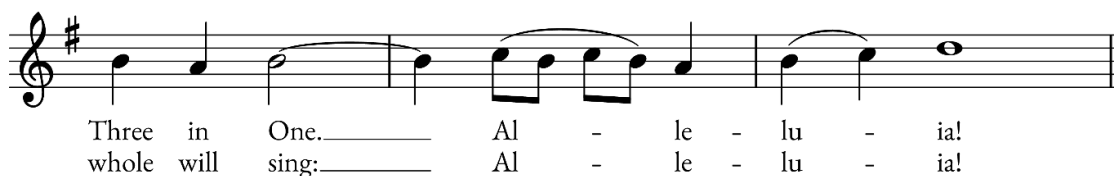
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HYMN 296 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

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3. The Fa-ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. The Spi - rit's
4. A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows as Christ's new

pow - er shakes the Church of God. Bap-tized we live with God the
bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. The u - ni - verse re-stored and



PRAYERS OF PETITION AND THANKSGIVING

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: *Courtney Kingston Pflaum, Stannye Llewellyn, Elsie Kruberg, Sophie Enns*

Anniversaries: *Carl Cheney & Sherry Lund*

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

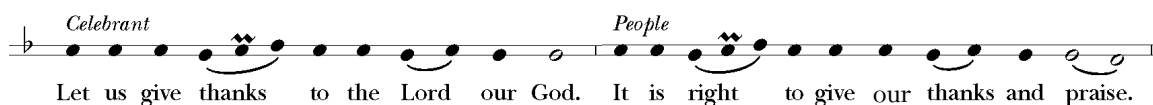
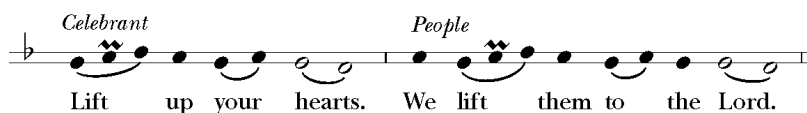
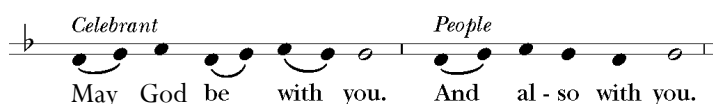
THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Ain'-a That Good News *William L. Dawson (1899-1990)*

I got a crown (harp, robe, savior) up in-a the Kingdom, ain'-a that good news!
I'm a-goin' to lay down this worl', goin'-a shoulder up my cross,
Goin'-a take it home-a to my Jesus, ain'-a that good news!

At the start of The Great Thanksgiving, please stand in body or spirit.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

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

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: 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.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of 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.**

Celebrant 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 only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

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

Celebrant 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:

SANCTUS S125 *from A Community Mass*

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Celebrant And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, 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 Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and 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, he 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 many 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 his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant Lord God of our forebearers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Leah, and Rachel; 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. 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.**

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, 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. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People **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.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

THE COMMUNION

All people (including children of all ages) are welcome to receive Communion. Please come forward as

directed by the ushers to receive:

- *the consecrated bread, or*
- *both the bread and the wine, or*
- *a blessing.*

To receive the bread, hold out your crossed hands and the clergy will place it in your palm while saying the words of administration: “The body of Christ, the bread of heaven.”

To receive the wine simply help the chalice bearer to guide the chalice to your mouth.

Please do not receive by intinction, that is, dipping the bread in the wine. (Some congregants choose not to drink from the cup and simply touch the base of the chalice, as an act of reverence, while the chalice bearer says the words of administration: “The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.”)

If you prefer not to receive either bread or wine, you are invited to come forward for a blessing by crossing your hands over your chest.

All are invited to respond to these reverent options by saying “Amen”, translations of which include “It is true!” or “May it be so!”.

COMMUNION ANTHEM *Libera me*

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

*Deliver me, Lord, from eternal death,
on that terrible day:
when the heavens and earth will be shaken;
when you will come to judge the age with fire.
I am made to tremble, and I am afraid,
since trial and anger are coming.*

*That day, a day of anger, disaster and sorrow,
That day, a mighty day, and one exceedingly bitter.
Give them eternal rest, Lord,
and may light perpetual shine upon them.*

Please stand in body or spirit.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood.
Send us forth a people,
forgiven, healed and renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING *The Celebrant blesses the People, who respond* **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all visitors and newcomers! If you wish, we invite you to sign our guestbook near the church entrance. Please join us in the parish hall for refreshment after the service.

CLOSING HYMN 437 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Birmingham

1 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord!
 2 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his Name!
 3 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his might!
 4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
 Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
 Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
 his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

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THE DISMISSAL

Leader Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Prelude from Prelude, Fugue, and Variation*

César Franck (1822-1890)



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Our parish is a loving community that, in addition to traditional liturgical worship each Sunday, focuses on ways we can live out our faith together through outreach, fellowship, education, and more.

As a member of The Episcopal Church we embrace a legacy of inclusion and aspire to exemplify God's love for every human being. People of all genders, races, sexual orientations, and backgrounds are welcomed with open arms.

If you are interested in learning more about Christ Church, please fill out a pew card and place it in the collection basket during the service.

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