



# FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 28, 2026

*The welcome of Holy Baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Jesus of Nazareth promises that the hospitality of even a cup of cold water to those who thirst serves our Lord himself. From worship, we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve others as a sign of God's merciful welcome.*

## Prelude

*Solo for the Krummhorn  
Solo for the Tierce Stop in the Tenor*

François Couperin  
(1668-1733)

## Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be God – Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit – who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God, the whole company of heaven, and our sisters and brothers in this community.

*silence for reflection*

P: Holy and gracious God,

C: **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have lived only for the present, without regard for generations to come. We have sought the realms of this world, rather than your promised reign of justice and peace. Have mercy on us, forgive our sins, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P: How blessed are those whose sins are forgiven. In the mercy of almighty God, I announce to you the entire forgiveness of your sins. In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

## ENTRANCE RITE

### Entrance Hymn

As We Gather at Your Table



1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,  
2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;  
3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

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### Apostolic Greeting

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

### Kyrie

(sung in unison)



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



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



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



mer - cy, have mer - cy.

### Hymn of Praise



1. Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.  
2. Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3. Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

### Salutation and Prayer of the Day



☐ The Lord be with you. ☐ And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray.

**ALL: O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Lesson - Jeremiah 28:5–9

*Through a symbolic action, Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon. Hananiah contradicted Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).*

<sup>5</sup>The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18

(sung in unison)

*The Lord is praised for faithful love and mighty justice.*

<sup>1</sup>Your love, O Lord, forever | will I sing;  
from age to age my mouth will pro- | claim your faithfulness.

<sup>2</sup>For I am persuaded that your love is estab- | lished forever;  
you have set your faithfulness firmly | in the heavens.

<sup>3</sup>"I have made a covenant with my | chosen one;  
I have sworn an oath to Da- | vid my servant:

<sup>4</sup>"I will establish your | line forever,  
and preserve your throne for all | generations."

<sup>15</sup>Happy are the people who know the | festal shout!  
They walk, O Lord, in the light | of your presence.

<sup>16</sup>They rejoice daily | in your name;  
they are jubilant | in your righteousness.

<sup>17</sup>For you are the glory | of their strength,  
and by your favor our might | is exalted.

<sup>18</sup>Truly, the Lord | is our ruler;  
the Holy One of Israel | is our king.

## Second Lesson - Romans 6:12-23

*Sin is an enslaving power that motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.*

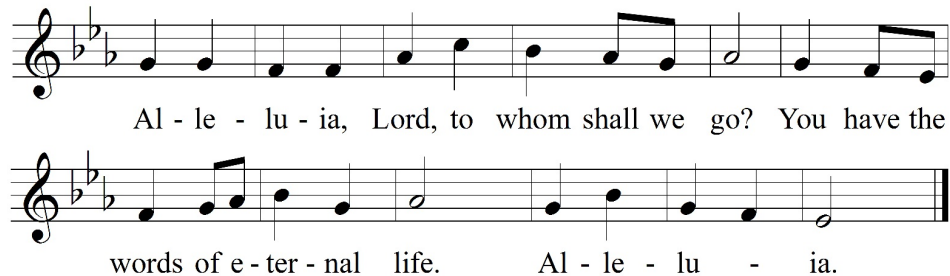
<sup>12</sup>Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup>What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, <sup>18</sup>and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. <sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**L: The word of the Lord.**

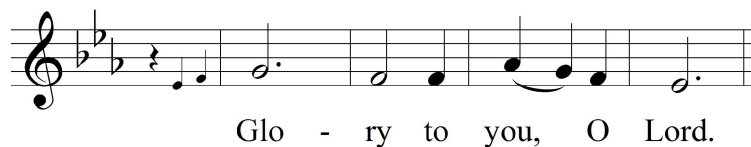
**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Alleluia Verse



### Holy Gospel - Matthew 10:40-42

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

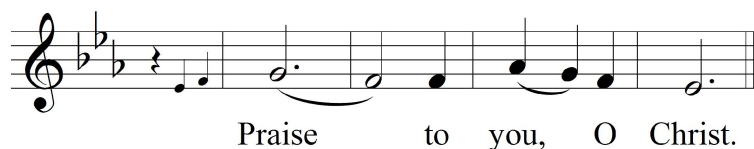


*When Jesus of Nazareth sends his disciples out to share God's love, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.*



Jesus said to the twelve:<sup>40</sup>“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



silence for reflection

Hymn of the Day

## Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life



1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the  
 2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed  
 3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man  
 4 The cup of wa - ter giv'n for you still holds the



cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of  
 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the  
 grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from  
 fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -



self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.  
 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.  
 sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.  
 tudes to view the strong com - pas - sion in your face.

5 O Master, from the mountainside  
 make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
 among these restless throngs abide;  
 oh, tread the city's streets again;

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,  
 and follow where your feet have trod;  
 till glorious from your heav'n above  
 shall come the city of our God.

Text: Frank M. North, 1850–1935, alt.  
 Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

The Creed

P: Using the words of our ancestors in the faith as expressed in the Apostles' Creed, we proclaim the triune God whom we believe:

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

**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 into hell.**

**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.**

**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. Amen**

## The Prayers

- A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.
- A: Faithful God, empower your Church to offer welcome and proclaim your peace. Nourish us so we can proclaim your hope to the world. God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer.**
- A: Creator God, help us bring life to places experiencing drought, deforestation, pollution, earthquakes, and other natural disasters. Inspire us to cultivate and care for the natural world around us. God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer.**
- A: Loving God, bring an end to conflict and division. Sustain the work of prophets in our time, and work through world leaders to foster understanding, justice, and peace. Bless the ministry of Global Refuge, our Lutheran immigration and refugee service. God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer.**
- A: Provider God, give your children what they need physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Bless caregivers as they show God's hospitality through their generous service. God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer.**
- A: Living God, lead us from death to life. Inspire new ministries and endeavors, renew established ones, and strengthen our welcoming presence to our neighbors. God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer.**
- A: Eternal God, we remember the faithful departed of this congregation and of the wider Church and world. We give thanks for saints of all times and places. God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer.**
- P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- ALL: Amen**

## LITURGY OF THE MEAL

### The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

### Offering

#### Organ Offertory

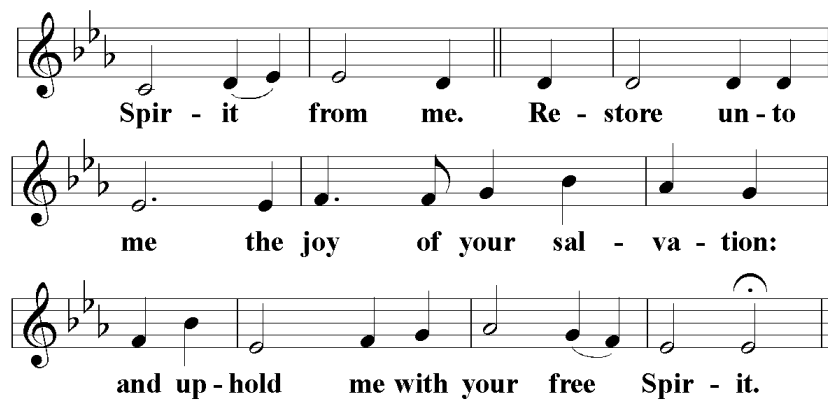
*Solo for the Cornet*

François Couperin

### Offertory

*Unison*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God: and re -  
new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres-ence: and take not your Ho - ly

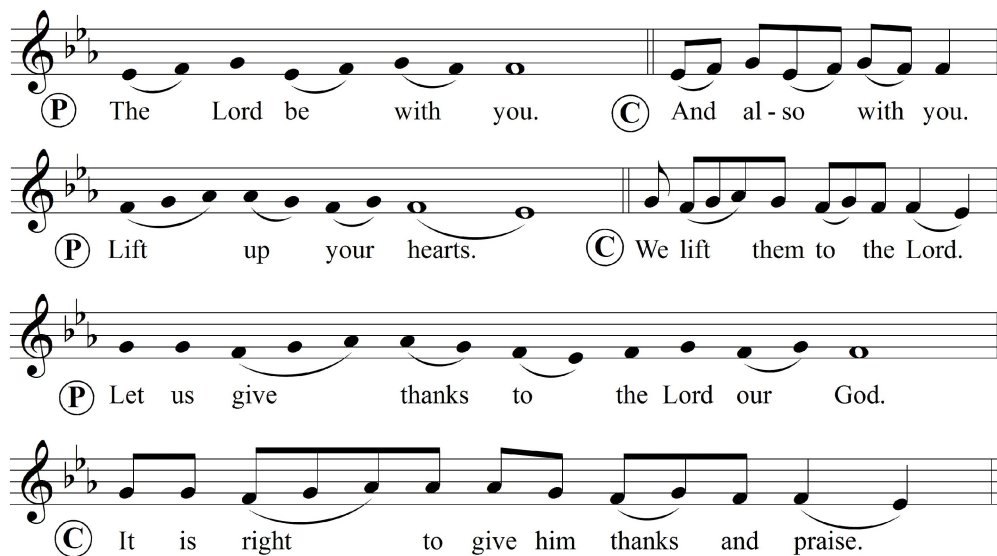


### Offertory Prayer

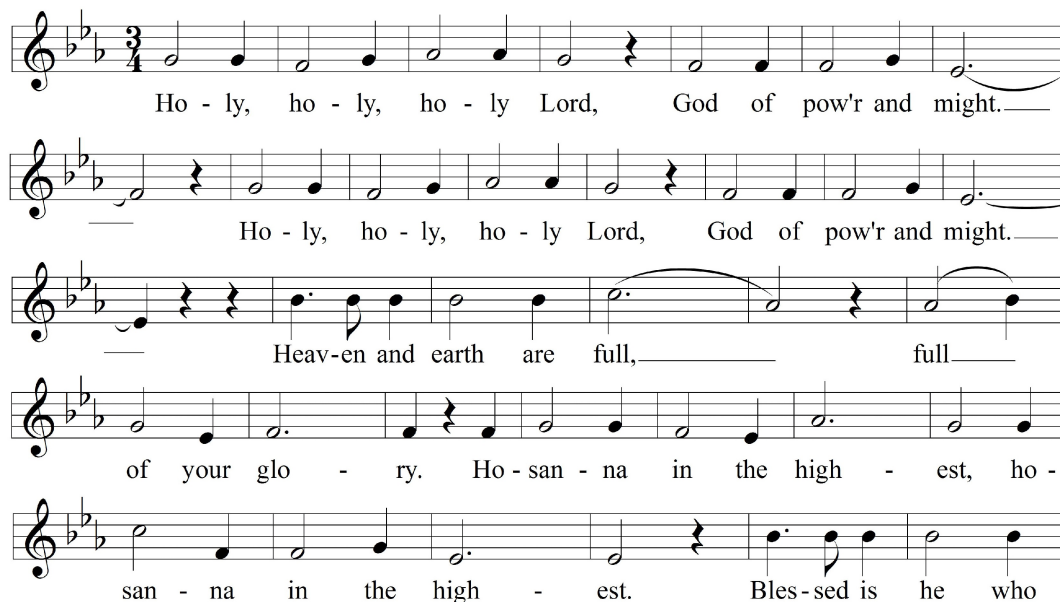
A: Let us pray. God our provider,

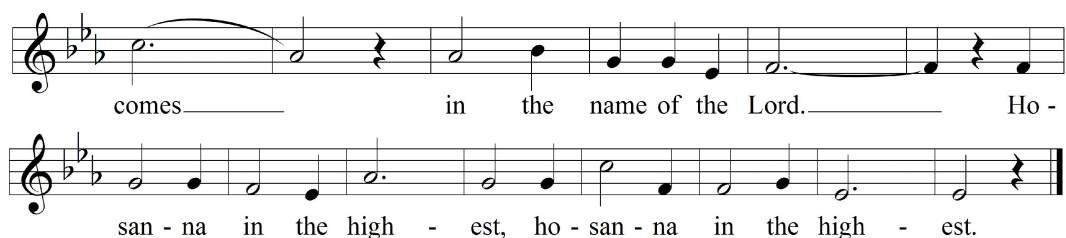
**C: you have not fed us with bread alone but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts which we receive from your bounty; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

### Great Thanksgiving



### Proper Preface and Sanctus





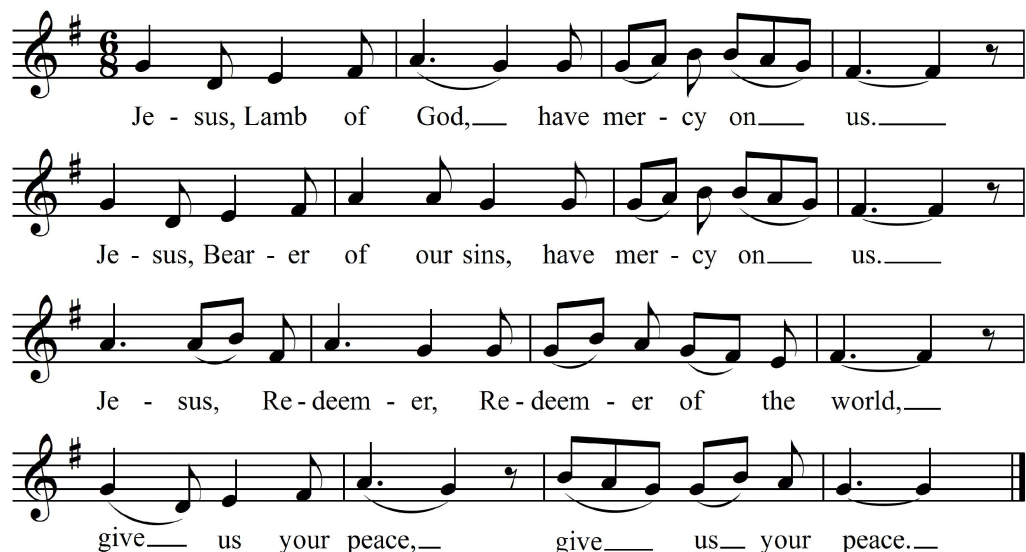
## Eucharistic Prayer

### Lord's Prayer

**C: 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, forever and ever. Amen**

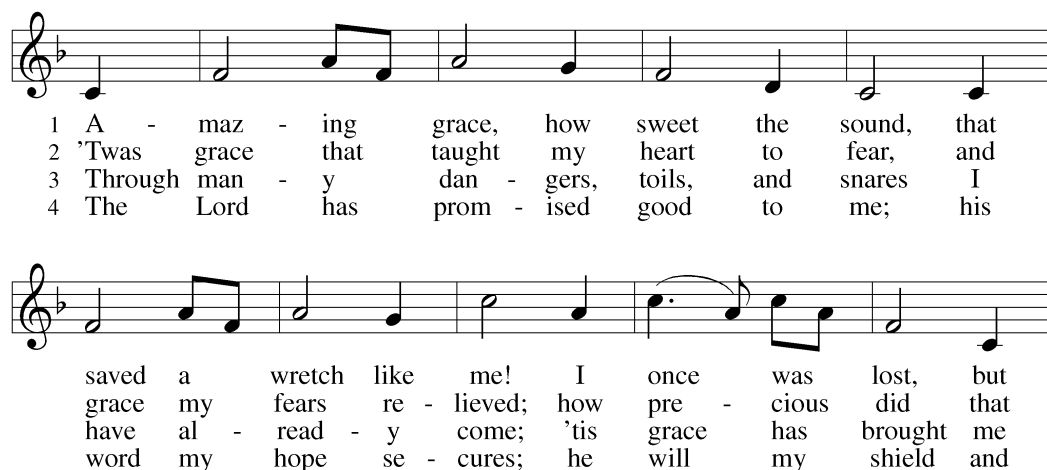
## Communion with our Risen Lord

### Agnus Dei



### Hymn

## Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound





now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.

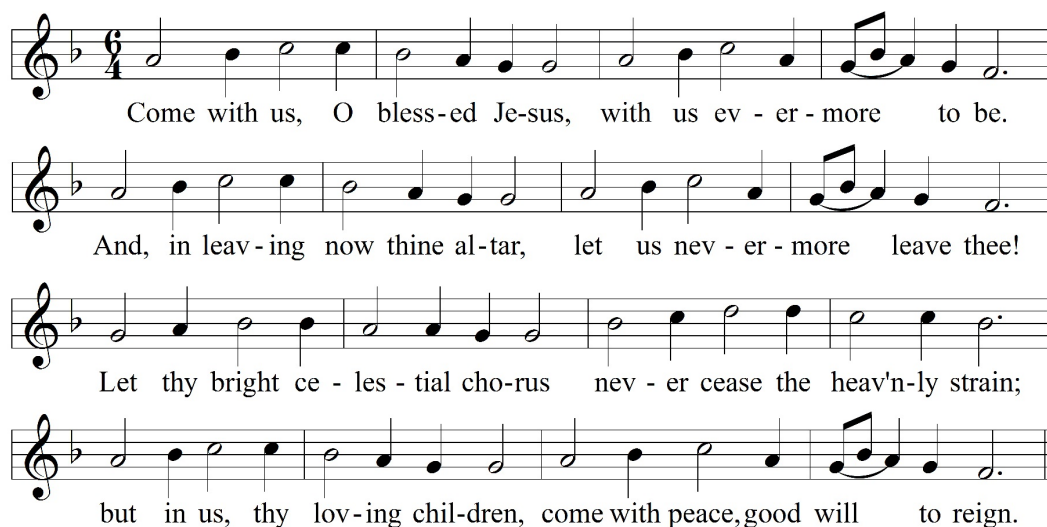
Text: John Newton, 1725-1807  
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

### Post -Communion Blessing

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen**

### Post-Communion Hymn



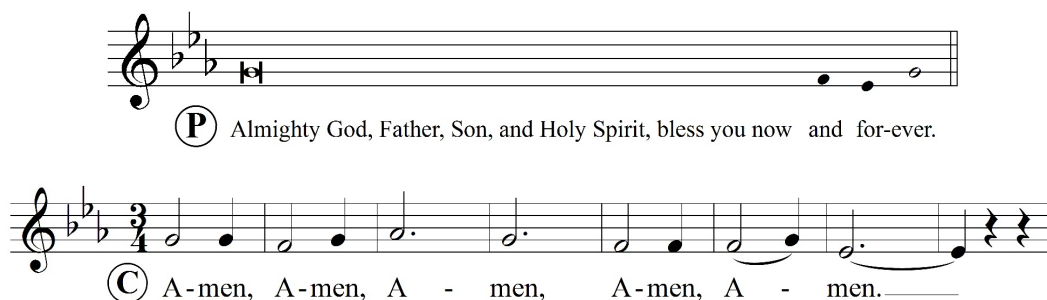
Come with us, O bless-ed Je-sus, with us ev - er - more to be.  
 And, in leav-ing now thine al-tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee!  
 Let thy bright ce - les - tial cho-rus nev - er cease the heav'n-ly strain;  
 but in us, thy lov-ing chil-dren, come with peace, good will to reign.

### Post-Communion Prayer

**A:** Let us pray.

**C:** **O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit, strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

### Benediction



**(P)** Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and for-ever.

**(C)** A-men, A-men, A - men, A-men, A - men.

## Hymn

### The Church of Christ, in Every Age



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

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## Dismissal

A: Our service now begins. Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

### *Dialogue for the Reed Stops*

François Couperin



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Moira Rafferty & Rob Bass  
in honor of Holy Trinity Director of Youth and Campus Ministries, Susan Williams.

The candles are given to the glory of God by Tamara Colagreco  
in loving memory of her son, Robbie.

### THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

|                              |            |                                                       |
|------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday,<br/>June 28</b>   | 8:30 a.m.  | Service of Holy Communion                             |
|                              | 10:30 a.m. | Service of Holy Communion with Livestream via YouTube |
|                              | 5:00 p.m.  | Holy Trinity Youth (grades three - twelve)            |
| <b>Monday,<br/>June 29</b>   | 9:00 a.m.  | Strength and Balance Exercise Class                   |
|                              | 9:30 a.m.  | Chair Yoga Class                                      |
| <b>Wednesday,<br/>July 1</b> | 12:10 p.m. | Service of Holy Communion                             |
| <b>Thursday,<br/>July 2</b>  | 9:00 a.m.  | Parish Nurse in office (until 10:00 a.m.)             |
| <b>Friday,<br/>July 3</b>    |            | Church Office closed (Independence Day holiday)       |
|                              | 9:00 a.m.  | Strength and Balance Exercise Class                   |
|                              | 9:30 a.m.  | Chair Yoga Class                                      |
| <b>Sunday,<br/>July 5</b>    | 8:30 a.m.  | Service of Holy Communion                             |
|                              | 10:30 a.m. | Service of Holy Communion with Livestream via YouTube |
|                              | 5:00 p.m.  | Senior Youth (grades nine - twelve)                   |

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