



TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 11, 2026

The prophet Isaiah envisions the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus of Nazareth's parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. God spreads a table before us in our worship. Even amid anxiety and hardship, we rejoice in the peace of God that surpasses all understanding. We feast at the table of the Lord and go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

Prelude

Canzonetta

William Mathias
(1770-1864)

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

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a - rise, tri-umph o'er the shades of night;
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer-cy's beams I see,
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap-pear.
till they in-ward light im-part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy-self dis-play, shin-ing to the per-fect day.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

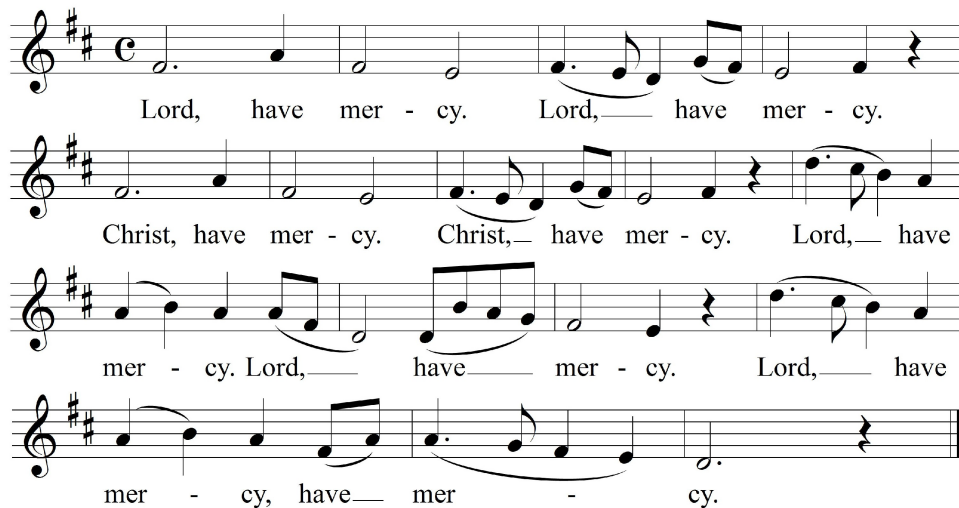
Apostolic Greeting

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

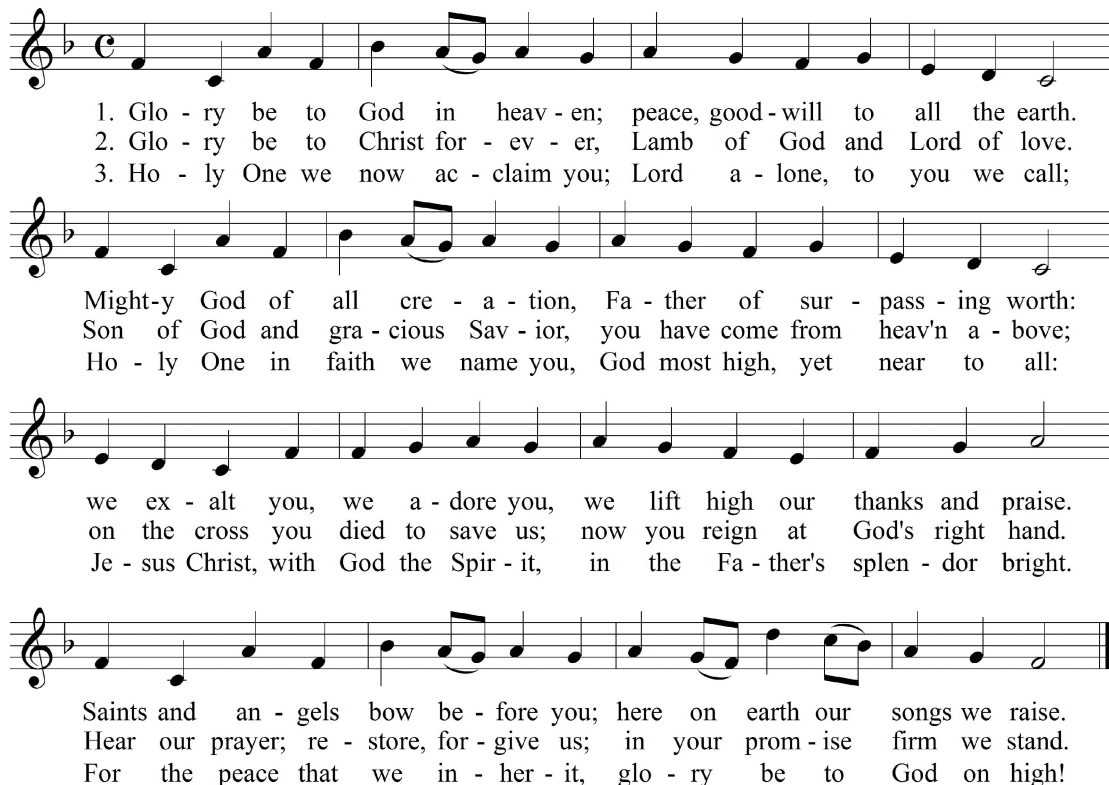
C: And also with you.

Kyrie

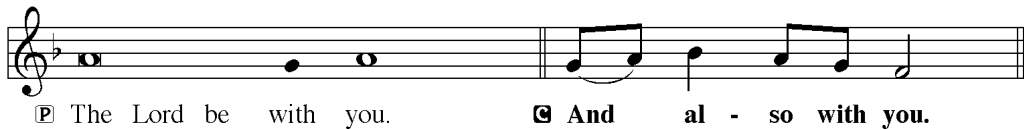
(sung in unison)



Hymn of Praise



Salutation and Prayer of the Day



P: Let us pray.

ALL: Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right and, by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson - Isaiah 25:1–9

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death — which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing everyone up — will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

O LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
²For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.
³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.
⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
⁸he will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

(sung in unison)

The Lord is shepherd and guide. God is present in the time of danger and is generous and merciful.

**The LORD¹ is my shepherd;*
I shall not¹ be in want.
²He makes me lie down¹ in green pastures*
and leads me be-¹side still waters.
³He re-¹vives my soul*
and guides me along right pathways¹ for his name's sake.
⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall¹ fear no evil;*
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they¹ comfort me.
⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who¹ trouble me;*
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is¹ running over.
⁶Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days¹ of my life,*
and I will dwell in the house of the¹ LORD forever.**

Second Lesson - Philippians 4:1–9

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

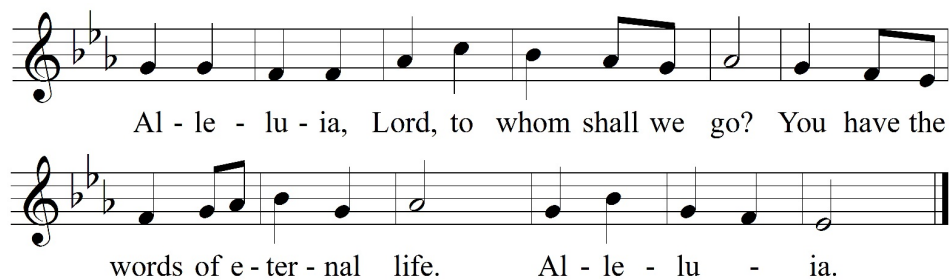
⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

L: The word of the Lord.

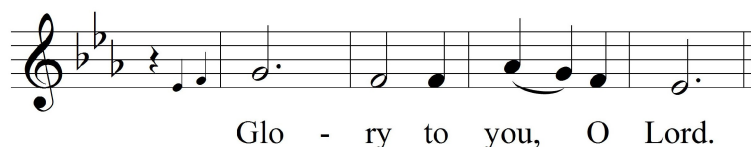
C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Verse



Holy Gospel - Matthew 22:1-14

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.



Jesus of Nazareth tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

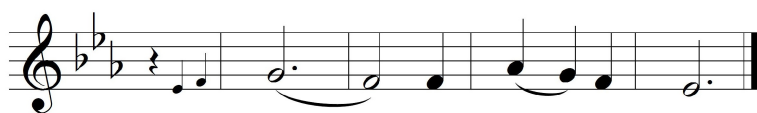


Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone

you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Roberts

silence for reflection

Hymn of the Day

Now We Join in Celebration



1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' - n - ly glad - ness.
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

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: God, for the Church in this and every land, that all followers of our risen Lord share the mind of Christ Jesus and strive to live together in peace, staying firm in the gift of faith. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: For green pastures and still waters and all the beauty of the natural world, that creation flourishes and humankind lives in right relationship with all you have made. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: For the nations of the world and all who hold positions of authority, that they govern in accordance with your vision of justice, providing shelter and refuge to all in need, striving toward the goal of peace and the necessities of life for all. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: For all experiencing valleys of illness and grief, that they be healed and comforted and find rest in the presence of the Good Shepherd who walks beside them. We pray that you will bring strength and comfort to those suffering from the devastation of terrorism and warfare. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: For our congregation, that the love of Christ Jesus may keep us united and make us mindful of all that is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, and excellent. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: In thanksgiving for the beloved saints who now rest in your mercy, that their faithful witness guides your Church until the day we are gathered to your heavenly feast. 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

Offertory Anthem

The Lord is My Shepherd

Thomas Matthews
(1915-1999)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. 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. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

(Psalm 23)

Offertory

Unison



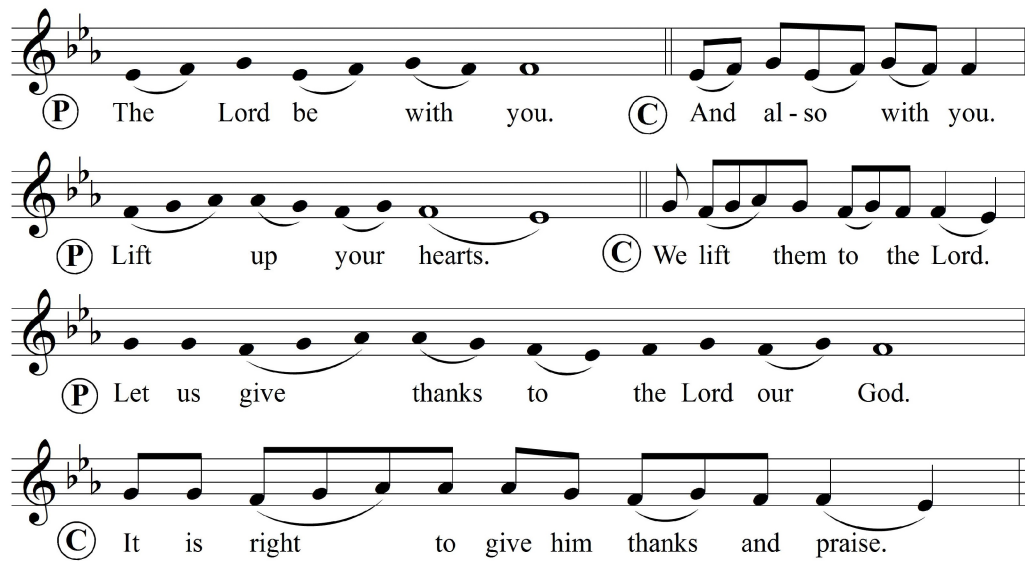
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God: and re -
new a right spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres-ence: and take not your Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to
me the joy of your sal - va - tion:
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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



Four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff has two parts: (P) The Lord be with you. and (C) And al-so with you. The second staff has two parts: (P) Lift up your hearts. and (C) We lift them to the Lord. The third staff has one part: (P) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. The fourth staff has one part: (C) It is right to give him thanks and praise.

(P) The Lord be with you. (C) And al-so with you.

(P) Lift up your hearts. (C) We lift them to the Lord.

(P) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

(C) It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface and Sanctus



Seven staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first two staves are for the Preface: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might. The next five staves are for the Sanctus: Heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might.

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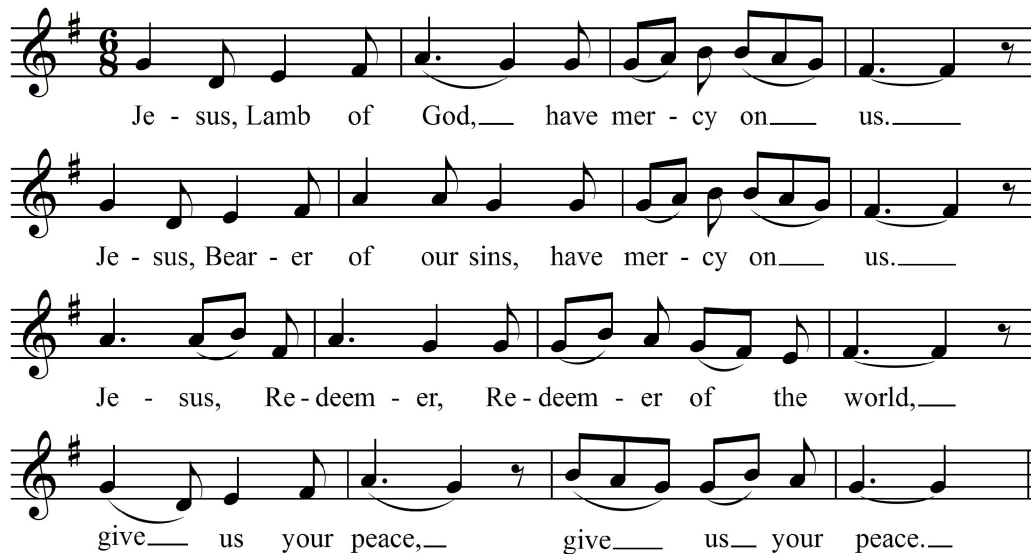
Eucharistic Prayer

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



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Re - deem - er, Re - deem - er of the world,

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Hymn

Around You, O Lord Jesus



1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still
2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;
3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath

to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.
your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.
we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—

You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my
It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your
de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple

bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"
bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.
dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

Come, Let Us Eat

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
Come let us eat, for now the feast is spread
Our Lord's body let us take together
Our Lord's body let us take together.

Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.

In his presence now we meet and rest,
In his presence now we meet and rest,
In the presence of our Lord we gather,
In the presence of our Lord we gather.

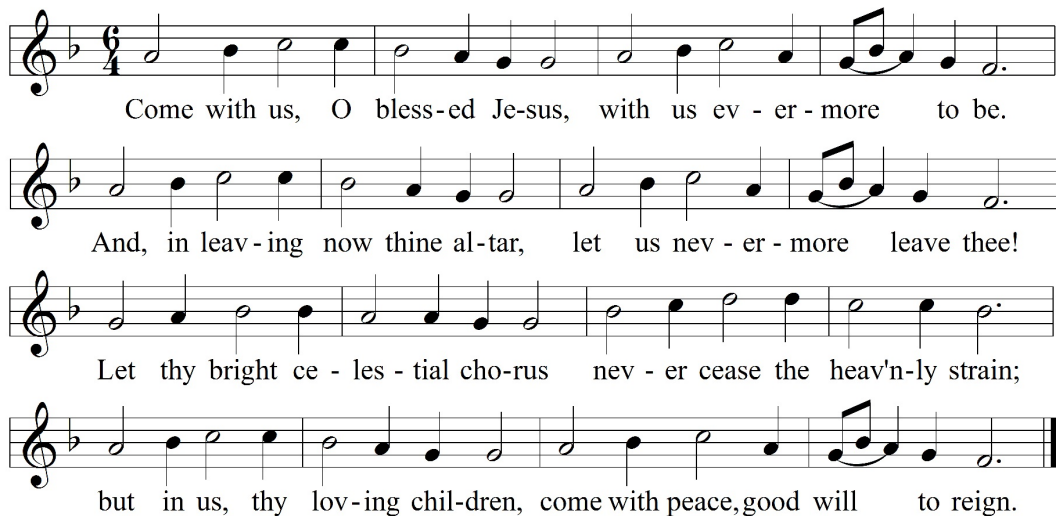
Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty Word,
Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty Word,
Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom,
Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom.

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;

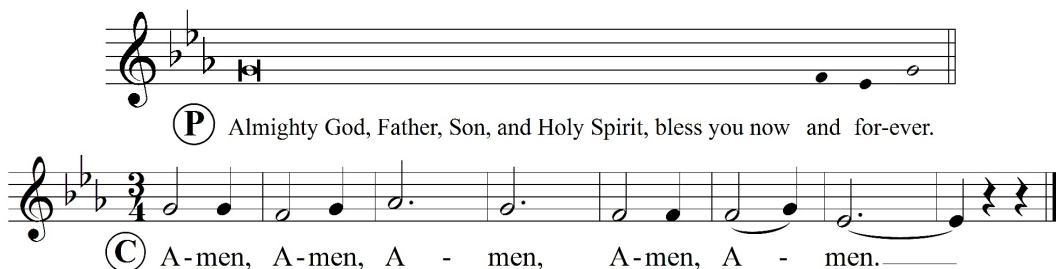
but in us, thy lov-ing chil-dren, come with peace, good will to reign.

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

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from his dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of his teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer his call.

With praise and thanksgiving To God everliving,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
Embracing his children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us, With your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

Dismissal

A: Our service now begins. Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Postlude

William Mathias



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Margie Lippard
in memory of Dr. and Mrs. C.H. Lippard.

The candles are given to the glory of God by Sherri and Jeffrey Fleck
in honor of the wedding of Ian Fleck and Camden Osborne.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Sunday, October 11	8:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion and Home Communion
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Church School
	10:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion with Livestream via YouTube and Home Communion
	3:00 p.m.	A Gathering for Widows and Widowers
	4:00 p.m.	Junior Youth Group (grades three - eight)
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class (grades six and above)
Monday, October 12	9:00 a.m.	Strength and Balance Exercise Class
	9:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga Class
	7:00 p.m.	Connecting with God - <i>Know God - Know Self</i> (via Zoom)
Tuesday, October 13	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study - <i>Together by Grace: Psalms</i>
	5:40 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Wednesday, October 14	10:00 a.m.	Women's Sewing Group
	12:10 p.m.	Service of Holy Communion
	5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Children's Ministry (age three - grade five)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, October 15	9:00 a.m.	Parish Nurse in office (until 10:00 a.m.)
	11:00 a.m.	Sermon Discussion Group
Friday, October 16	9:00 a.m.	Strength and Balance Exercise Class
	9:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga Class
	11:00 a.m.	Book Discussion Group - <i>Separation of Church and Hate</i>
Saturday, October 17	5:00 p.m.	Holy Trinity Youth to Corn Maze (all ages welcome)
Sunday, October 18	8:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Church School
	10:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion with Livestream via YouTube
	5:00 p.m.	Thomas Mass
	5:00 p.m.	Senior Youth Group (grades nine - twelve)
	6:00 p.m.	Third Sunday Program - <i>Michelle Seddon - "Bound by Class"</i>

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