



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 5, 2026

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus of Nazareth associates with the lowly and outcast. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by our Lord's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

Prelude

Toccata in F Major

Dieterich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

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

Jesus Shall Reign



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

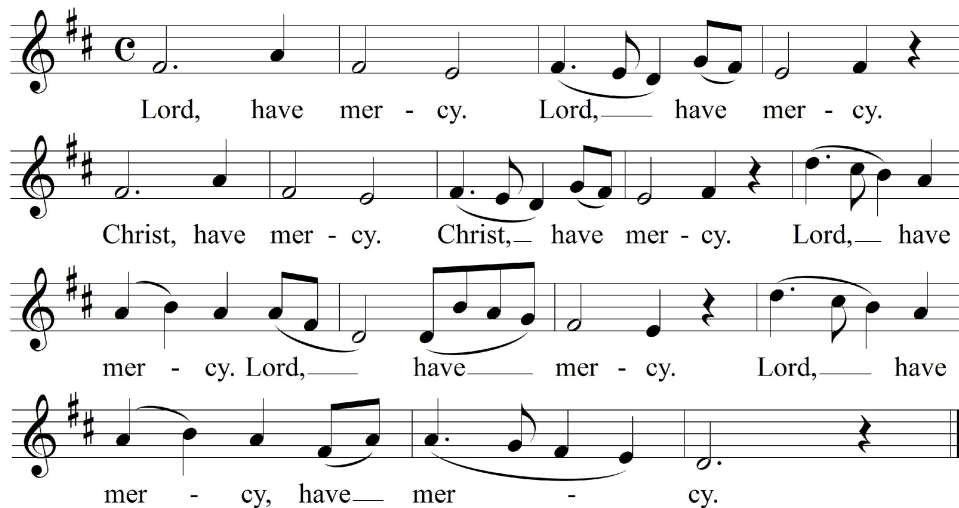
Apostolic Greeting

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

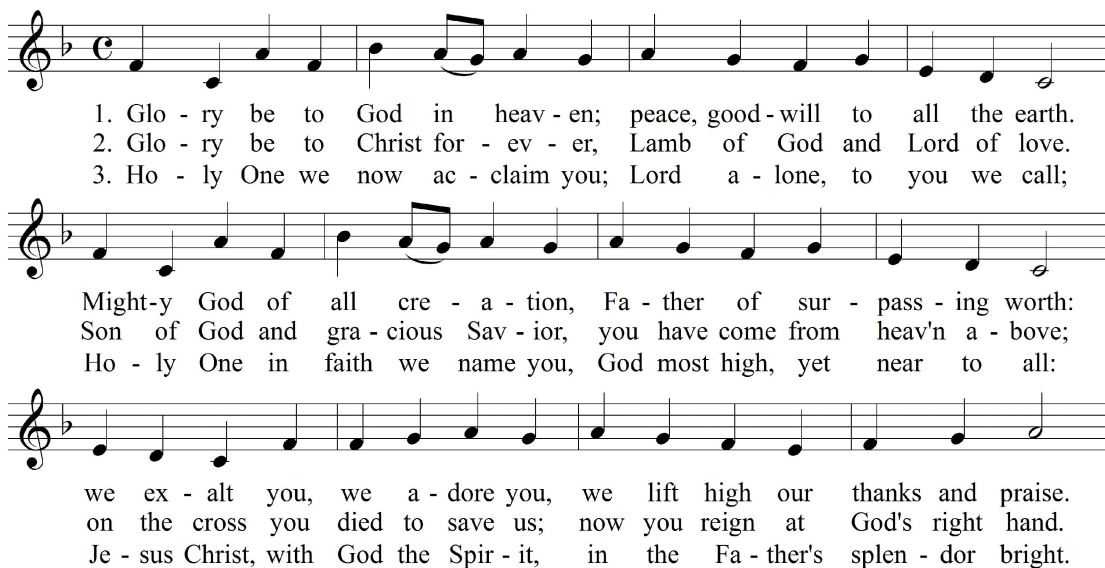
C: And also with you.

Kyrie

(sung in unison)



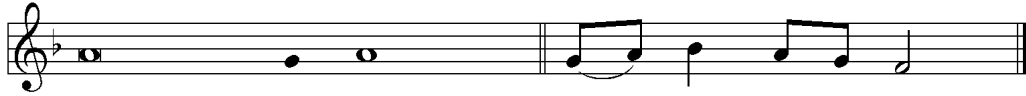
Hymn of Praise





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: You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson - Zechariah 9:9–12

The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, they are designated as "prisoners of hope."

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war-horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 145:8-15

(sung in unison)

This is a hymn of praise to the Lord, mighty in divine deeds, yet tender and compassionate.

The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,*

slow to anger and | of great kindness.

⁹The LORD is loving to | everyone*

and his compassion is over | all his works.

¹⁰All your works praise | you, O LORD,*

and your faithful | servants bless you.

¹¹They make known the glory | of your kingdom*

and speak | of your power;

¹²that the peoples may know | of your power*
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.
¹³Your kingdom is an ever- | lasting kingdom;*
your dominion endures through- | out all ages.
¹⁴The LORD is faithful in | all his words*
and merciful in | all his deeds.
¹⁵The LORD upholds all | those who fall;*
he lifts up those who | are bowed down.

Second Lesson - Romans 7:15–25a

Life enslaved to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be bad. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.

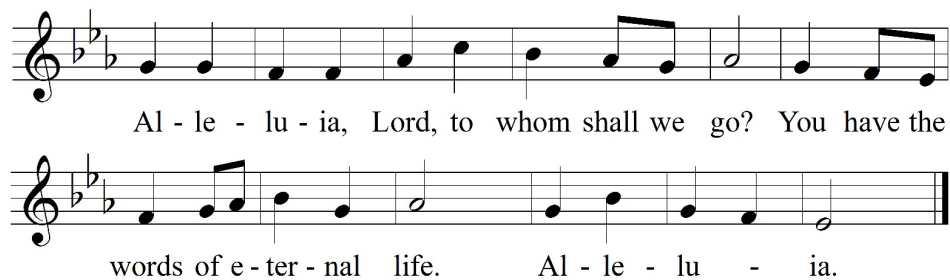
¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Verse



Holy Gospel - Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30

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



*Jesus of Nazareth chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist.
He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.*

Jesus spoke to the crowd saying: ¹⁶"To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

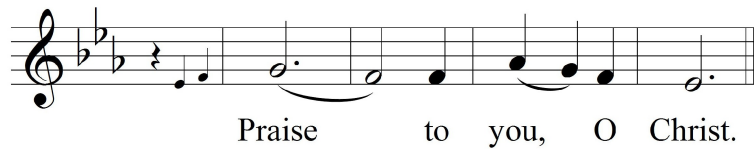
¹⁷"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn."

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



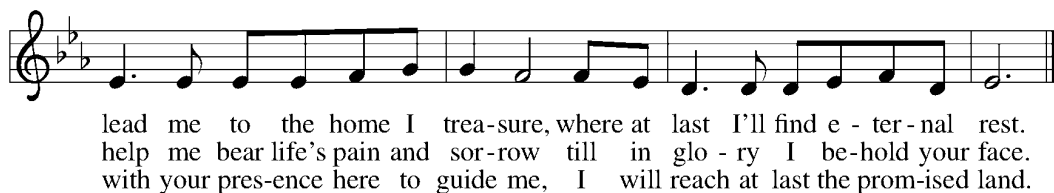
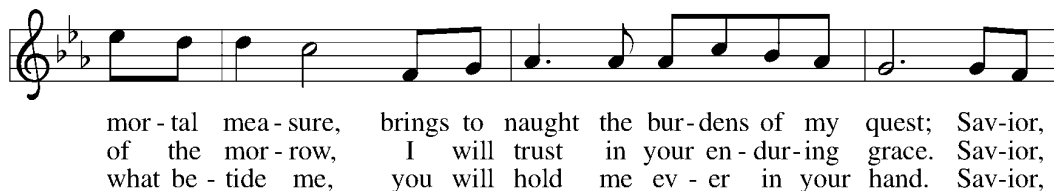
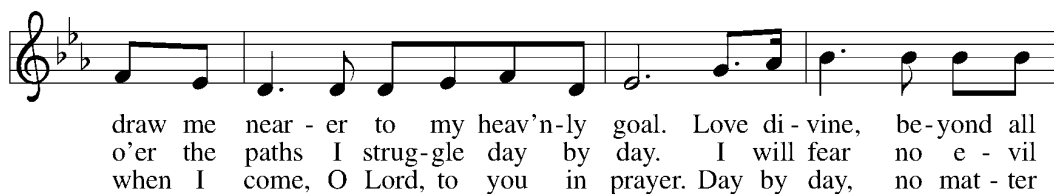
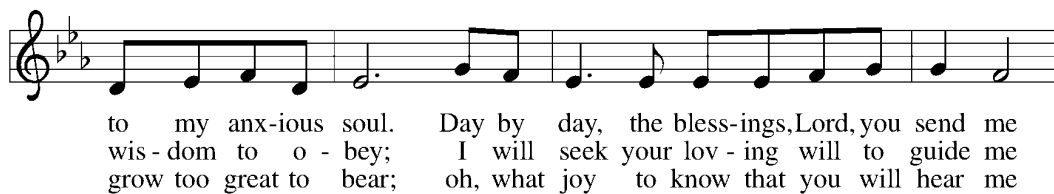
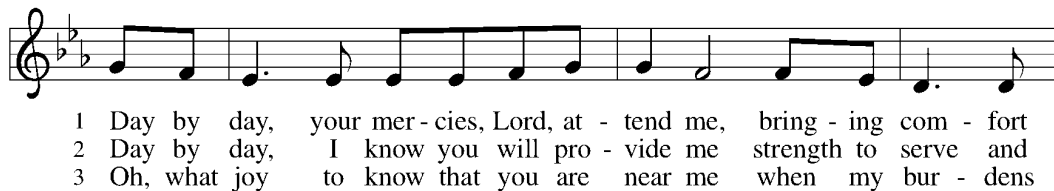
Sermon

Pastor Roberts

silence for reflection

Hymn of the Day

Day by Day



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: Humble God, lead your Church in the way of service. Raise up leaders to serve the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Cultivating God, bless and encourage all who work the land to feed your people. Give them joy in their vocation. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Holy One, you command peace to the nations. Give peaceful hearts and discerning minds to world leaders and citizens alike, that all may work to end violence and hunger and know the fullness of life. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Gracious God, you bid the weary come to you for rest. Renew the energy of bone-tired people. Help us support our brothers and sisters who are burdened by grief, loneliness, or illness. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of everything, you have compassion for all that you have made. Empower us to live out your mercy in our own community, that we become faithful partners in your grace-filled mission for the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of life, we give you thanks and praise for all the people who have blessed our lives, for saints among us whose steadfast faith has strengthened ours. Lord, in your mercy,

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

Canzona in A Minor

Dieterich Buxtehude

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.

The musical score is written for a unison voice part. It consists of six staves of music in a key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "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." The music ends with a double bar line.

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray. God our provider,

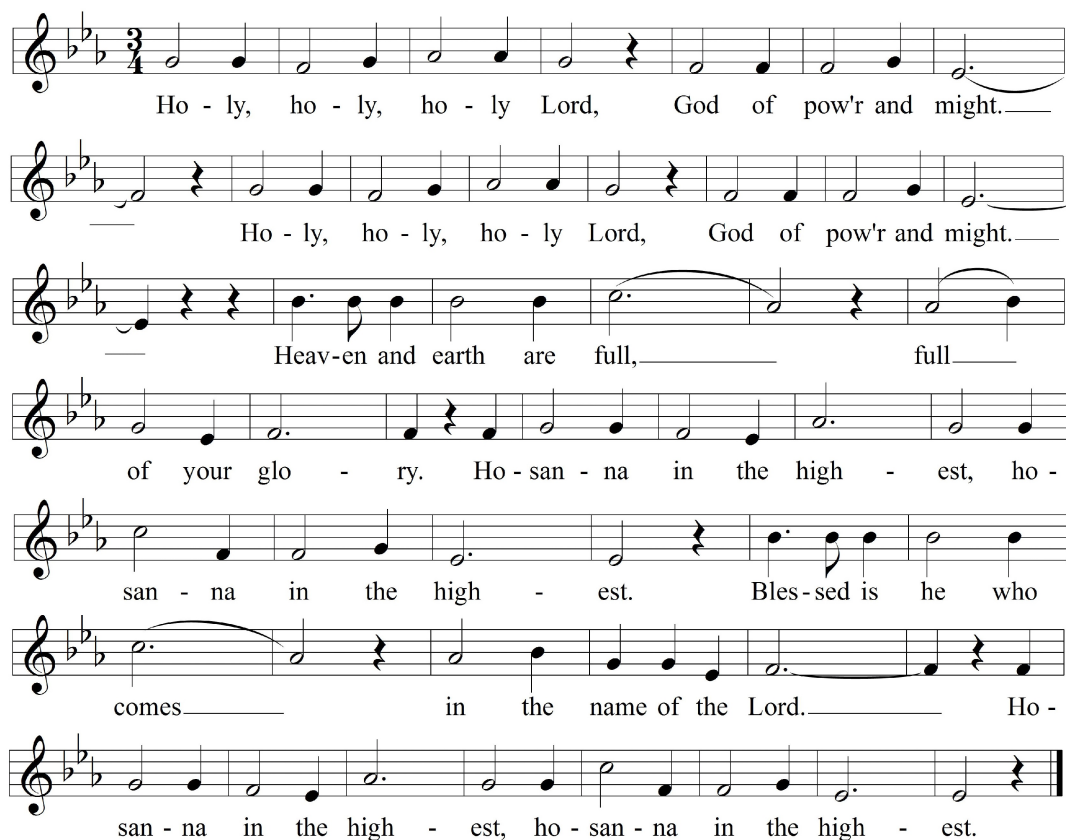
C: **you have not fed us with bread alone but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts which we receive from your bounty; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

Great Thanksgiving

(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.

The musical score is written for a unison voice part. It consists of four staves of music in a key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "(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." The music ends with a double bar line.

Proper Preface and Sanctus



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

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

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.

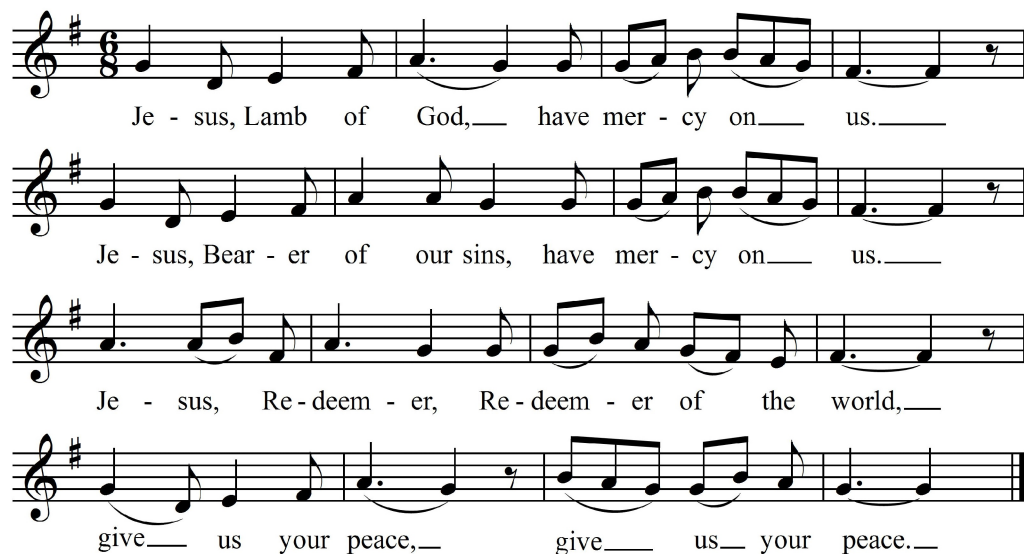
Eucharistic Prayer

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. —

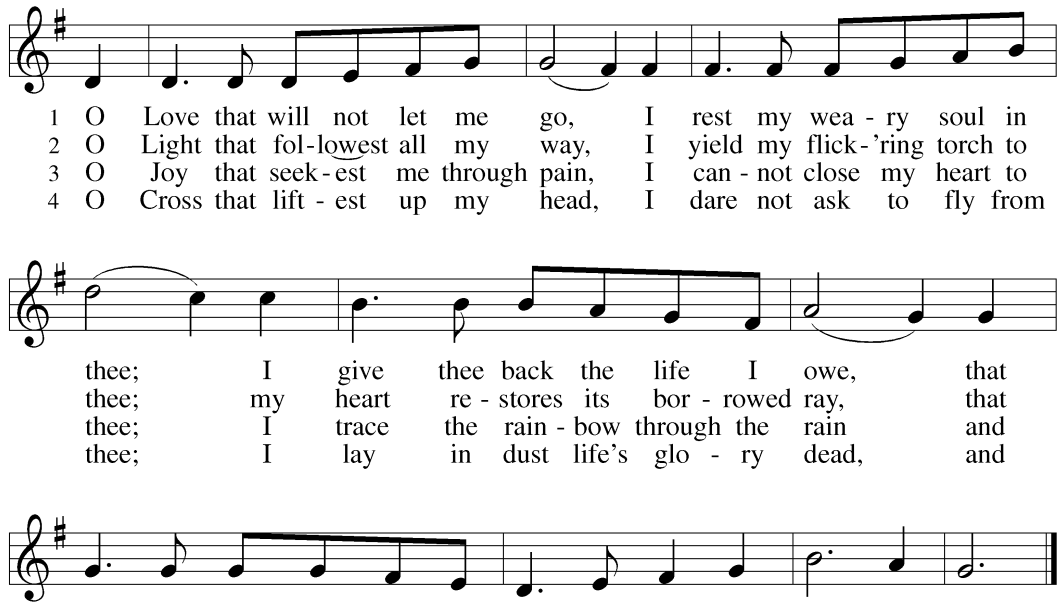
Je - sus, Bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on — us. —

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

give — us your peace, — give — us — your peace. —

Hymn

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go



1 O Love that will not let me go, I rest my wea - ry soul in
2 O Light that fol-lowest all my way, I yield my flick-'ring torch to
3 O Joy that seek-est me through pain, I can - not close my heart to
4 O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not ask to fly from

thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that
thee; my heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, that
thee; I trace the rain - bow through the rain and
thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, and

in thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.
in thy sun - shine's blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.
feel the prom - ise is not vain that morn shall tear - less be.
from the ground there blos - soms red life that shall end - less be.

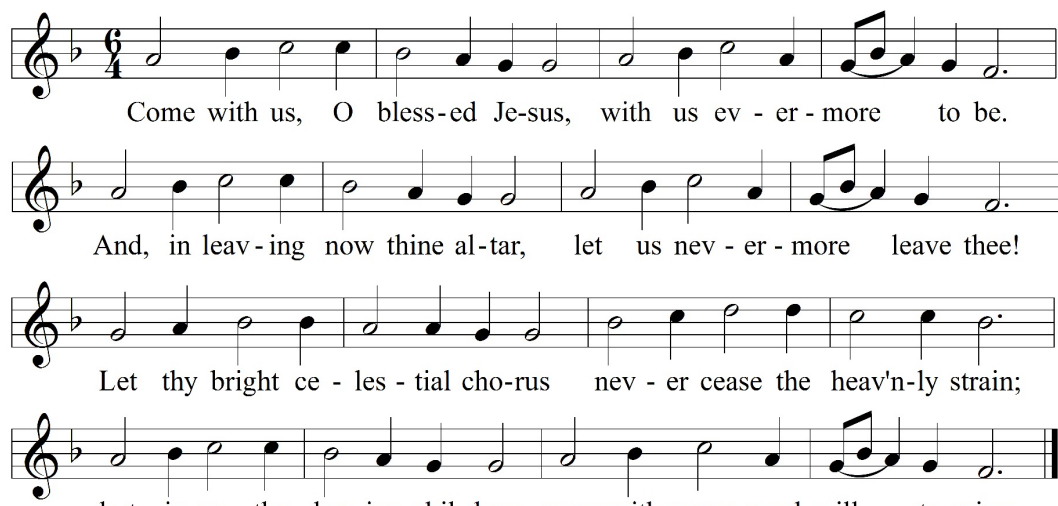
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Music: ST. MARGARET, Albert L. Peace, 1844–1912

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;

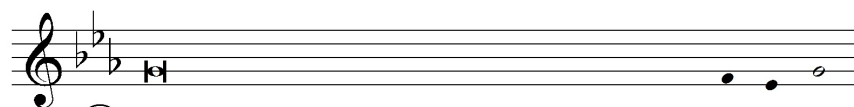
but in us, thy lov-ing chil-dren, come with peace, good will to reign.

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

Lord of All Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Text: Jan Struther, 1901–1953
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional
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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

Praeludium in G Major

Dieterich Buxtehude

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Debra Schwab
in memory of her father, Wilfred Brooks.

The candles are given to the glory of God by Deb Serio
in honor of Ruth Belcher.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY		
Sunday, July 5	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)
Monday, July 6	9:00 a.m.	Strength and Balance Exercise Class
	9:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga Class
Wednesday, July 8	12:10 p.m.	Service of Holy Communion
Thursday, July 9	9:00 a.m.	Parish Nurse in office (until 10:00 a.m.)
Friday, July 10	9:00 a.m.	Strength and Balance Exercise Class
	9:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga Class
Sunday, July 12	8:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion and Home Communion
	10:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion with Livestream via YouTube and Home Communion
	2:00 p.m.	Pastor's Information Class

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