



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 24, 2022

Persistence in prayer evoked the admiration of Jesus of Nazareth and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus the Lord—is to be rooted in prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. In the words of the psalmist: "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

Prelude

Fanfare and Chorale on *Abbot's Leigh*
(*Lord of Light*, Hymn 405)

Robert Hobby
(b. 1962)

ENTRANCE RITE

Entrance Hymn

Lord of Light



1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and
2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers in some far out -
3 Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, at your feet may
4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent



suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom
ly - ing field, by the cour - age where the ra - diance
low - ly kneel; with your grace our tri - umphs hal - low,
day or night; by the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing



as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -
of the cross is still re - vealed, by the vic - to -
with your char - i - ty our zeal; lift the na - tions
peace to all and heal - ing light; by the love that



fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.
ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:
from the shad - ows to the glad - ness of the sun:
pass - es knowl - edge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:



Refrain
Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

Text: Howell E. Lewis, 1860–1953, alt.

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

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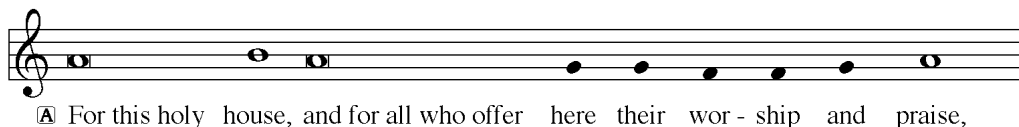
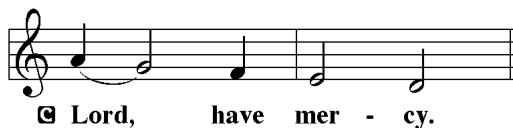
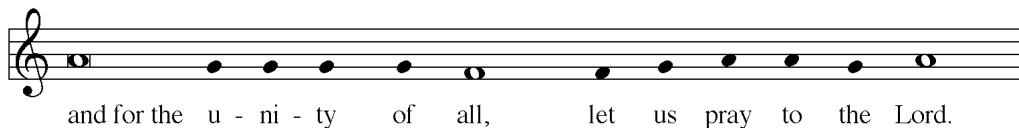
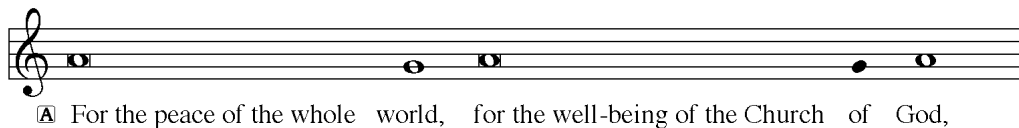
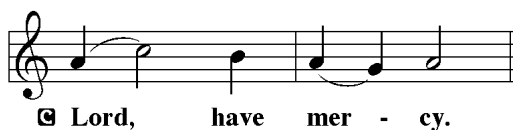
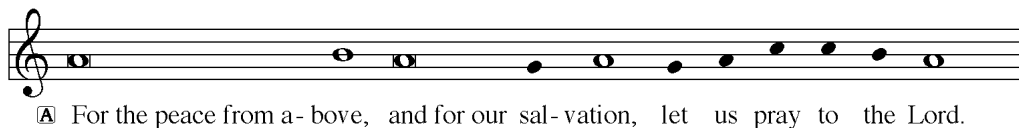
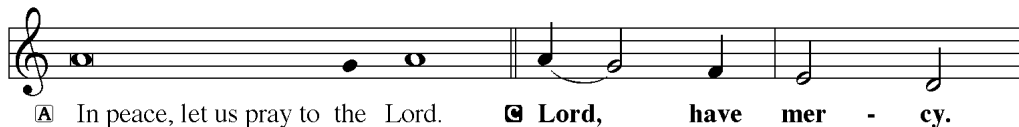
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Greeting

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



Hymn of Praise



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



B Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

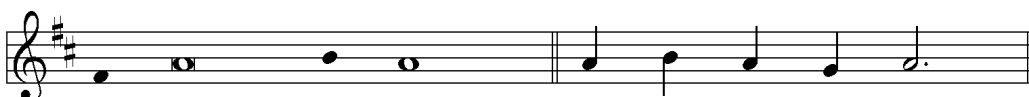


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day



P The Lord be with you.

B And al-so with you.

P: Let us pray.

ALL: Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

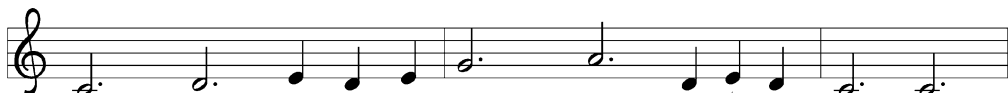
Baptized in Water



1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust-ing his
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Seward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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P: In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Who presents *Vivian Joyce* to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism?

R: We do.

P: In Christian love you have presented this child for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring her to the services of God's house, and teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As she grows in years, you should place in her hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for her instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of her Baptism and in communion with the Church she may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ.

Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

R: We do.

P: Using the words of our ancestors in the faith as expressed in the Apostles' Creed, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P: Do you renounce all the forces of evil and their empty promises?

R: I do.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**C: 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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**

P: *Vivian Joyce*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

(A prayer for the Holy Spirit is said.)

P: God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon *Vivian Joyce*: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

C: Amen

(The sign of the cross is made on the forehead.)

P: *Vivian Joyce*, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

(A baptismal candle is presented.)

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.



(A prayer is said for the parent of the child.)

P: Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the parent of this child. Let her ever rejoice in the gift you have given her. Make her a teacher and example of righteousness for her child. Strengthen her in her own Baptism so that she may share eternally with her child the salvation you have given her, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

(The newly baptized is welcomed into the fellowship of the congregation.)

P: Through Baptism God has made this new sister a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

C: **We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.**



First Lesson - Genesis 18:20-32

In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom, for the sake of the few righteous people who are in it, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.

²⁰The LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 138

(sung in unison)

This psalm is a hymn of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord on high who has saved God's servant and cares for the lowly.

**¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with | my whole heart;
before the gods I will | sing your praise.**

**²I will bow down toward your holy temple and | praise your name,
because of your | love and faithfulness;
³for you have glori- | fied your name
and your word a- | bove all things.**

⁴When I called, you | answered me;
you increased my | strength within me.
⁵All the kings of the earth will praise | you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words | of your mouth.
⁶They will sing of the ways | of the LORD,
that great is the glory | of the LORD.
⁷Though the LORD be high, he cares | for the lowly;
he perceives the haughty | from afar.
⁸Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right | hand shall save me.
⁹The LORD will make good his pur- | pose for me;
O LORD, your love endures forever; do not abandon the works | of your hands.

Second Lesson - Colossians 2:6-15

The author warns the congregation in Colossae about “the empty lure” of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the Church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection, which is enacted in Holy Baptism.

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

L: The word of the Lord.

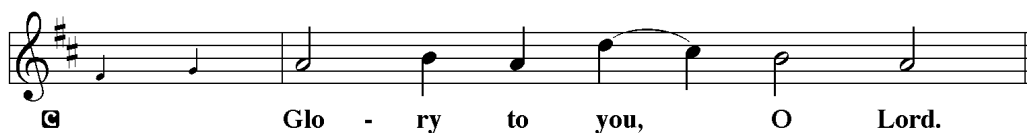
C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Verse



Holy Gospel - Luke 11:1-13

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



In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus of Nazareth also reminds them to focus on God’s coming reign, God’s mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to child-like trust and persistence in prayer.

¹Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”²He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

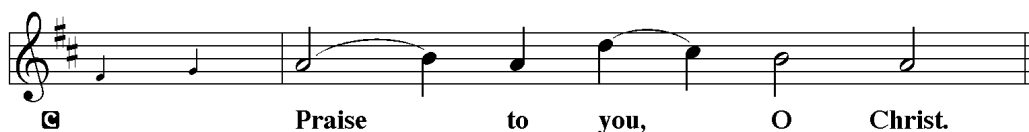
And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

⁵And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ ⁷And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’



⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

Pastor Roberts

Hymn of the Day

Ask the Complicated Questions



1 Ask the com - pli - cat - ed ques - tions.
2 Seek the dis - con - cert - ing an - swers,
3 Knock on doors of new i - de - as,
4 For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er



Do not fear to be found out; for our God makes
fol - low where the Spir - it blows; test com - pet - ing
test as - sump - tions long grown stale, for Christ calls from
truth both sim - ple and pro - found; in the knock - ing,



strong our weak-ness, forg - ing faith in fires of doubt.
truths for wis - dom, for in ten - sion new life grows.
shores of won - der, dar - ing us to try and fail.
ask - ing, seek - ing, we are o - pened, an - swered, found.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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The Prayers

- A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.
- A: O God, rooted and built up in Christ, we pray for the Church. Embolden church leaders to take risks for the sake of the gospel, and equip all the baptized to proclaim your extravagant love for the whole world. Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.**
- A: Rejoicing in the works of your hands, we pray for the natural world. Rivers and lakes, oceans and waterways, sparkle with your radiance. Help us protect water sources and strengthen those who defend them. Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.**
- A: Interceding on behalf of the vulnerable, we pray for the peoples of the world. Inspire all rulers and governing authorities with your justice. Guide the work of legislators and public officials, that they advocate for the well-being of those they serve. Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.**
- A: Persistent in prayer, we pray for our neighbors in need. To all who have hunger, may we give daily bread. To all who have bread, give hunger for justice. Open us to the cries of those who suffer. Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.**
- A: Abounding in thanksgiving, we pray for this congregation. Bless the prayer and fellowship ministries in this place. Call us together in times of praise and blessing, trouble and sorrow, in your holy name. Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.**
- A: Buried with Christ in baptism and raised with him to new life, we give thanks for your saints who rest in your eternal presence. Join our voices with theirs as we sing of your great glory. Merciful God,
- C: receive 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.

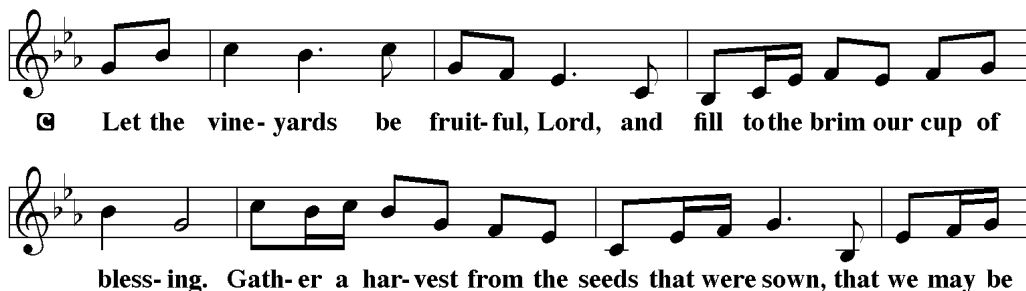
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Organ Offertory

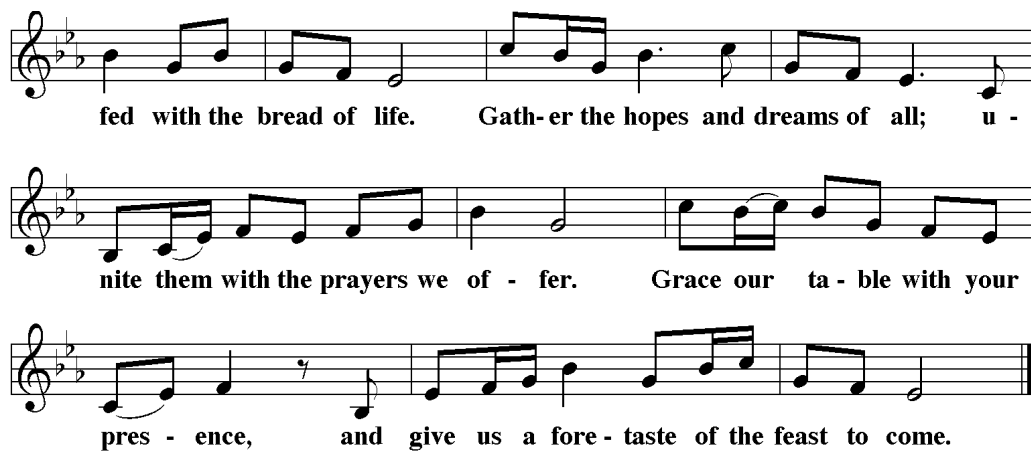
Prelude on *Abbot's Leigh*

Carl Klein
(b. 1963)

Offertory



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



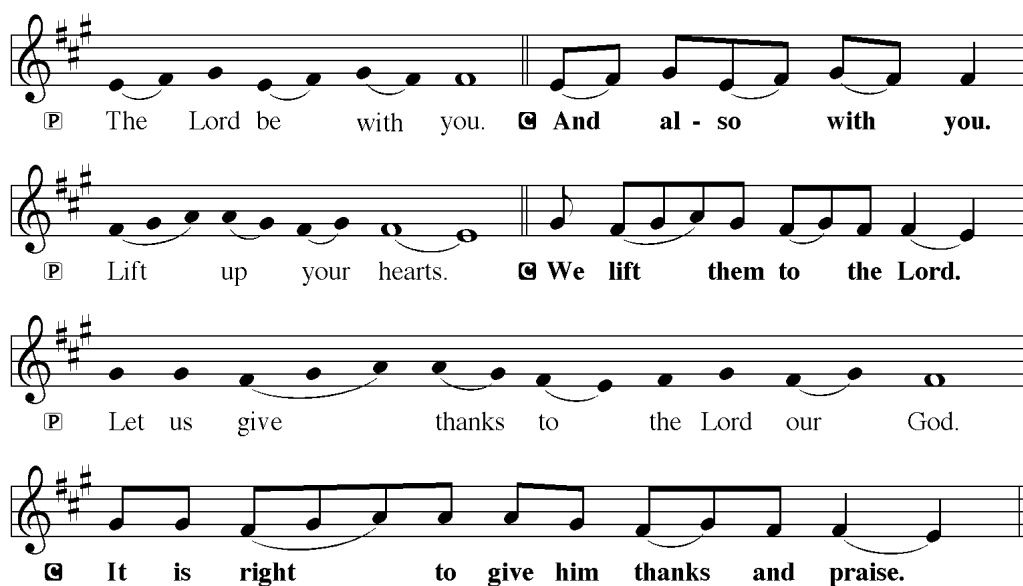
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

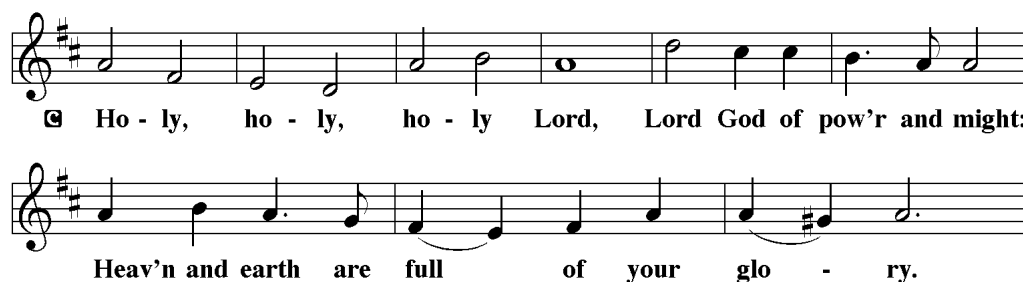
Great Thanksgiving



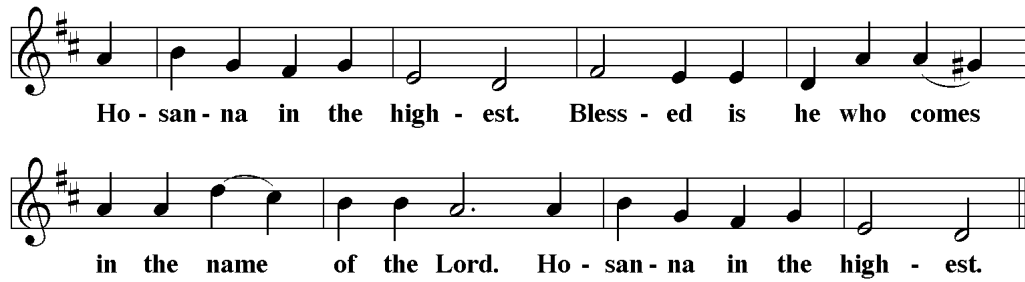
P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.
P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

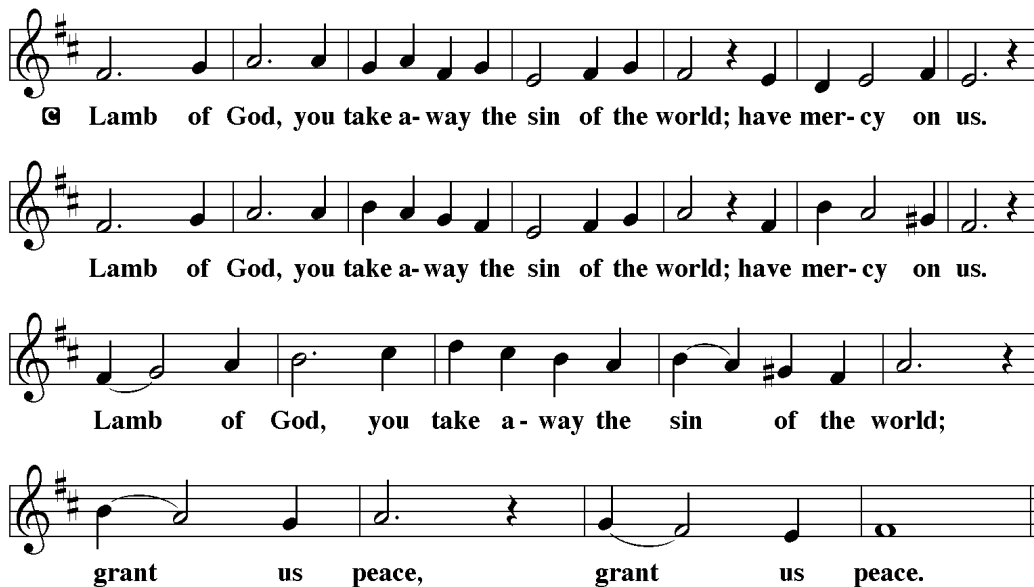


Words of Institution

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



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 Canticle





He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

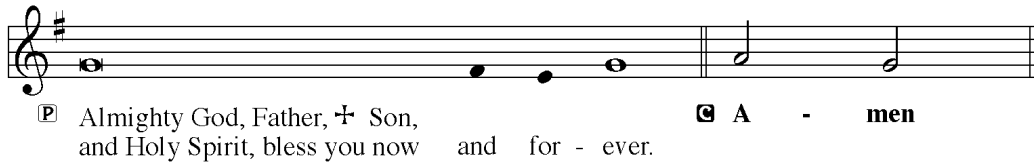
Post-Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray.

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen


Benediction



Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and for - ever. **A - men**

Hymn

Day by Day



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my
com - fort to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you
serve and wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to
bur - dens grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will
send me draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.
guide me o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.
hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.
Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal mea - sure, brings to
I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row, I will
Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me, you will
naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior, lead me to the home I
trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and
hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to



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Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882

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Dismissal

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter
(b. 1946)



A note on today's music: The hymn tune Abbot's Leigh, named for an English village dating from the twelfth century, was written in 1942 by Cyril Taylor, an Anglican priest. Because of public sentiment at the time, it was intended to replace the tune Austria in Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken because the German national anthem was also sung to that tune.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Sherry Coker
in memory of Bill Hoy on his birthday.

The candles are given to the glory of God by Rosalind Cashwell
in memory of her dad, Paul Cashwell.

We welcome **Vivian Joyce Humrichouse** into our fellowship today
through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

We welcome her to the altar for her First Communion as well.

Vivian is the daughter of Kimberly Humrichouse
and the great-niece of Carole Royer.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Sunday, July 24	8:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion and Livestream via YouTube
Monday, July 25	9:15 a.m.	Strength and Balance Exercise Class
	9:50 a.m.	Chair Yoga Class
Wednesday, July 27	8:30 a.m.	Holy Trinity Youth (until 3:30 p.m.)
	12:10 p.m.	Service of Holy Communion
Thursday, July 28	9:00 a.m.	Parish Nurse in office (until 10:00 a.m.)
Friday, July 29	9:15 a.m.	Strength and Balance Exercise Class
	9:50 a.m.	Chair Yoga Class
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Trinity Youth
Sunday, July 31	8:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion and Livestream via YouTube

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