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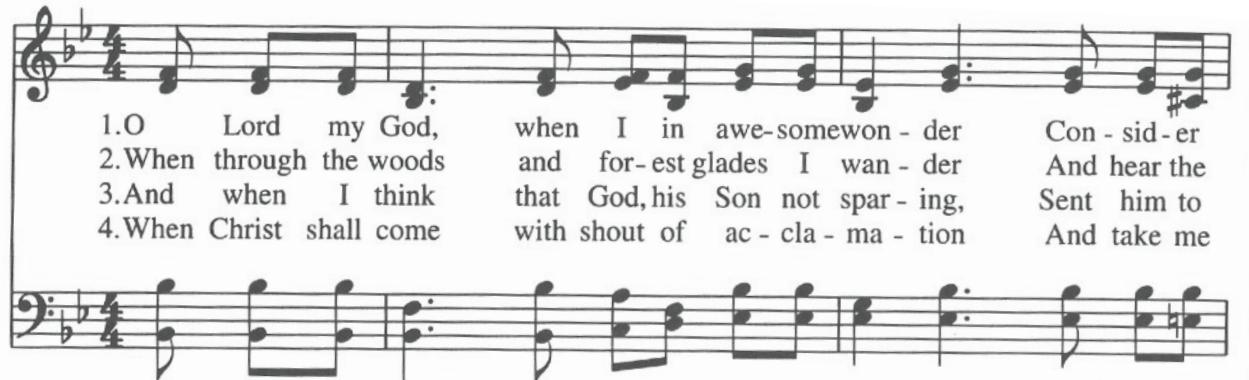
August 2, 2020 8:00am Holy Eucharist
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Prelude

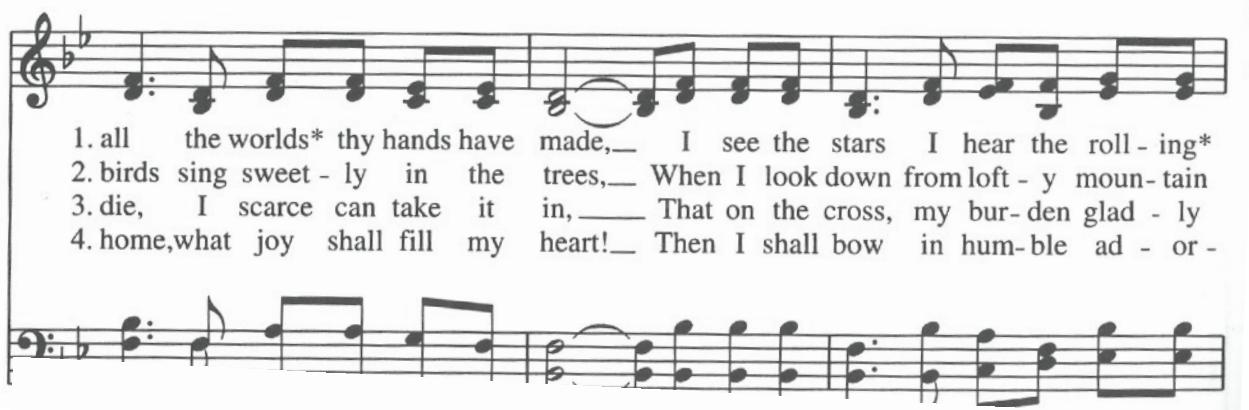
O Lord Most Holy

*Cesar Franck***Processional Hymn vs 1-2**

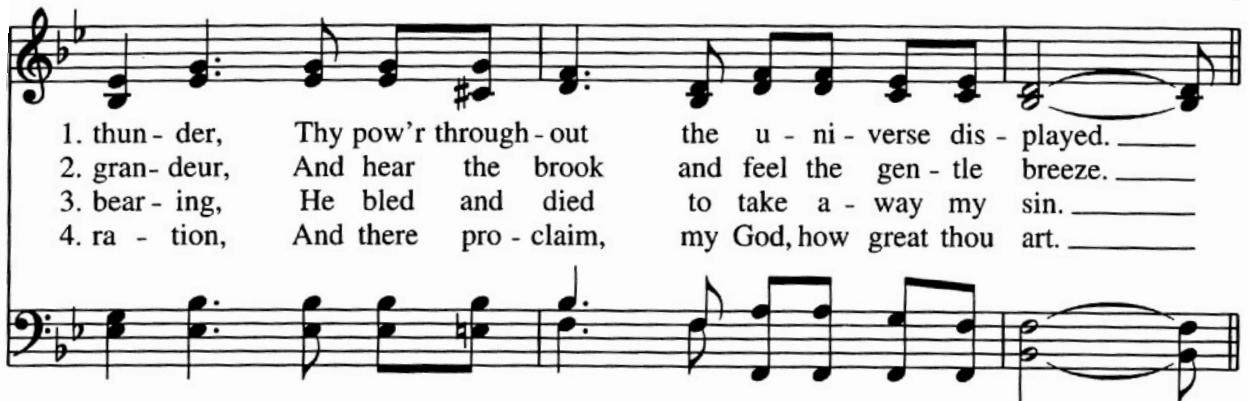
How great thou art

From Lift Every Voice and Sing No. 60

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe-somewon - der Con - sid - er
2. When through the woods and for-est glades I wan - der And hear the
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



1. all the worlds* thy hands have made, I see the stars I hear the roll - ing*
2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
3. die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - or -



1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.
2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze.
3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin.
4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art.

Then sings my soul, my Sav- ior, God, to Thee; _____ How great Thou
 art, _____ how great Thou art! _____ Then sings my soul, my Sav- ior God, to
 Thee: _____ How great Thou art, _____ how great Thou art!

The Word of God

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Gloria S-280

The musical setting consists of eight staves of music in common time, treble clef, and G major. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with some words underlined for emphasis. The lyrics are as follows:

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
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church, and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succor, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Collect for our Enemies

O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lessons

First Lesson: Genesis 32:22-31 Old Testament

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 17:1-7, 16

Old Testament

- 1 Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord; give heed to my | cry; *
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying | lips.
- 2 Let my vindication come forth from your | presence; *
let your eyes be fixed on | justice.
- 3 Weigh my heart, summon me by | night, *
melt me down; you will find no im- | purity in me.
- 4 I give no offense with my mouth as | others do; *
I have heeded the words of your | lips.
- 5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your | law; *
in your paths my feet shall not | stumble.
- 6 I call upon you, O God, for you will | answer me; *
incline your ear to me and hear my | words.
- 7 Show me your marvelous loving- | kindness, *
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up a- | gainst them.
- 16 But at my vindication I shall see your | face; *
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your | likeness.

Second Lesson: Romans 9:1-5 New Testament

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the

worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 554

Tis a gift to be simple

The musical notation consists of six staves of music in G major, common time. The lyrics are integrated into the music staff, with each line of text corresponding to a measure or group of measures. The lyrics are as follows:

'Tis the gift to be sim - ple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
and when we find our - selves in the place just right,
'twill be in the val - ley of love and de - light.
When true sim - plic - i - ty is gained to
bow and to bend we shan't be a-shamed, to turn, turn, will
be our de-light till by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right.

Words: Shaker song, 18th cent.
Music: *Simple Gifts*, Shaker melody

Irr. with Refrain

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 14:13-21

New Testament

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him

and said, ‘This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.’ Jesus said to them, ‘They need not go away; you give them something to eat.’ They replied, ‘We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.’ And he said, ‘Bring them here to me.’ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Hymn 554 Tis a gift to be simple (*see hymn above*)

Homily: The Rev. Leo Crawford

Silence is kept after the homily.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Deacon: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ’s Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. Give grace, O heavenly Father,

to all bishops and other ministers especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Dabney, Michael, and Barry, our Bishops; and Leo, Randy, Doris, Hugh, Bill, Rand, and Norman, our Priests; Linda and Sandy, our Deacons; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and to this congregation here present; and bless, this week, those celebrating their birthdays **Justice** Anderson, **Molly** Lea, **Ben** Brown, **Phillip** Tavano, **Jaxen** Peterson, **Ian** Ford, **Mark** Jones, **Bill** Barnes, **Sam** Pilato, **Megan** Maguire, **Eileen** Magidson, **Tara** Sheldon, **Crockett** Farnell, **Paul** Taylert; and also those celebrating their anniversaries **Andy & Linda** Mink, **Bill & Debbie** Both, **Robin & Pam** Rilling, **Owen & Susan** Roberts, **Ken & Linda** Fullerton, **John & Helen** Avers; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee, O God of patient and gentle strength, who knoweth our needs before we ask, may thy loving presence guide us as we seek the next rector for Ascension. By thy Holy Spirit, give to each member of our search committee discerning hearts and clear minds, that they may trust thy will for Ascension. Grant to them and to us a spirit of cooperation and unity.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Donald, our President; Ron, our Governor; and the mayors of our communities, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor those on our prayer list, especially _____ and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear especially _____, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Comfortable Words

Celebrant: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

This is a true saying, and worthy of all people to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

If we sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2

The Peace

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

People: And with thy spirit.

Greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory Meditation

Paul writes that we are called to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. When we meet those that differ from us and do not see God, we must not miss Christ's light within them. The gifts we bring help this church not only to be light to the world, but light to each other when the world tries to blind us.

Offertory Sound an alarm!

George Frederic Handel

Soloist: Ryan Kosinski

My arm! Against this Gorgias will I will go! The idumean governor shall know how vain, how ineffective his design, while rage his leader, and Jehovah mine.

Sound an alarm, sound and alarm! Your silver trumpets sound, and call the brave, and only brave, and only brave, around, call the brave, call the brave, and only brave around! (Repeat)

*Who listeth, follow: to the field again! Justice with courage, is a thousand men,
is a thousand men, justice with courage, justice with courage is a thousand men,
is a thousand men is a thousand men, is a thousand men.*

Sound an alarm, sound and alarm! Your silver trumpets sound, and call the brave, and only brave, and only brave, around, call the brave, call the brave, and only brave around! (Repeat)

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing,

Celebrant and People:

Sanctus S-129

A musical score for three voices (SATB) in common time. The music consists of four staves of music with corresponding lyrics. The first staff starts with a treble clef, the second with an alto clef, the third with a bass clef, and the fourth with a soprano clef. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —" Measure numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4 are indicated above the staves.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." (Bells)

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." (Bells)

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood. (Bells)

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.** (Bells)

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to pray,

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant and 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.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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.

Celebrant: If you are celebrating with us at home, we know and affirm that God is near to each person and meets us where we are. Please pray this communion prayer; a reminder that God is present with us always.

Holy Communion

Communion Music

Bye and Bye

William Smith

Communion Meditation

Before me in the planned shape of this day I look for unexpected surgings of new life. Around me in the people whom I know and love, I look for unopened gifts of promise. Within me in the familiar sanctuary of my own soul, I look for shinings of the everlasting light. Before me, around me, within me, I look for your life-giving mystery, O God, before me, around me within me.

— Philip Newell, Sounds of the Eternal: A Celtic Psalter

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Blessing

The Wisdom of God the Love of God
and the Grace of God strengthen you
to be Christ's hands and heart in this world;
and the Blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
Keep you and those you love in life everlasting. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 690 Guide, me, O thou great Jehovah

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; let the fire death, and cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
 thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt.
Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932)

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Dismissal

Deacon: Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Organ Postlude

I Danced in the Morning

Emma Lou Diemer