THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 18

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

September 6, 2026 · 10:30 A.M.



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THE WORD OF GOD

VOLUNTARY "Prelude on 'Ton-y-Botel' " *Sam Batt Owens*

WELCOME & OUR MISSION/VALUE STATEMENTS

The Church of St. Paul in the Desert:

God has invited the Church of St. Paul in the Desert to share the abundant love of Jesus Christ in a caring and diverse community that gathers to worship and give thanks, support and inspire its members, and serve our neighbors.

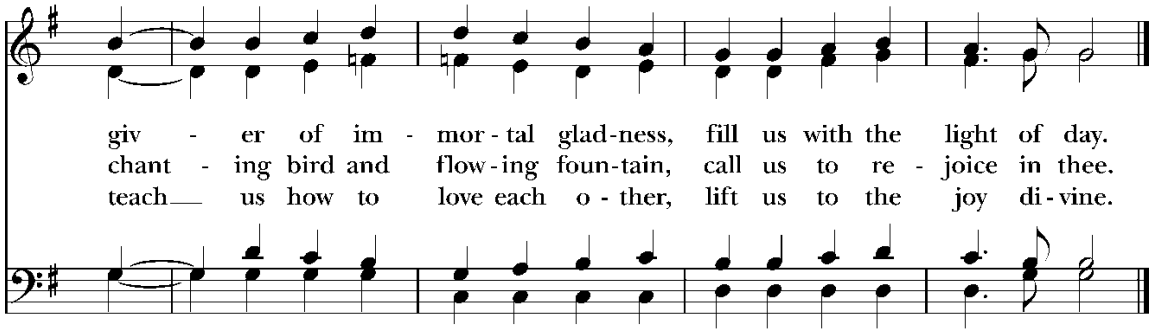
- We are a sacramental, welcoming, empowering, and supportive community.
- We respect the dignity of every human being.
- We seek to be a spiritual oasis in the desert.
- Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome.

The Diocese:

The Episcopal Diocese of San Diego is a missionary community that dares to follow Jesus Christ in his life of courageous love for the world.

THE ENTRANCE HYMN 376 "Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee" *Hymn to Joy*





Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933). Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

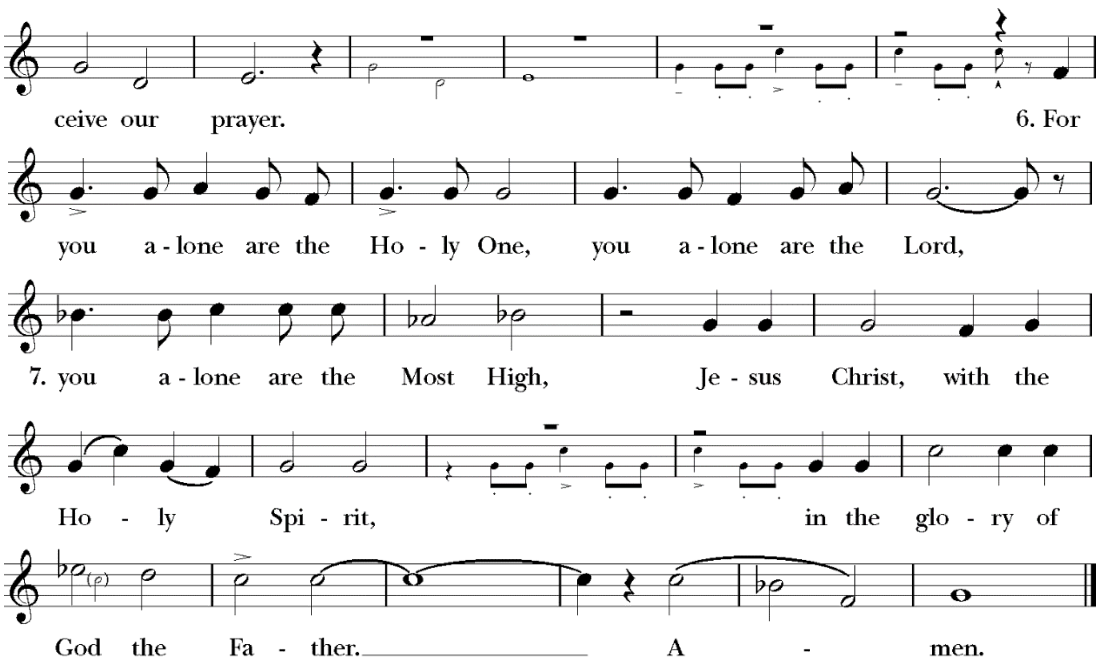
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

THE HYMN OF PRAISE S 278 Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis* William Mathias





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you**.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

SUMMER EPISCOPAL MOMENT

THE FIRST LESSON **Exodus 12:1-14**

Reader A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You

shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER **Psalm 149** *Cantate Domino*

Reader Please join in praying Psalm 149 responsively by half-verse.

1 Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people *
and adorns the poor with victory.
5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.
6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;
7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;
8 To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;
9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON **Romans 13:8-14**

Reader A Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

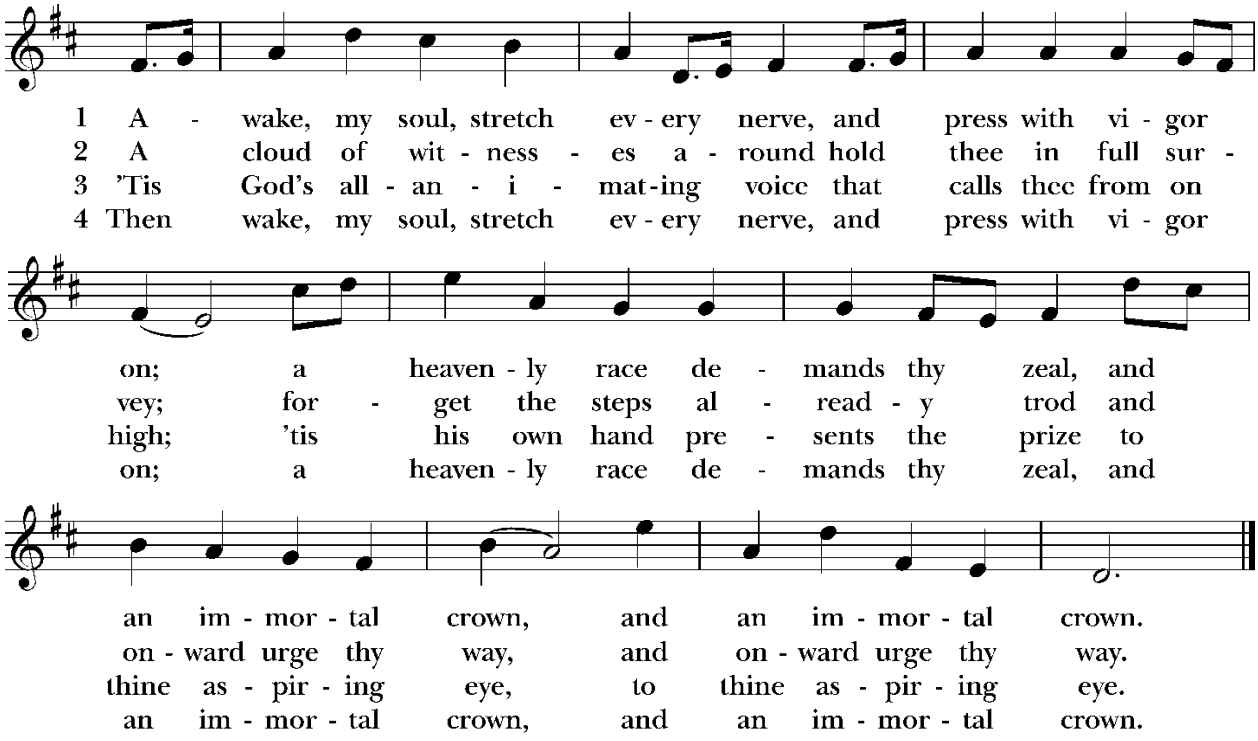
Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand if able and face the Gospel as it arrives in the midst of the gathered.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 546 "Awake, my soul" *Siroë*

Verses 1 – 2



Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751). Music: *Siroë*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. *Melodia Sacra*, 1815.

THE HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 18:15-20**

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth

will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN – Verses 3 - 4

THE SERMON The Rev. Dan Kline

A time of reflection and silence follows the sermon.

Please stand if able.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE **Form I, BCP**

Celebrant With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

The Leader and People pray responsively.

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this city Palm Springs, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, in the air, or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.
Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of St. Paul the Hermit and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence

The Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect.

THE CONFESSION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

This is the formal act of pronouncing God's forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ, reflecting the ministry of reconciliation committed by Christ to the church.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

You are invited to offer a sign of peace to those around you.

BLESSINGS AND GRATITUDE

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine and money or other gifts to the Table.

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

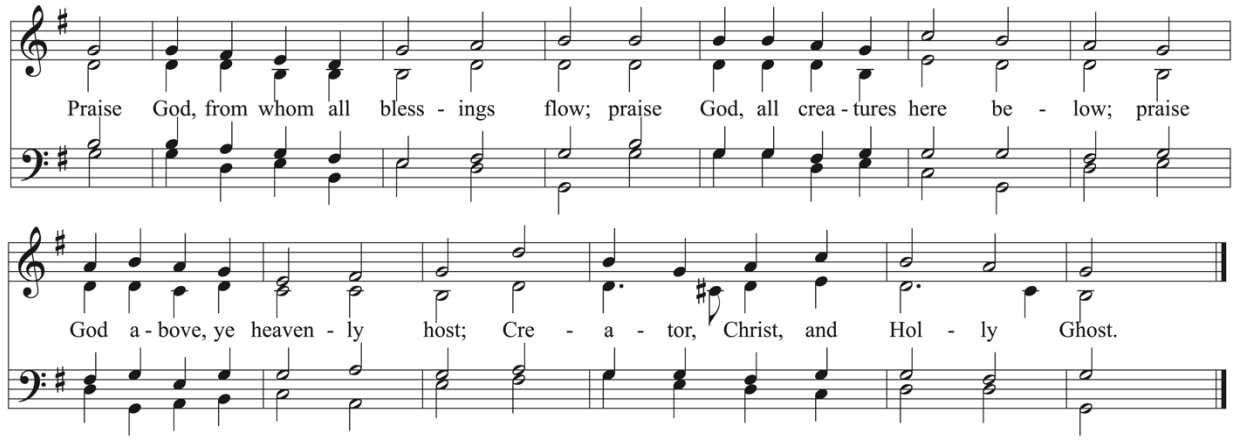
THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM " 'Tis the gift to be simple" *Aaron Copland*

St. Paul Prior Choir

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free
'tis the gift to come down where you ought to be
And when we find ourselves in the place just right, 'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gained To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed
To turn, turn will be our delight 'Till by turning, turning we come round right.
'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'tis the gift to come down where you ought to be
And when we find ourselves in the place just right, 'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

Please stand if able, while the offerings are presented.

THE PRESENTATION **Doxology** *Old 100th*



Celebrant All things come of you, O Lord.
People **And of your own have we given you.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER *Eucharistic Prayer D*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

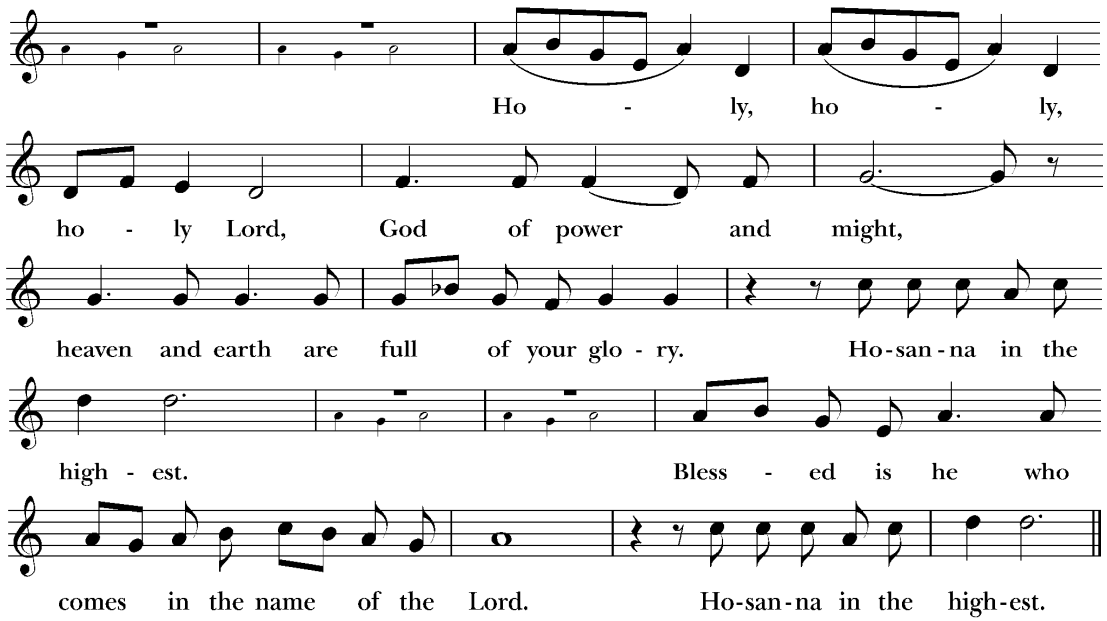
The Celebrant proceeds.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you

created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

Celebrant and People

SANCTUS S 128 **Holy, holy, holy Lord** William Mathias



The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death.
In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all. When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension at your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. Paul the Hermit, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, in the language of our hearts,
as our Savior Christ has taught us,
we are bold to pray,

People and Celebrant

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Y ahora, en el idioma de nuestro corazón,
como nuestro Salvador Cristo nos ha
enseñado, somos valientes para orar,

El Pueblo y El Celebrant

Padre nuestro, que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu Nombre,
venga tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros
perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.
Y no nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

THE INVITATION & THE COMMUNION

Ushers will direct you.

NAVIGATING COMMUNION

All are welcome. Please allow the ushers to direct you toward the Table.
Your options for Communion:

- ***Bread and the Common Cup.*** *Receive the Host from the priest and go to the chalice bearer who will guide the Cup to your lips.*
- ***Bread and Intinction.*** *If you wish the bread dipped in wine, put forward one hand with your palm facing up and one hand in the air. The priest will intinct the Host and hand it to you.*
- ***Bread without wine.*** *Place your two hands together, one on top of the other. Know that bread alone is full and complete Communion.*
- ***Blessing instead of Communion.*** *Approach the priest with your arms crossed over your chest.*

Gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available; let the priest know your preference and they will assist you.

If mobility issues prohibit you from walking up to the altar, please alert an usher and Communion will be brought to you.

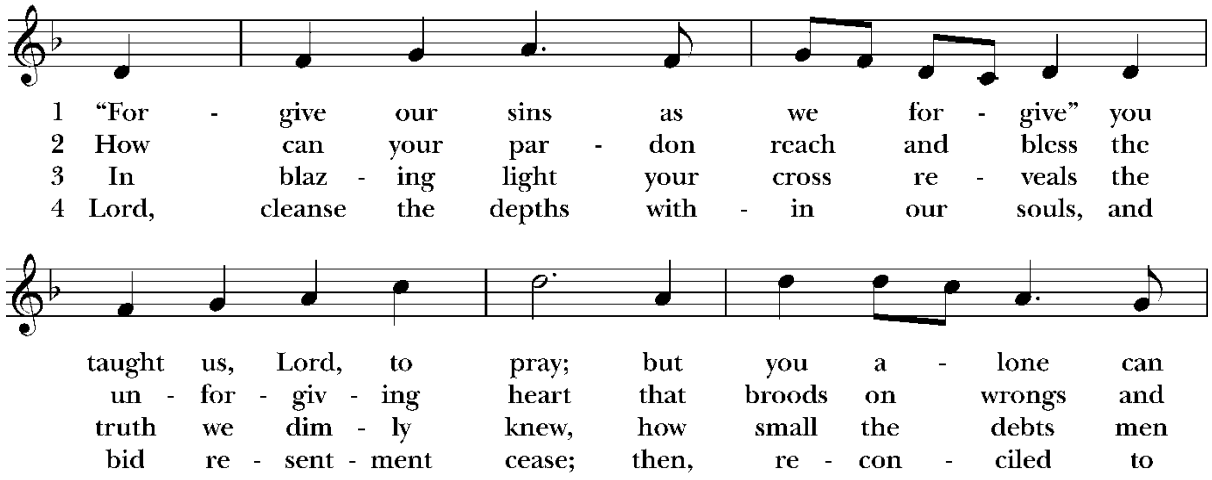
Let nothing hinder you from eating from this Table.



If you are watching the service at home and unable to be physically present for in-person worship, you are welcome to pray this prayer for spiritual communion from The Prayer Book for the Armed Services:

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I invite you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you.
May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

THE COMMUNION HYMN 674 "Forgive our sins as we forgive" *Detroit*





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The Celebrant blesses any Lay Eucharistic Ministers visiting homebound parishioners.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

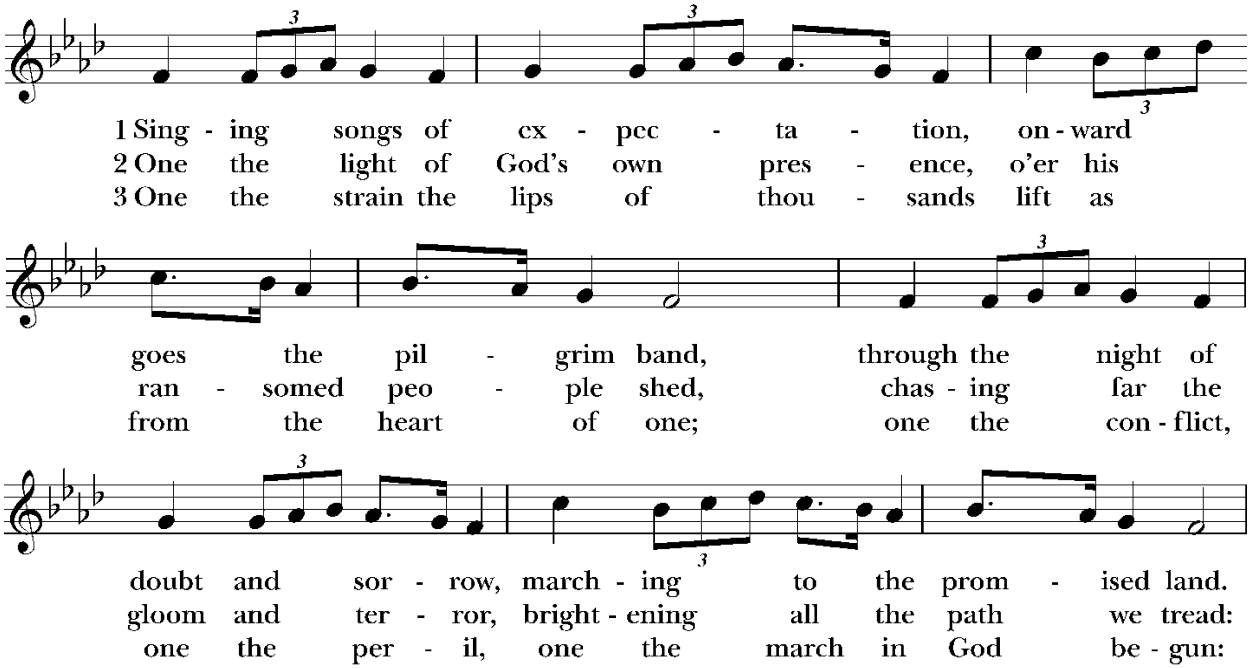
Celebrant Let us pray.

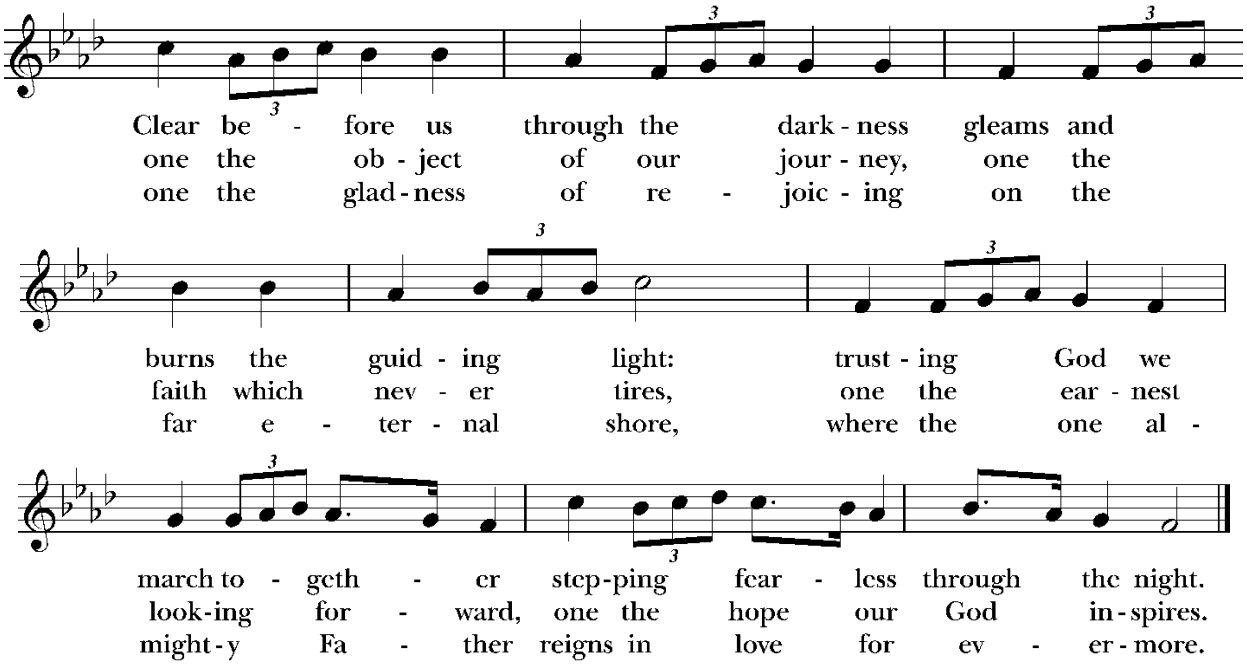
God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

This is a sacerdotal pronouncement of God's love and favor, used by a bishop or priest.

THE CLOSING HYMN 527 "Singing songs of expectation" *Ton-y-Botel*





Words: Bernard Severin Ingemann (1789-1862) tr. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924), alt. Music: *Ton-y Botel*, Thomas John Williams (1869-1944).

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE "Postlude on 'Siroë' " *Charles Callahan*

You are invited to remain seated and listen to the Postlude, or you can exit through the center aisle door. Our transept doors will remain shut until after the Postlude out of respect for the liturgy. Thank you for worshipping with us today.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Jessie Thompson, *Celebrant*, The Rev. Dan Kline, *Preacher*
Charles Peery, *Director of Music;* St. Paul Prior Choir
Jim De Mersman (WC), Bill La Voie, *Altar Minister*
Jim De Mersman, Jon Coates, *Altar Guild*
Tim Ring, Samantha Hirsch, *Reader & Intercessor*
George Tamer, Vern Marken, Nick Falconio, Tim Ring, *Ushers*
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Marian Stinson, *Vestry Welcome*

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