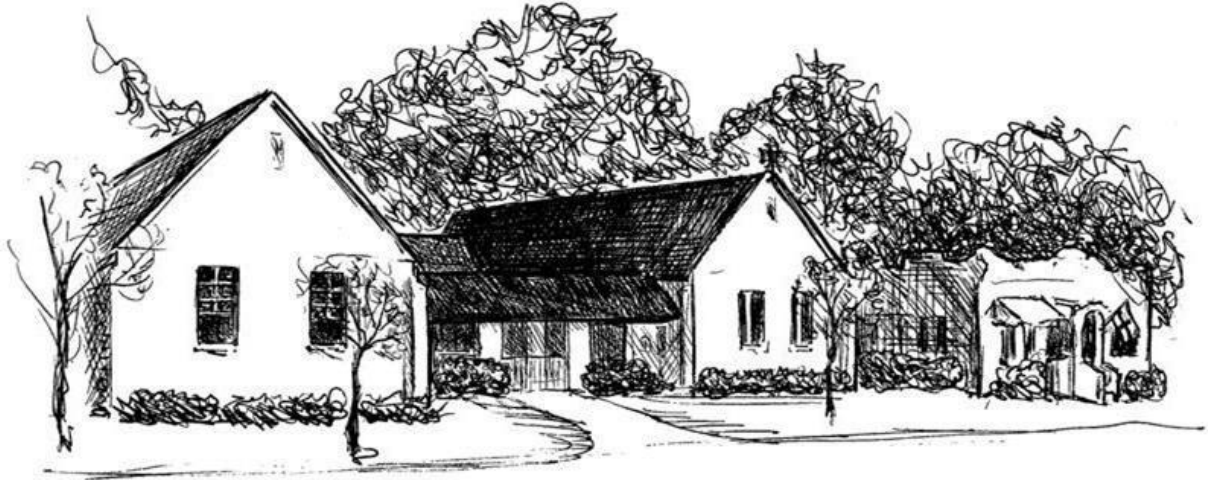


# St. Matthias

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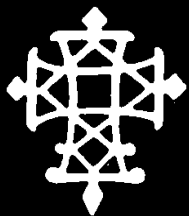


*St. Matthias Church strives to love God with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength; and strives to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. (Mark 12:29-30)*

**Sunday**  
**May 18, 2025**

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Holy Eucharist Rite II**  
**9:30 & 11:15 AM**



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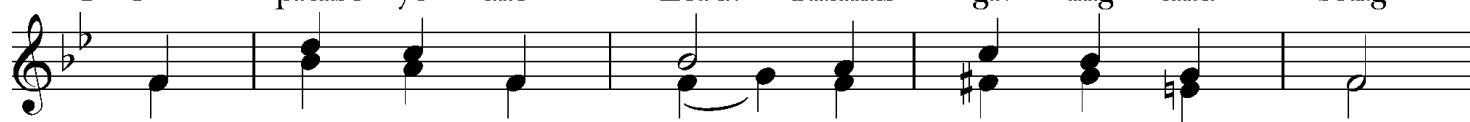
# The Word of God

## Entrance Rite

### ENTRANCE HYMN 432 *O praise ye the Lord (Laudate Dominum)*



1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;  
2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him up - on earth,  
\*3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;  
4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song



re - joice in his word, ye an - gels of light;  
in tune - ful ac - cord, all ye of new birth;  
each ju - bi - lant chord re - ech - o a - round;  
to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!



ye hea - vens, a - dore him by whom ye were made,  
praise him who hath brought you his grace from a - bove,  
loud or - gans, his glo - ry forth tell in deep tone,  
For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,



and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.  
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.  
and sweet harp, the sto - ry of what he hath done.  
for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

### OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

Celebrant *Alleluia.* Christ is risen.


People **The Lord is risen indeed. *Alleluia.***

## COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

*The Celebrant may say*

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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE 304 *I come with joy to meet my Lord (Land of Rest)*



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

# The Lessons

## FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

**People            Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM (SAID IN UNISON): Psalm 148**

*Remain seated.*

**Hallelujah!**

**Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights.**

**Praise him, all you angels of his;  
praise him, all his host.**

**Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars.**

**Praise him, heaven of heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens.**

**Let them praise the Name of the LORD;  
for he commanded, and they were created.**

**He made them stand fast for ever and ever;  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

**Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;**

**Fire and hail, snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

**Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars;**

**Wild beasts and all cattle,  
creeping things and wingèd birds;**

**Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the world;**

**Young men and maidens,  
old and young together.**

**Let them praise the Name of the LORD,  
for his Name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over earth and heaven.**

**He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.**

**Hallelujah!**

## SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the Revelation of John.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

**People            Thanks be to God.**

## SEQUENCE HYMN 529 *In Christ there is no East or West (McKee)*

*All stand.*

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in  
2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what-  
3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in  
him no South or North, but one great fel - low -  
e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther  
him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are  
ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
as his child is sure - ly kin to me.  
one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

## **THE GOSPEL:** John 13:31-35

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

[At the last supper, when Judas] had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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

## **THE SERMON**

**FATHER JIM**

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## **A MOMENT OF SILENCE**



**THE NICENE CREED (BCP p. 358)**

*All stand.*

**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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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 III

*All remain standing.*

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to ( \_\_\_\_\_ and) all the departed eternal rest;

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, (especially \_\_\_\_\_) give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We pray for those in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, \_\_\_\_\_.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week; (especially, \_\_\_\_\_) and for those celebrating anniversaries this week; (especially, \_\_\_\_\_).

For the doctors, nurses, and all who seek to heal. May they know your protection and peace.

I ask your prayers for all the men and women of our armed forces and those that keep us safe at home. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace.

We pray for the families, victims, and areas affected by the floods in Kentucky.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**THE PEACE** (BCP p. 360)

*All stand.*

Celebrant	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<b>People</b>	<b>And also with you.</b>

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## The Holy Communion

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE** (BCP p. 376)

*The Celebrant says*

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

*Options for Giving:*

1. Checks can be made payable to St. Matthias Church. All offerings can be placed in the offertory plate or wooden boxes at the back of the Church and the East Door.
2. Credit or Debit Card via the giving tab on our website [stmatthiasfl.com/online-giving/](http://stmatthiasfl.com/online-giving/).
3. Text-to-Give via your smart phone to 73256 with matthias & amount in body of text.  
Example: matthias \$25

**9:30 AM OFFERTORY HYMN**

**THE SINGING SAINTS**

11:15 AM OFFERTORY HYMN (LEVAS) 14 *Soon, Very Soon*



The musical score is written on five staves. The first four staves each have four numbered vocal parts. The lyrics for these parts are: 1. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King, —; 2. No more cry - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —; 3. No more dy - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —; 4. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King; —. The fifth staff contains the chorus: Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, — we're goin' to see the King! The sixth staff continues the chorus: Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - .

1. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King, —  
2. No more cry - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —  
3. No more dy - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —  
4. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King; —

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3. No more dy - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —  
4. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King, —

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, — we're goin' to see the King!  
Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu -

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*Celebrant and People*

**Generous God, you have given us riches beyond measure. We can only return a fraction of what we owe you; but we ask, Lord, that you bless our offerings and help us to use them wisely in your service and for your glory. Amen.**

Church of Scotland

# The Great Thanksgiving

## SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 367)

*The People remain standing.*

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

## PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 367)

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS S-125 *Holy, holy, holy Lord (Proulx)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 368)

### *The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

### *Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

## EPICLESIS (BCP p. 369)

### *The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**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.***

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

### **FRACTION ANTHEM (BCP p. 364)**

*Alleluia.* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. *Alleluia.***

### **INVITATION (BCP p. 364)**

*The Celebrant says*

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.



## DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)

*In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians, regardless of denomination or age, are welcome to receive the real and living presence of Christ in this Holy Communion. When it is your turn, please extend your hands upward, palms crossed to receive the bread (also called a wafer or host). When the cup of wine comes to you, either dip (also called intinction) the bread into the cup of wine and consume the bread or leave the bread in the palm of your hands, and the Eucharistic Minister will dip the bread into the cup of wine for you and place on your tongue. You may also choose to consume the bread without dipping it into the cup of wine.*

*Anyone may come forward for a prayer for God's blessings in lieu of receiving Communion. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest.*

*The Priest will gladly bring communion or provide a blessing to anyone unable to come forward for Communion, please, let one of the Ushers know if this is desired.*

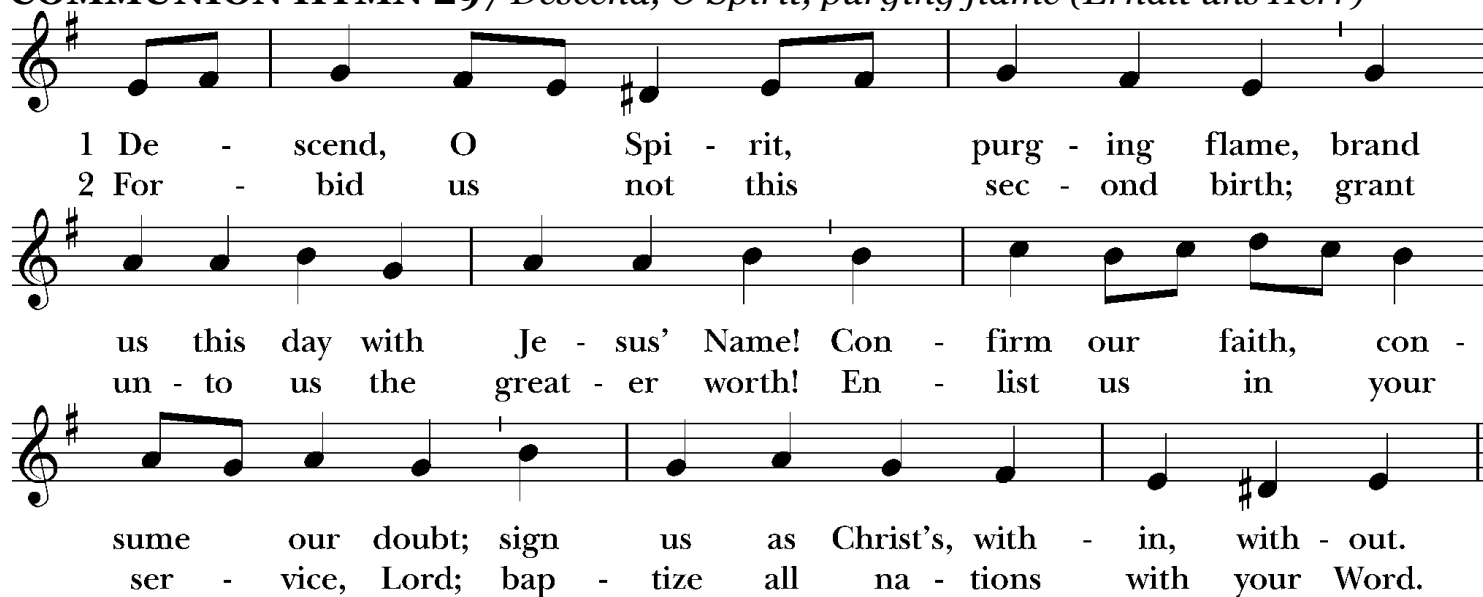
***Ushers will direct the congregation to receive Communion.***

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. Amen.

## COMMUNION HYMN 297 *Descend, O Spirit, purging flame (Erhalt uns Herr)*



1 De - scend, O Spi - rit, purg - ing flame, brand  
2 For - bid us not this sec - ond birth; grant  
us this day with Je - sus' Name! Con - firm our faith, con -  
un - to us the great - er worth! En - list us in your  
sume our doubt; sign us as Christ's, with - in, with - out.  
ser - vice, Lord; bap - tize all na - tions with your Word.



# COMMUNION HYMN 324 *Let all mortal flesh keep silence (Picardy)*



1 Let all mo - rtal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and  
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on  
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard  
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -  
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man  
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -  
 sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the

mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
 ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood  
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,  
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,

Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,  
 he will give to all the faith - ful  
 that the powers of hell may va - nish  
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

our full hom - age to de - mand.  
 his own self for heaven - ly food.  
 as the dark - ness clears a way.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

## **PRAYER FOR EUCHARISTIC VISITORS**

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. **Amen.**

## **BIRTHDAY BLESSING (BCP p. 830)**

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever *he* may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* fall; and in *his* heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **ANNIVERSARY BLESSING (BCP p. 431)**

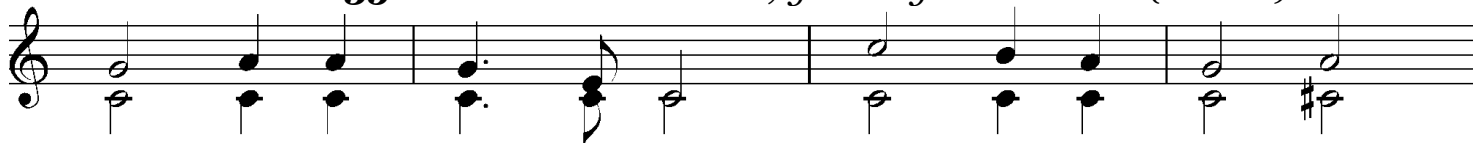
O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **BLESSING OF THE PEOPLE**

May all of you have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called that you might inherit a blessing. And may the may the blessing of God almighty the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

1 Peter 3:8-9

## CLOSING HYMN 358 *Christ the Victorious, give to your servants (Russia)*



1 Christ the Vic - to - ri - ous, give to your ser - vants  
2 On - ly Im - mor - tal One, Might - y Cre - a - tor!  
3 God - spo - ken pro - phe - cy, word at cre - a - tion:  
4 Christ the Vic - to - ri - ous, give to your ser - vants



rest with your saints in the re - gions of light.  
We are your crea - tures and chil - dren of earth.  
"You came from dust and to dust shall re - turn."  
rest with your saints in the re - gions of light.



Grief and pain end - ed, and sigh - ing no long - er,  
From earth you formed us, both glo - rious and mor - tal,  
Yet at the grave shall we raise up our glad song,  
Grief and pain end - ed, and sigh - ing no long - er,



there may they find ev - er - last - ing life.  
and to the earth shall we all re - turn.  
"Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"  
there may they find ev - er - last - ing life.

## DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

*Alleluia, Alleluia.* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God. *Alleluia, Alleluia.*

**At the end of the 9:30 am service, all are welcome to join us for  
Coffee & Fellowship in the Parish Hall.**