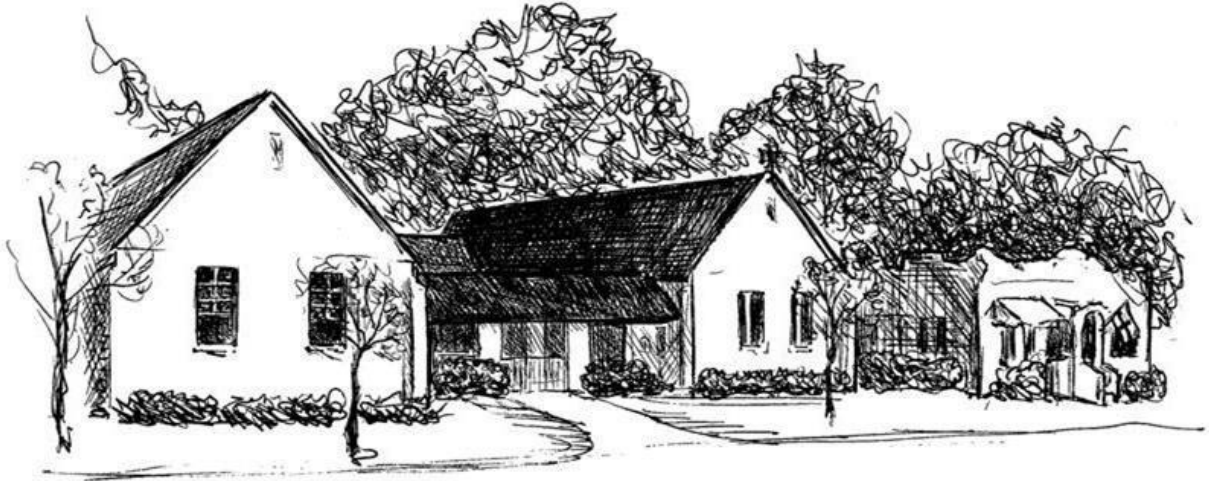


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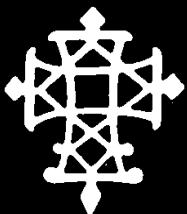


*St. Matthias Church strives to love God with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength; and strives to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. (Mark 12:29-30)*

**Sunday**  
**June 21, 2026**

The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Eucharist Rite II  
9:00 AM & 11:15 AM



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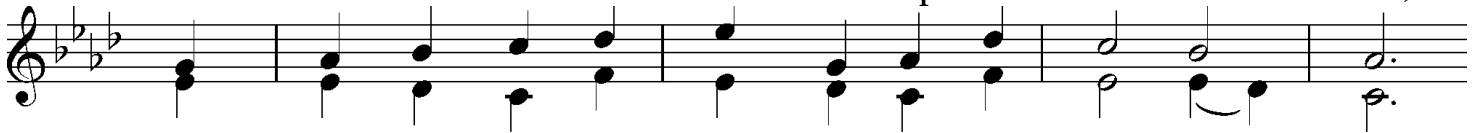
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ENTRANCE RITE

#### ENTRANCE HYMN 372 *Praise to the living God (Leoni)*



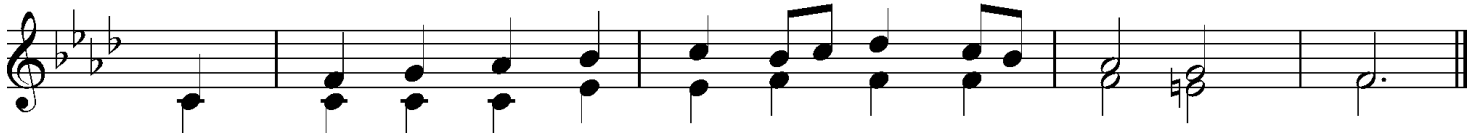
1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name  
2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;  
3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:  
4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;



who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.  
ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.  
in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.  
his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.



The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:  
Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,  
Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,  
Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name



the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!  
and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.  
deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.  
who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

#### OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

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

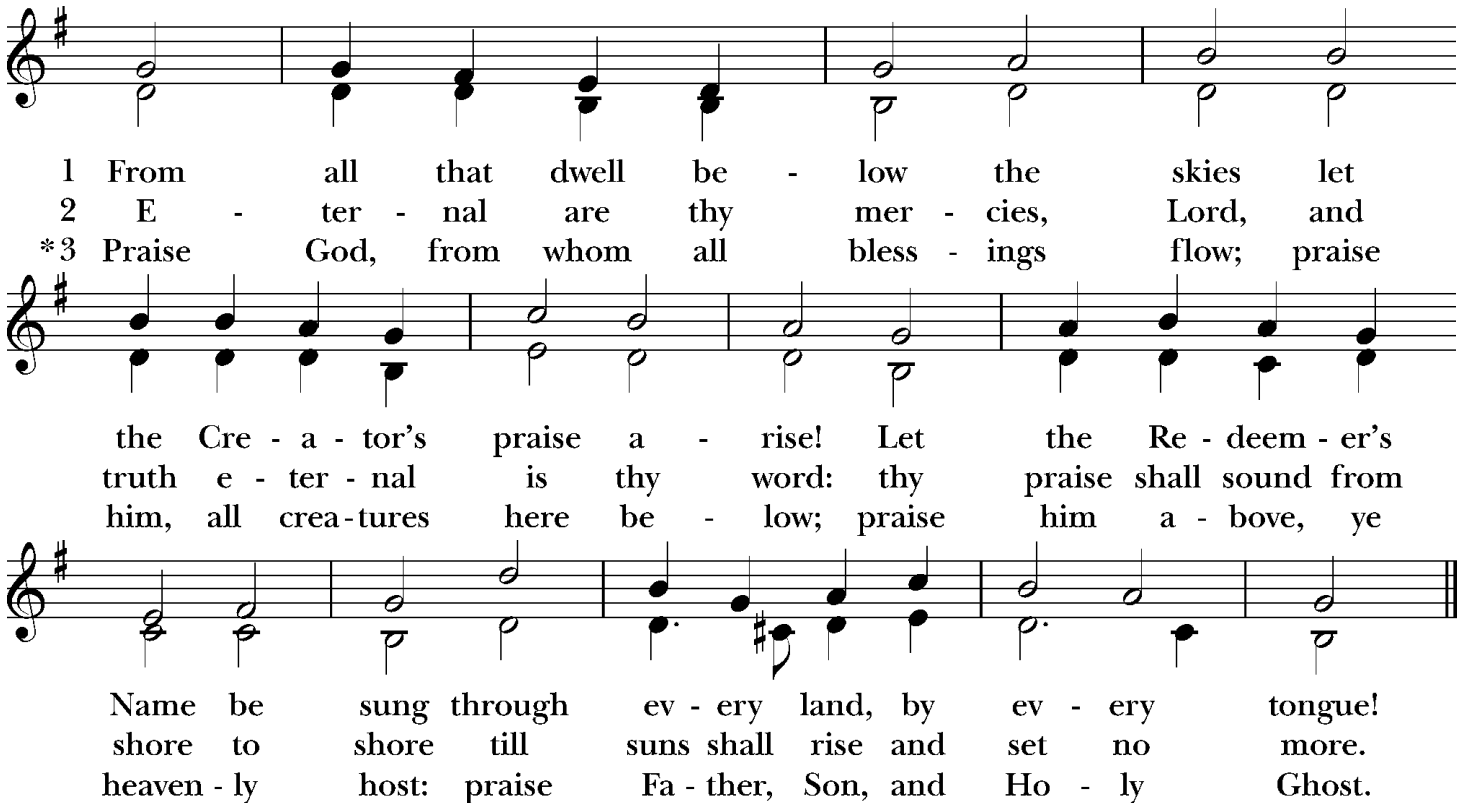
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## 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 380 *From all that dwell below the skies (Old 100th)*



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let  
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and  
\*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise  
the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's  
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from  
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!  
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

# THE LESSONS

## FIRST READING: Genesis 21:8-21

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Reader            The Word of the Lord.  
People            **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM (SAID IN UNISON): Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17**

*Remain seated.*

**Bow down your ear, O LORD, and answer me,  
for I am poor and in misery.  
Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful;  
save your servant who puts his trust in you.  
Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are my God;  
I call upon you all the day long.  
Gladden the soul of your servant,  
for to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.  
For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving,  
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.  
Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer,  
and attend to the voice of my supplications.  
In the time of my trouble I will call upon you,  
for you will answer me.  
Among the gods there is none like you, O LORD,  
nor anything like your works.  
All the nations you have made will come and worship you, O LORD,  
and glorify your Name.  
For you are great;  
you do wondrous things;  
and you alone are God.  
Turn to me and have mercy upon me;  
give your strength to your servant;  
and save the child of your handmaid.  
Show me a sign of your favor,  
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed;  
because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.**

**SECOND READING:** Romans 6:1b-11

*Remain seated.*

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader           The Word of the Lord.

**People           Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN 296** *We know that Christ is raised and dies no more*

**Verses 1, 3, & 4**

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows \_\_\_\_\_

Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold; \_\_\_\_\_  
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life \_\_\_\_\_  
 The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. \_\_\_\_\_  
 as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. \_\_\_\_\_

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. \_\_\_\_\_  
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One. \_\_\_\_\_ Al - le -  
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: \_\_\_\_\_

lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

**THE GOSPEL:** Matthew 10:24-39

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

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;  
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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

**THE SERMON**

**FATHER JIM DORN**

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**A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

## THE NICENE CREED (BCP p. 358)

**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.

*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, \_\_\_\_\_).

We pray for the healthcare workers 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.

On this Father's Day; we pray for our fathers, who have given us life and love, that we  
may show them respect and love. Let us pray for fathers who have lost a child through  
death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and  
console them. Let us pray for fathers who have died, that God may bring them into the  
joy of his kingdom.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Hasten, O Father, the coming of *your* kingdom; and grant that we *your* servants, who  
now live by faith, may with joy behold *your* Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even  
Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## **CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.  
Minister 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 Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

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

*All stand.*

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

*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*

**9:00 AM OFFERTORY HYMN** *Take up your cross (Ronald Corp)*  
The Singing Saints

11:15 AM OFFERTORY HYMN (LEVAS) 191 *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*



1. Why should I feel dis - cour - aged, — Why should the shad - ows come, —  
2. "Let not your heart be trou - bled," — His ten - der word I hear, —  
3. When ev - er I am tempt - ed, — When ev - er clouds a - rise, —



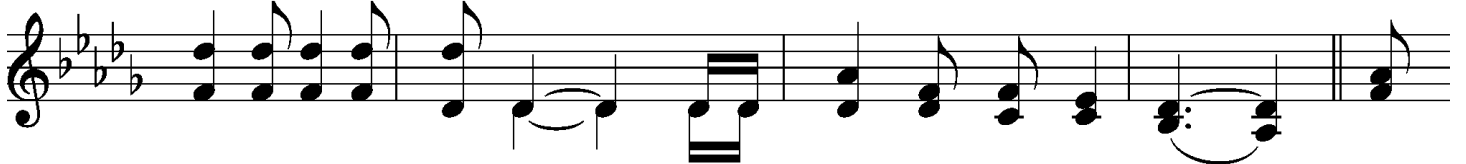
1. Why should my heart be lone - ly, — And long for heav'n and home; — When  
2. And rest - ing on His good - ness, — I lose my doubts and fears; — Though  
3. When songs give place to sigh - ing, — When hope with - in me dies, — I



1. Je - sus is — my por - tion? — My con - stant friend — is He: — His  
2. by the path — He lead - eth, — But one step I — may see; — His  
3. draw the clos - er to Him, — From care He sets — me free; — His



eye is on — the spar - row, — And I know He watch - es me; — His



eye is on the spar - row, — and I know He watch - es me. — I



sing be - cause I'm hap - py, — I sing be - cause I'm free; — For His



eye is on the spar - row, — And I know He watch - es me. —

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

*Celebrant and People*

**God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer; and grant that our whole life may give you glory and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**SURSUM CORDA** (BCP p. 367 – Eucharistic Prayer B)

*The People remain standing.*

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 him thanks and praise.**

**PROPER PREFACE** (BCP p. 377)

*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)*

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,***

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,***

***heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

**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 (S-171) *Be known to us (Plainsong/Martens)*

*Antiphon*



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

*Cantor*

***The bread which we break, alleluia,  
is the communion of the body of Christ.***

*Antiphon*



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

*Cantor*

***One body are we, alleluia,  
for though many we share one bread.***

*Antiphon*



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

## 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.*

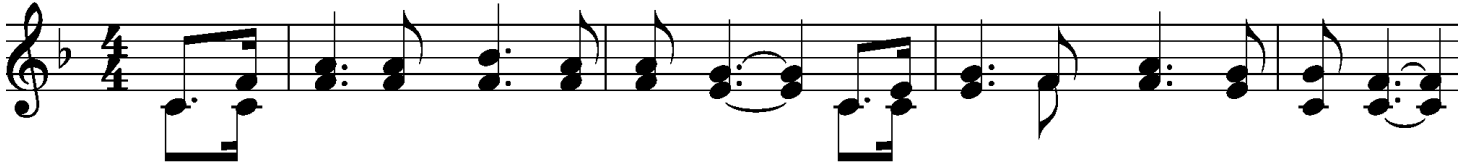
***Ushers will direct the congregation to receive Communion.***

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.*

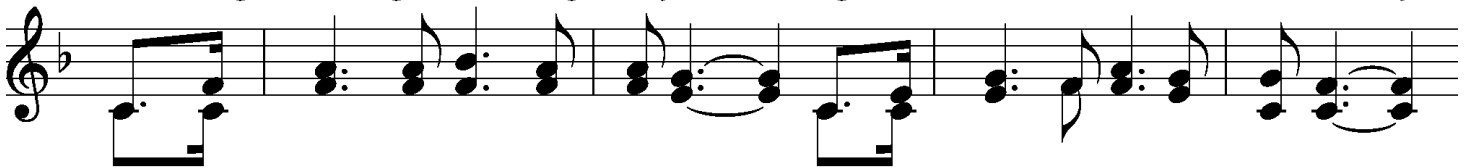
### COMMUNION HYMN (LEVAS) 144 *Where He Leads Me*



1. I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, — I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, —
2. I'll go with Him through the gar - den, — I'll go with Him through the gar - den, —
3. I'll go with Him through the judge - ment, — I'll go with Him through the judge - ment, —
4. He will give me grace and glo - ry, — He will give me grace and glo - ry, —



1. I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, — "Take thy cross and fol - low, fol - low me."
2. I'll go with Him through the gar - den, — I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.
3. I'll go with Him through the judge - ment, — I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.
4. He will give me grace and glo - ry, — And go with me, with me all the way.



Where He leads me I will fol - low, — Where He leads me I will fol - low, —



Where He leads me I will fol - low, — I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

**COMMUNION HYMN** *The First Song of Isaiah (Jack Nobel White)*

*Refrain*

**Surely, it is God who saves me;  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
and he will be my Savior.**

*Verse 1*

**Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing  
from the spring of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say,  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;**

*Refrain*

*Verse 2*

**Make his deeds known among the peoples;  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,  
and this is known in all the world.**

*Refrain*

*Verse 3*

**Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion,  
ring out your joy,  
For the great one in the midst of you  
is the Holy One of Israel.**

*Refrain sung twice*

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

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **PRAYER FOR EUCHARISTIC VISITORS** *(said by all when needed)*

*Celebrant and People*

**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 FATHERS**

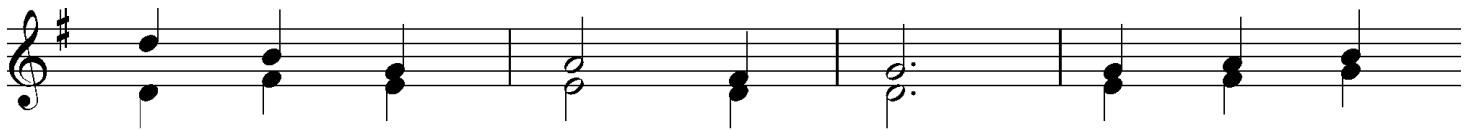
God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **BLESSING OF THE PEOPLE**

Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer. And let faith be the bridge you build to overcome evil and welcome good. And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Maya Angelou, *Celebrations: Rituals of Peace and Prayer* (2006)

**CLOSING HYMN 537** *Christ for the world we sing (Moscow)*



1 Christ for the world we sing! The world to  
 2 Christ for the world we sing! The world to  
 3 Christ for the world we sing! The world to  
 4 Christ for the world we sing! The world to



Christ we bring with lov - ing zeal; the poor, and  
 Christ we bring with fer - vent prayer; the way - ward  
 Christ we bring with one ac - cord; with us the  
 Christ we bring with joy - ful song; the new - born



them that mourn, the faint and o - ver - borne,  
 and the lost, by rest - less pas - sions tossed,  
 work to share, with us re - proach to dare,  
 souls, whose days, re - claimed from er - ror's ways,



sin - sick and sor - row - worn, whom Christ doth heal.  
 re - deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.  
 with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.  
 in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

**DISMISSAL** (BCP p. 366)

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

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

**After the 9:00 am service, all are welcome to join us for  
Coffee & Fellowship in the Parish Hall.**

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