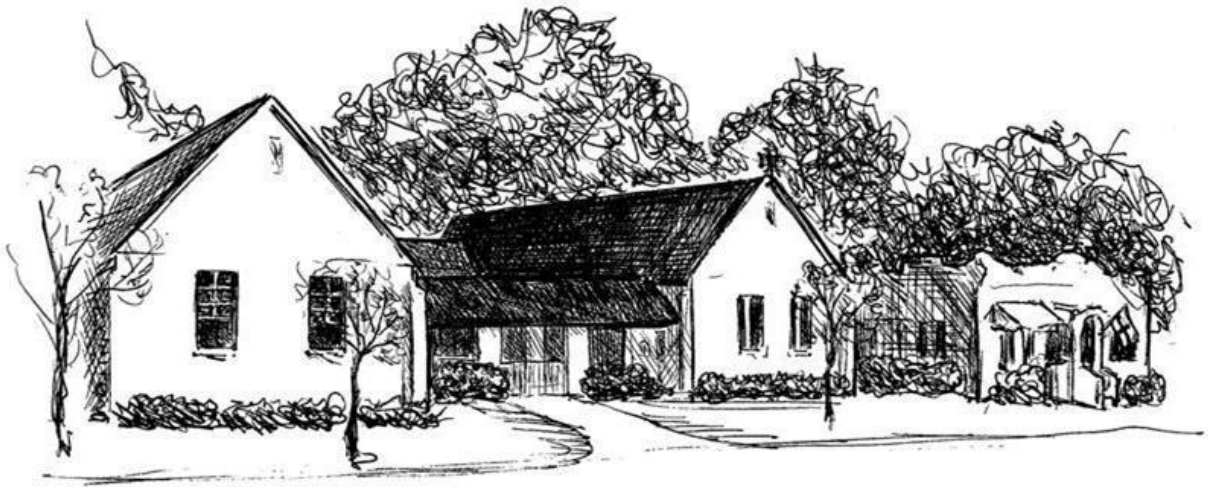


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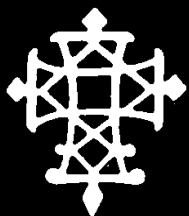


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**Sunday  
June 30, 2024**

**The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

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



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**The Reverend James M. Dorn III, Rector**

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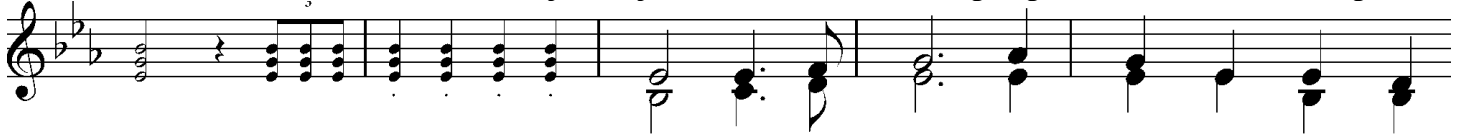
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# The Word of God

## Entrance Rite

### ENTRANCE HYMN 718 *God of our fathers, whose almighty hand (National Hymn)*



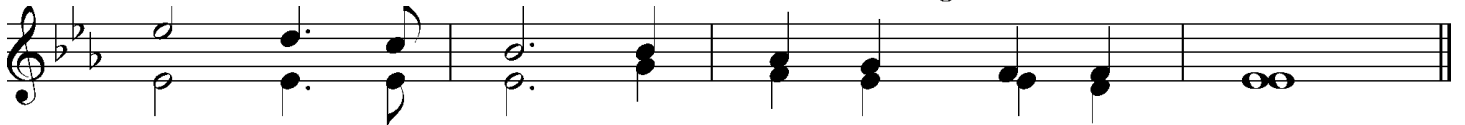
1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y  
2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the  
3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -  
4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some



hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
past, in this free land by thee our lot is cast;  
lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;  
way, lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;



of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,  
be thou our ru - ler, guard - ian, guide, and stay  
thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease,  
fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,



our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.  
thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.  
thy bount - eous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

### 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 376 *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee (Hymn to Joy)*



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach — us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

## 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, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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:** 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the Second book of Samuel.

After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag. David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan. (He ordered that The Song of the Bow be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the Book of Jashar.) He said:

Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places! How the mighty have fallen! Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon; or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice, the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult.

You mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain upon you, nor bounteous fields! For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more.

From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, nor the sword of Saul return empty.

Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely! In life and in death they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions.

O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you with crimson, in luxury, who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.

How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle!

Jonathan lies slain upon your high places. I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; greatly beloved were you to me; your love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.

How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

**People            Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM (SAID IN UNISON):** Psalm 130

**Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;  
LORD, hear my voice;**

**let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.**

**If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss,  
O LORD, who could stand?**

**For there is forgiveness with you;  
therefore you shall be feared.**

**I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him;  
in his word is my hope.**

**My soul waits for the LORD,  
more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.**

**O Israel, wait for the LORD,  
for with the LORD there is mercy;**

**With him there is plenteous redemption,  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

*Silence may follow.*

**SECOND READING:** 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

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

Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,  
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

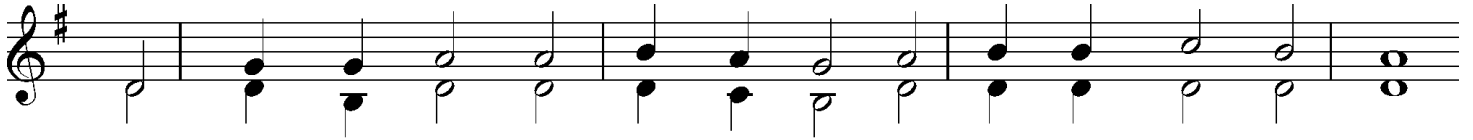
Reader            The Word of the Lord.

People            **Thanks be to God.**

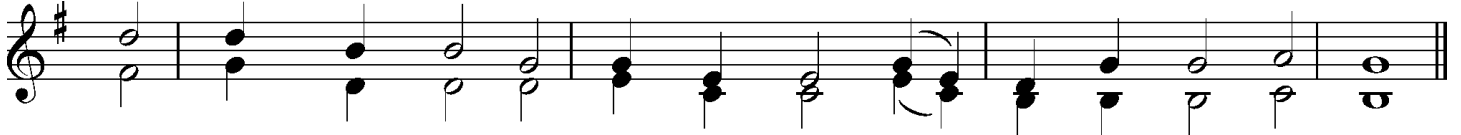
*Silence may follow.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN 493** *O for a thousand tongues to sing (Azmon)*

*All stand.*



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim  
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;  
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,  
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;



1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.  
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - jice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love  
be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above,  
the Church in earth and heaven.

**GOSPEL:** Mark 5:21-43

*All stand.*

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

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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

**THE SERMON**

**THE REV. CANON SCOTT HOLCOMBE**

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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 the departed eternal rest; (especially, \_\_\_\_\_).

**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.*

Almighty God, giver of all good things: We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land. They restore us, though we often destroy them.

We thank you for the great resources of this nation. They make us rich, though we often exploit them.

We thank you for the all men and women who have made this country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall short of them.

We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in this land. It has drawn people from every nation, though we have often hidden from its light.

We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains our life, though we have been faithless again and again.

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.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **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)

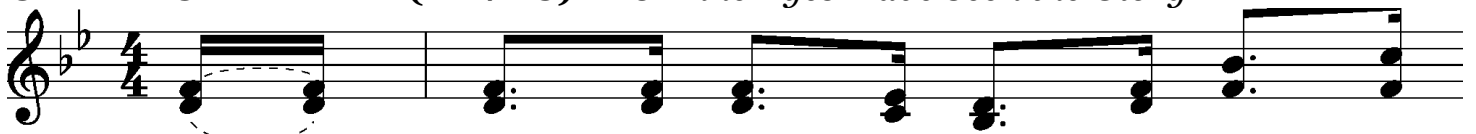
*The Celebrant says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.  
(Ephesians 5:2)

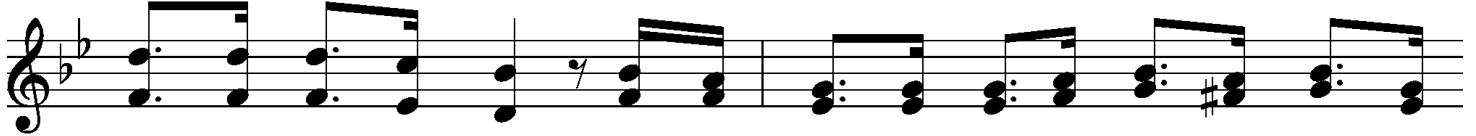
*Options for Giving:*

- 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.  
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# OFFERTORY HYMN (LEVAS) 226 *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*



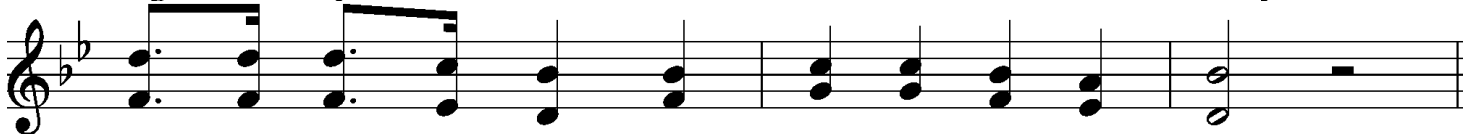
1. Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the  
2. I have seen Him in the watch - fires of a  
3. He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall  
4. In the beau - ty of the lil - ies, Christ was



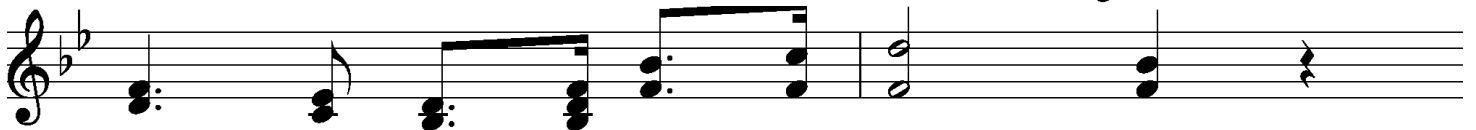
1. com - ing of the Lord; He is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the  
2. hund - red cir - cling camps, They have build - ed Him an al - tar in the  
3. nev - er sound re - treat, He is sift - ing out the hearts of men be -  
4. born a - cross the sea, With a glo - ry in His bos - om that trans -



1. grapes of wrath are stored; He has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of His  
2. eve - ning dews and damps; I can read His right - eous sent - ence by the  
3. fore His judge - ment seat; O be swift, my soul, to an - swer Him! Be  
4. fig - ures you and me; As He died to make men ho - ly, let us



1. ter - ri - ble swift sword, His truth is march - ing on.  
2. dim and flar - ing lamps, His day is march - ing on.  
3. ju - bi - lant, my feet! Our God is march - ing on.  
4. live to make all free, While God is march - ing on.



Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le -



lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

## 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)

*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. 378)

*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.

Who by water and the Holy Spirit has made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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.*

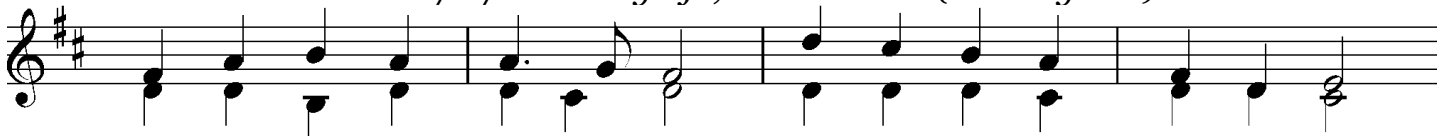
**Ushers will direct the congregation to receive Communion.**

*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.

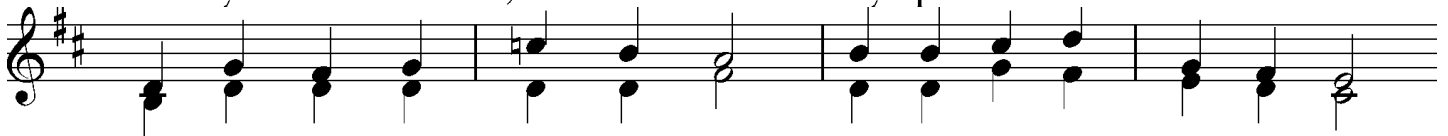
## COMMUNION HYMN 707 *Take my life, and let it be (Hollingside)*



1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;



take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.



Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;  
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.



take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.  
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.



## COMMUNION HYMN 680 *O God, our help in ages past (St. Anne)*



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;  
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;



1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pen - ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 366)

*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

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

Brothers and sisters in Christ. Pray for improvement. Mend your ways. Agree with one another. Live in peace. Greet one another in Holy Ways. And may the blessings, grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all today and forever. **Amen.**

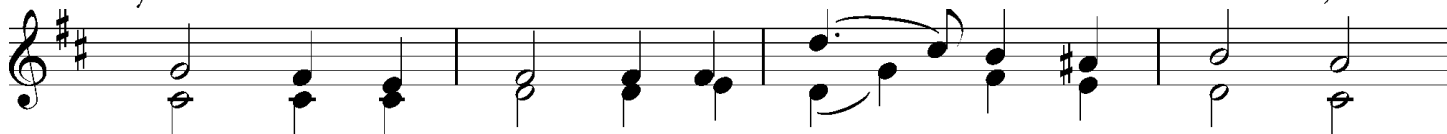
## CLOSING HYMN 569 *God the Omnipotent! King, who ordainest (Russia)*



1 God the Om - ni - po - tent! King, who or - dain - est  
2 God the All - mer - ci - ful! earth hath for - sak - en  
3 God the All - right - eous One! earth hath de - fied thee;  
4 God the All - prov - i - dent! earth by thy chas - tening



thun - der thy clar - ion, the light - ning thy sword;  
thy ways all ho - ly, and slight - ed thy word;  
yet to e - ter - ni - ty stand - eth thy word,  
yet shall to free - dom and truth be re - stored;



show forth thy pi - ty on high where thou reign - est:  
bid not thy wrath in its ter - rors a - wak - en:  
false - hood and wrong shall not tar - ry be - side thee:  
through the thick dark - ness thy king - dom is haste - ning:



give to us peace in our time, O Lord.  
give to us peace in our time, O Lord.  
give to us peace in our time, O Lord.  
thou wilt give peace in thy time, O Lord.

**DISMISSAL** (BCP p. 366)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

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