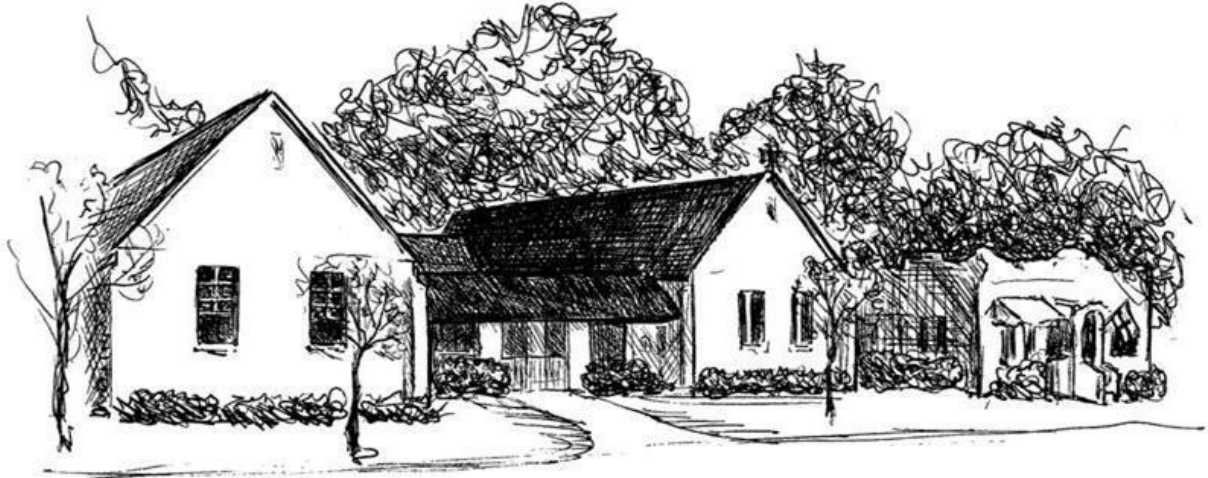


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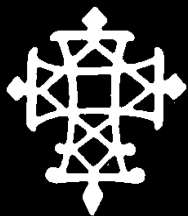


*St. Matthias Church strives to love God with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength; and strives to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. (Mark 12:29-30)*

**Sunday  
September 15, 2024**

**The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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



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Talk to God before Church. Listen to God during Church. Talk to each other after Church.

# The Word of God

## Entrance Rite

### ENTRANCE HYMN 525 *The Church's one foundation (Aurelia)*



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,  
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war  
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,



1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:  
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;  
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;  
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.



1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,  
5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we



1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.  
5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

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

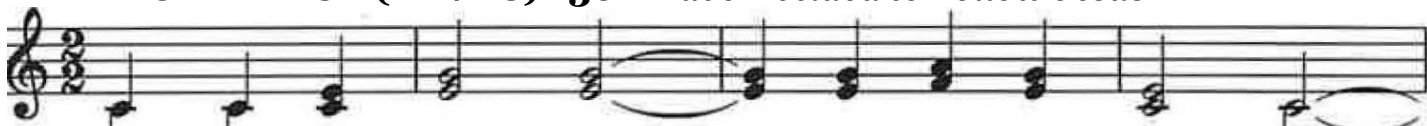
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## 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 (LEVAS) 136 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*



1. I have de - cid - ed \_\_\_\_\_ to fol - low Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Though no one join me, \_\_\_\_\_ still I will fol - low, \_\_\_\_\_  
3. The world be - hind me, \_\_\_\_\_ the cross be - fore me, \_\_\_\_\_



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2. Though no one join me, \_\_\_\_\_ still I will fol - low, \_\_\_\_\_  
3. The world be - hind me, \_\_\_\_\_ the cross be - fore me, \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_ No turn - ing back, \_\_\_\_\_ no turn - ing back!  
(no turn - ing back,)

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

Celebrant        The Lord be with you.

**People        And also with you.**

Celebrant        Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

**FIRST READING:** Proverbs 1:20-33

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of Proverbs.

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: “How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

Reader        The Word of the Lord.

**People        Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM (SAID IN UNISON): Psalm 19**

*Remain seated.*

**The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.  
One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.  
Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,  
Their sound has gone out into all lands,  
and their message to the ends of the world.  
In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.  
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again;  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.  
The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.  
The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.  
The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.  
More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.  
By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.  
Who can tell how often he offends?  
cleanse me from my secret faults.  
Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.  
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in  
your sight,  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

**SECOND READING:** James 3:1-12

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the letter of James.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

**People            Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

SEQUENCE HYMN 574 *Before thy throne, O God, we kneel (St. Petersburg)*

*All stand.*



1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science  
2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to  
3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious  
4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits



quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the  
all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from  
to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare to  
pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O



mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and  
sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us  
catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - reft of  
God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple



shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.  
with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.  
pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.  
may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

**GOSPEL:** Mark 8:27-38

*All stand.*

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

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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)**

*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 all recent hurricanes.

*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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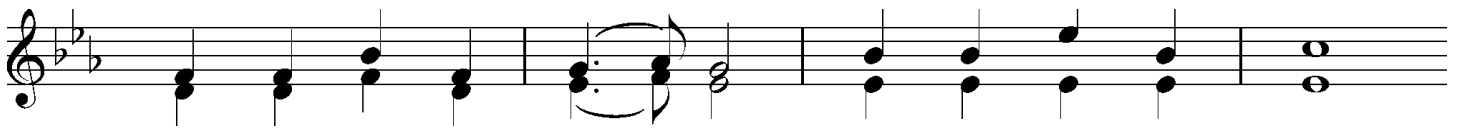
### OFFERTORY HYMN 562 *Onward, Christian soldiers (St. Gertrude)*



1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,  
\*2 At the sign of tri - umph Sa - tan's host doth flee;  
\*3 Like a might - y ar - my moves the Church of God;  
4 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, king - doms rise and wane,  
5 On - ward, then, ye peo - ple, join our hap - py throng;



1 with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore!  
2 on, then, Chris - tian sol - diers, on to vic - to - ry!  
3 Chris - tians, we are tread - ing where the saints have trod;  
4 but the Church of Je - sus con - stant will re - main;  
5 blend with ours your voic - es in the tri - umph song:



1 Christ, the roy - al Mas - ter, leads a - gainst the foe;  
 2 Hell's foun - da - tions quiv - er at the shout of praise;  
 3 we are not di - vid - ed, all one bo - dy we,  
 4 gates of hell can nev - er 'gainst that Church pre - vail;  
 5 glo - ry, laud, and hon - or, un - to Christ the King;



1 for - ward in - to bat - tle, see, his ban - ners go.  
 2 Chris - tians, lift your voic - es, loud your an - thems raise.  
 3 one in hope and doc - trine, one in char - i - ty.  
 4 we have Christ's own prom - ise, and that can - not fail.  
 5 this through count - less a - ges we with an - gels sing.

*Refrain*



On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,



with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore!

## 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 325 *Let us break bread together on our knees*



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

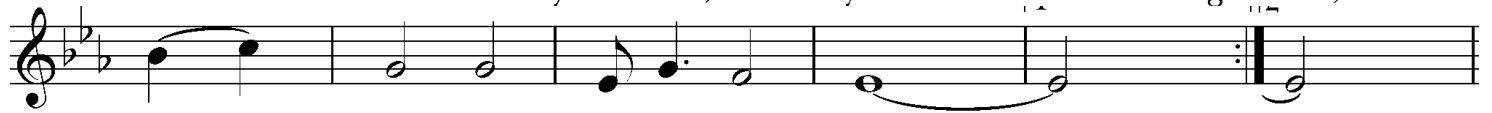


let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

*mp* let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_



when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer - cy on me. \_\_\_\_\_



3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_



*mp* let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_



when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer - cy on me. \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMUNION HYMN 335** *I am the bread of life (I Am the Bread of Life)*



1 I am the bread of life; — they who  
 2 (The) Bread that — I will give — is my  
 3 (Un-) less — you eat — of the  
 4 I am the re - sur - rec - tion, —  
 5 (Yes,) Lord, — we be - lieve — that —



1 come to me shall not — hun - ger; they who be -  
 2 Flesh for the life of the world, — and they who  
 3 Flesh of the Son of — Man — and —  
 4 I — am the — life. — They who be -  
 5 you — are the — Christ, — the —



1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
 2 eat — of this bread, they shall — live for  
 3 drink — of his Blood, you shall not have life with -  
 4 lieve — in me, e - ven — if they  
 5 Son — of God who — has



1 me — un - less the — Fa - ther draw them.  
 2 ev - er. — they shall — live for ev - er.  
 3 in you. you shall not have life with - in you.  
 4 die, — they shall — live for ev - er.  
 5 come — in - to — the — world. —



And I will raise them up, and I will raise them



up, and I will raise them up on the

last day. \_\_\_\_\_ 2 The  
 3 Un- day.  
 4 —  
 5 Yes,

**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

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 448 HYMN O love, how deep, how broad, how high



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in  
5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and  
4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.  
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

## 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.**