

A Celebration of New Ministry:  
Christ Episcopal Church  
&  
The Rev'd R. Kevin Kelly



The Episcopal Diocese of Georgia

Prelude *I Bind Unto Myself Today*

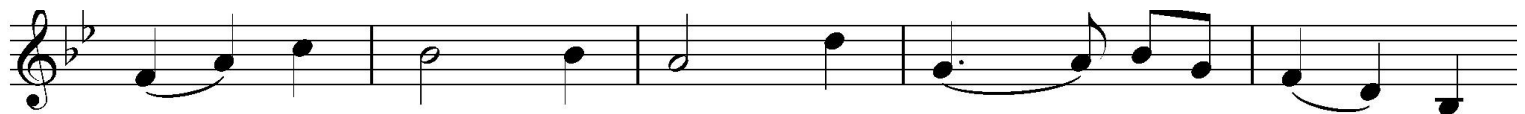
by David Cherwien

Processional Hymn *I bind unto myself today*

(Hymnal 370)



1. I bind un - to my - self to - day the strong Name



of the Trin - i - ty, by in - vo - ca - tion



of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.

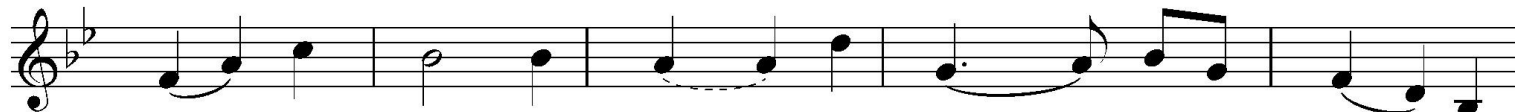


2. I bind this day to me for ev - er, by power of

\*3. I bind un - to my - self the power of the great

\*4. I bind un - to my - self to - day the vir - tues

\*5. I bind un - to mys - elf to - day the power of



faith, Christ's In - car - na - tion; his bap - tism in the  
love of cher - u - bim; the sweet "Well done" in  
of the star - lit heaven the glo - rious sun's life -  
God to hold and lead, his eye to watch, his



Jor - dan riv - er; his death on cross for my sal - va - tion;  
judg - ment hour; the ser - vice of the ser - a - phim;  
giv - ing ray, the white - ness of the moon at even,  
might to stay, his ear to heark - en, to my need;



his burst - ing from the spic - èd tomb; his rid - ing  
con - fess - ors' faith, a - pos - tles' word, the pa - triarchs'  
the flash - ing of the light - ning free, the whirl - ing  
the wis - dom of my God to teach, his hand to



up the heaven - ly way; his com - ing at the  
 prayers, the pro - phets' scrolls; all good deeds done un -  
 wind's tem - pes - tuous shocks, the sta - ble earth, the  
 guide, his shield to ward; the word of God to



day of doom: I bind un - to my - self to - day.  
 to the Lord, and pu - ri - ty of vir - gin souls.  
 deep salt sea, a - round the old e - ter - nal rocks.  
 give me speech, his heaven - ly host to be my guard.

\*6. Christ be with me, Christ with - in me, Christ be - hind me,  
 Christ be - neath me, Christ a - bove me, Christ in qui - et,

Christ be - fore me, Christ be - side me, Christ to  
 Christ in dan - ger, Christ in hearts of all that

win me, Christ to com - fort and re - store me,  
 love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran - ger.

7. I bind un - to my - self the Name, the strong Name  
of the Trin - i - ty, by in - vo - ca - tion  
of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.  
Of whom all na - ture hath cre - a - tion, e - ter - nal  
Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Word: praise to the Lord of  
my sal - va - tion, sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord.

*Bishop* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

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

*The Wardens and new Rector stand before the Bishop. The Wardens say*  
Bishop Logue, we have come together today to welcome Kevin Kelly, whom we believe God has called to serve as Rector.

*The Wardens and new Rector then say*  
On behalf of the people of Christ Church, we present ourselves to you and the gathered church to receive God's blessing as we begin a new ministry together.

*The Bishop says to the members of the parish*  
Dear people of Christ Church, do you commit yourselves to a lively proclamation of the gospel through the work of this congregation and the larger church, working together with Kevin, in love and harmony, and in mutual respect for the ministries of all the baptized?

*The members of the parish respond*  
**We do.**

*The Bishop, standing, says*  
Let us then offer our prayers for all God's people and especially for the people of Christ Church, and for Kevin their Rector.

### **A Litany for the Mission of the Church**

God the Father, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being,  
***Have mercy upon us.***

God the Son, through whom the world is reconciled to the Father,  
***Have mercy upon us.***

God the Holy Spirit, whose glory fills the world and searches the depths of God,  
***Have mercy upon us.***

Blessed Trinity, source of both unity and diversity,  
***Have mercy upon us.***

From blind hearts and petty spirits that refuse to see the need for your love,  
***Savior, deliver us.***

From pride, self-sufficiency and the unwillingness to admit our own need of your compassion,

***Savior, deliver us.***

From discouragement in the face of pain and disappointment, and from lack of persistence and thoroughness,

***Savior, deliver us.***

From ignorance, apathy, and complacency that prevent us from spreading the Gospel,

***Savior, deliver us.***

O God, we pray for the gifts of ministry. Inspire our minds with a vision of your kingdom in this time and place.

***Receive our prayer, O Christ.***

Enlighten our eyes, that we may see your glory in all creation.

***Receive our prayer, O Christ.***

Open our ears that we may hear from every mouth the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment.

***Receive our prayer, O Christ.***

Touch our lips that we may tell in every tongue and dialect the wonderful works of God.

***Receive our prayer, O Christ.***

Soften our hearts that we may discern the mission to which you call us.

***Receive our prayer, O Christ.***

Guide our feet that we may take your Good News into our neighborhoods, communities, and all parts of the world.

***Receive our prayer, O Christ.***

Strengthen our hands that we may each accomplish the work you give us to do.

***Receive our prayer, O Christ.***

Strengthen and encourage all who minister in your name in lonely, dangerous and unresponsive places.

***Receive our prayer, O Christ.***

Open the hearts and hands of many to support your Church in this and every place.

***Receive our prayer, O Christ.***

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

Everliving God, strengthen and sustain Kevin and all the ministers of this congregation, that with patience and understanding, he may love and care for your people, and that together they may faithfully follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, proclaiming in word and deed the good news of the kingdom; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The Rector is seated with the Wardens until after the sermon.*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **The Lesson: Isaiah 52:7-10**

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

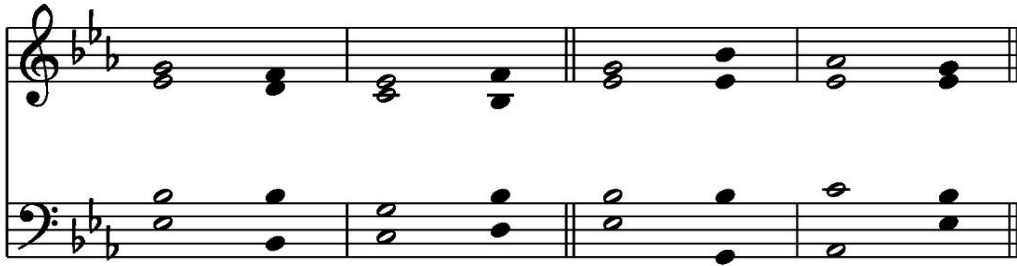
How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,  
who brings good news,  
who announces salvation,  
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,  
together they sing for joy;  
for in plain sight they see  
the return of the Lord to Zion.

Break forth together into singing,  
you ruins of Jerusalem;  
for the Lord has comforted his people,  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord has bared his holy arm  
before the eyes of all the nations;  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.

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



## Psalm 2

- <sup>1</sup> Why are the nations in an uproar? \*  
    Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- <sup>2</sup> Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,  
    and the princes plot to-gether, \*  
    against the Lord and against his A-nointed?
- <sup>3</sup> "Let us break their yoke," they say; \*  
    "let us cast off their bonds from us."  
<sup>4</sup> He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; \*  
    the Lord has them in de-rision.
- <sup>5</sup> Then he speaks to them in his wrath, \*  
    and his rage fills them with terror.
- <sup>6</sup> "I myself have set my king \*  
    upon my holy hill of Zion."  
<sup>7</sup> Let me announce the decree of the Lord: \*  
    he said to me, "You are my Son; this day have I be-gotten you."
- <sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your in-heritance \*  
    and the ends of the earth for your po-ssession.
- <sup>9</sup> You shall crush them with an iron rod \*  
    and shatter them like a piece of pottery."
- <sup>10</sup> And now, you kings, be wise; \*  
    be warned, you rulers of the earth.
- <sup>11</sup> Submit to the Lord with fear, \*  
    and with trembling bow be-fore him;
- <sup>12</sup> Lest he be angry and you perish; \*  
    for his wrath is quickly kindled.
- <sup>13</sup> Happy are they all \*  
    who take refuge in him!  
    Glory to the Father, and to the Son.  
    And to the Holy Spirit:  
    As it was in the beginning, is now,  
    And will be for ever. A-men.

## The Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-8,11-16

A Reading from Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### Sequence Hymn *Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart*

(Hymnal 488)



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought,— by day or by night,  
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;  
Heart of my heart,— what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.  
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

## **The Gospel: Mark 1:1-15**

*Deacon*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way;  
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
`Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight,"

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

*Deacon*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon – Fr. Jim Fleming, SJ**

## The Covenant of Mutual Ministry

*Members of the parish stand as the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry gather facing the Bishop, who reads a charge to the members of the parish*

Good people of Christ Church, through Baptism you have been adopted into the community of faith, God's holy fellowship, the Body of Christ, the Church. Together with your rector, you have been called to share in the Church's mission to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. As your bishop, I remind you that in Baptism, you are fully empowered and authorized to exercise ministry in Christ's name, with mutual affection and respect, within this parish, in the Diocese of Georgia, and in the wider community. Having covenanted in Baptism to do this work, remember that each of you has resources and gifts for ministry. Join your rector, in prayer, in discerning a vision for this parish, and in calling forth the leadership, resources, and talents to carry out that vision. As you love and serve God's people, remember to love, support, and nourish your rector, his family, and the members of the staff who serve you here.

May the One who has given you the will to do these things, give you the grace and power to perform them.

*Bishop:* Do you commit yourselves to this task?

*People:* **We do, by the grace of God.**

*The Wardens, Vestry members, and parishioners are seated. The Rector remains standing as the Bishop then reads a charge to the Rector*

Kevin, Presbyter of the Church of God, you have been called to work together with your Bishop and fellow Presbyters as a pastor, priest, and teacher, and to take your share in the councils of the Church. Now, in accordance with the Canons, you have been called to serve God in Christ Church, Valdosta, in the Diocese of Georgia. This charge is a sign that you are fully empowered and authorized to exercise this ministry, accepting its privileges and responsibilities as a priest of this Diocese, in communion with your Bishop. Having committed yourself to this work, do not forget the trust of those who have chosen you. Care alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. By your words and actions, and in your life, proclaim the Gospel. Love and serve Christ's people. Nourish them, empower them for ministry, and strengthen them to glorify God in this life and in the life to come.

May the One who has given you the will to do these things, give you the grace and power to perform them.

*Bishop:* Do you commit yourself to this trust and responsibility?

*Rector:* **I do, by the grace of God.**

*The Rector is seated as diocesan clergy, members of neighboring congregations, and members of the local community stand and the Bishop says*

Will you members of the local community and the wider church, who witness this new beginning, support and uphold the priest and people of this congregation in their ministry together?

*Response:*     **We will, by the grace of God.**

*The Bishop continues*

Holy Scripture records that when God and God's people enter a covenant with each other, God establishes a sign to mark the new relationship. When a priest and people enter a new covenant with one another, the exchange of symbolic gifts is an appropriate way to mark the occasion.

*Representatives of the congregation, the priest, and representatives of the Diocese present appropriate symbols to persons or groups chosen to reflect specific aspects of the ministry of the congregation in the world at large and within the life of the church itself. Gift-giving is to be reciprocal. The symbols presented should be large enough to be visible to all and should remain in the sight of the congregation during the Covenant of Mutual Ministry.*

*The Bishop presents the Rector with vessels of water and blessed oil of chrism, saying*

Kevin, take this water and chrism and help me baptize in obedience to our Lord.

*People:*       **Amen.**

*The Rector and Wardens present a lighted candle to the Bishop, with the following words*

Bishop Logue, accept this candle as a sign of our commitment to work with the rest of our diocese in spreading the light of Christ to all people.

*People:*       **Amen.**

*A Bible is presented to the Rector with these words*

Kevin, accept this Bible and be among us as one who proclaims the gospel and helps us to do the same.

*People:*       **Amen.**

*A Bible commentary is presented by the Rector to a member of the congregation with these words*

Willa, accept this commentary as a reminder that all Christians are to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest the Word of God.

*People:*       **Amen.**

*A Prayer Book is presented to the Rector, with these words*

Kevin, receive this Prayer Book and be among us as a person of prayer and a leader of our corporate worship.

*People:*       **Amen.**

*The Rector presents a Hymnal to a church musician or other member of the congregation, saying*

Sue Ellen, receive this Hymnal and join with all others in this parish in worshiping God in the beauty of holiness.

*People:*       **Amen.**

*A stole is presented to the Rector with these words*

Kevin, receive this stole and be among us as a pastor and priest.

*People:*       **Amen.**

*The Bishop and Rector jointly present a home communion set to a Eucharistic Visitor with these words*

Phyllis, receive this home communion set and help us extend the sacrament of the altar to those who cannot be physically present here.

*People:*       **Amen.**

*The Wardens present the keys of the church to the Rector with these words*

Kevin, receive these keys, and let the doors of this place be open to all people.

*People:*       **Amen.**

*Symbols of hospitality are presented by the Rector with these words*

Receive these symbols of hospitality to welcome all in Christ's name.

*People:* **Amen.**

*The Bishop continues*

Let all these be signs of the ministry we share in this place, in our diocese, and in the church throughout the world.

*People:* **Amen.**

*The Rector stands in the midst of the people and says*

O Lord my God, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; yet you have called your servant to stand in your house; and to serve at your altar. To you and to your service I devote myself, body, soul, and spirit. Fill my memory with the record of your mighty works; enlighten my understanding with the light of your Holy Spirit; and may all the desires of my heart and will center in what you would have me do. Make me an instrument of your salvation for the people entrusted to my care, and grant that I may faithfully administer your holy Sacraments, and by my life and teaching set forth your true and living Word. Be always with me in carrying out the duties of my ministry. In prayer, quicken my devotion; in praises, heighten my love and gratitude; in preaching, give me readiness of thought and expression; and grant that, by the clearness and brightness of your holy Word, all the world may be drawn into your blessed kingdom. All this I ask for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

*The members of the congregation remain standing and say together*

**Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in us the covenant you made with us at our Baptism. Send us forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.***

*Bishop*

Acknowledging the one mission of Jesus our Lord, which we share in unity, let us greet one another in the name of Christ.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:*       **And also with you.**

*The Bishop, Clergy, and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**Offertory – “Go Not Far From Me, O God”**

Zingarelli (Hullah)

*Guest Conductor – Kenji Bolden-Jackson*

**Doxology**

## **The Holy Eucharist**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

***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.**

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

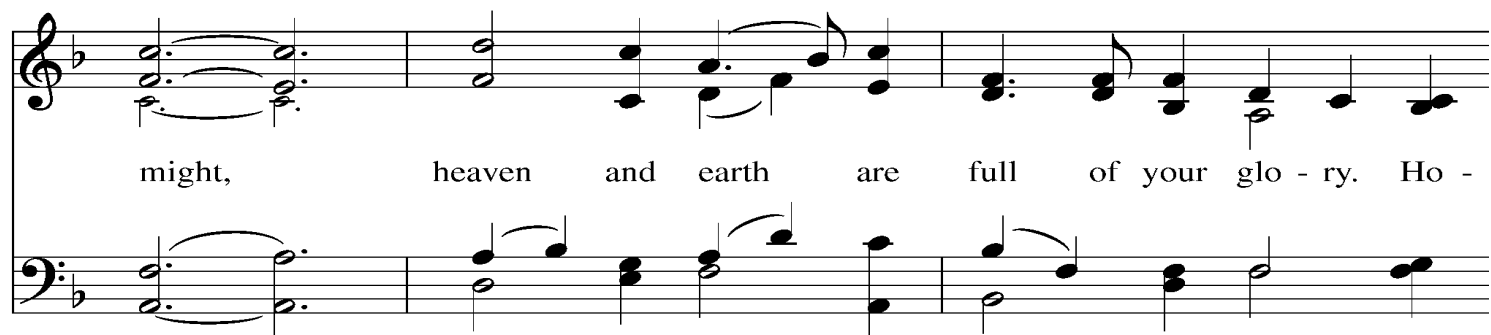
For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

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:

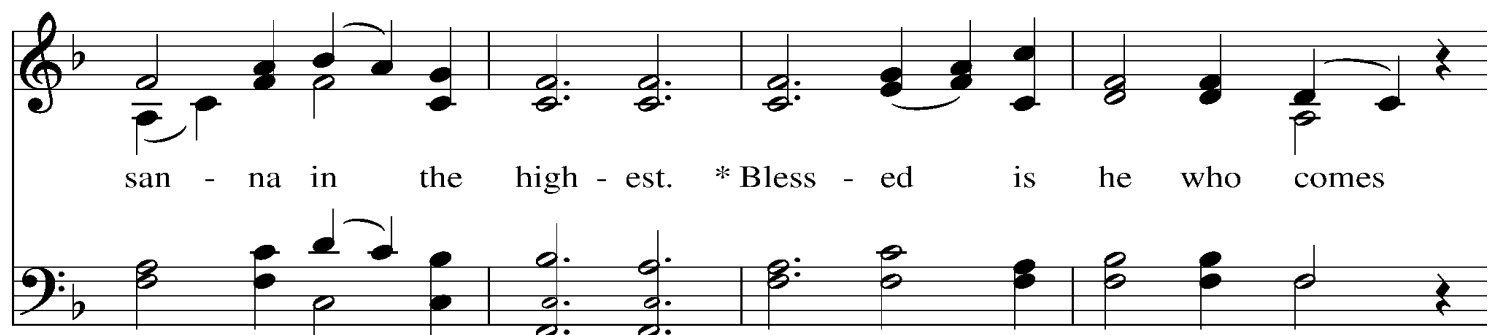
**Sanctus** *WLP 858 Holy, holy, holy (Folk/Pruner) (American folk melody)*



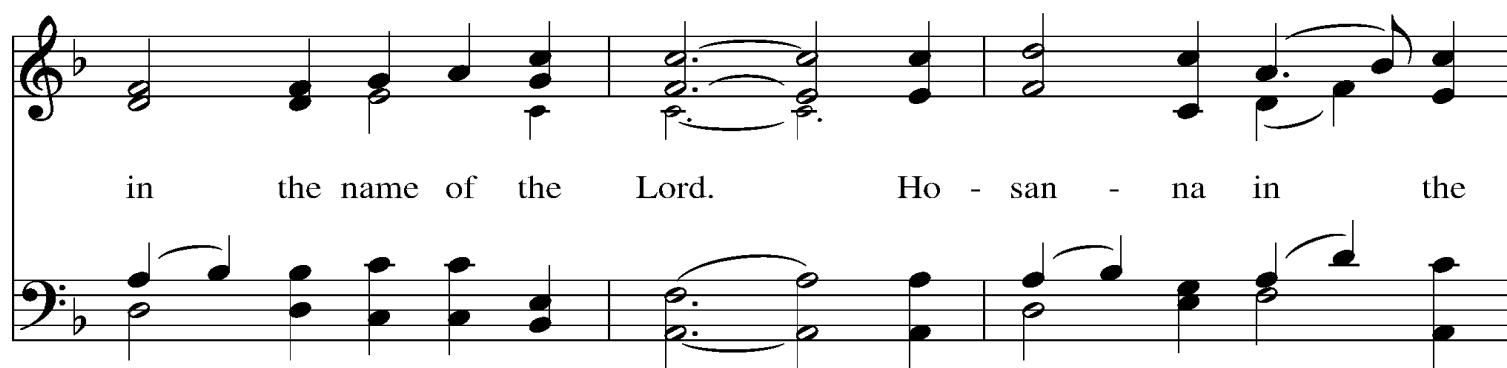
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



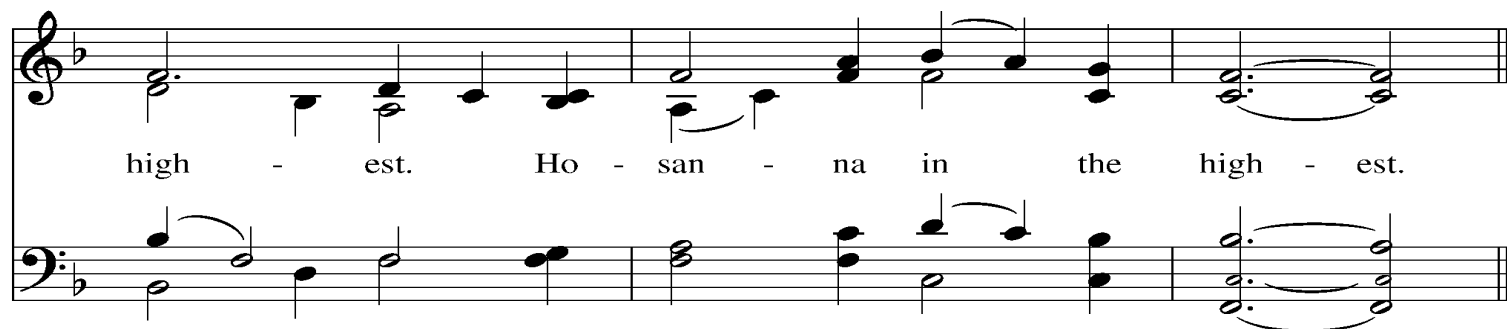
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. \* Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

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

**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.**

# Fraction Anthem *S 154 Christ our Passover (Hurd)*

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## Communion Hymn *For the bread which you have broken*

(Hymnal 341)

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the  
2 By this pledge, Lord, that you love us, by your  
3 As our bless - ed ones a - dore you, seat - ed  
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our  
wine which you have poured, for the words which you have  
gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -  
at our Fa - ther's board, may the Church still wait - ing  
hearts keep watch and ward, in the world to which you

spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
 bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
 for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
 send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Communion Hymn *Come with us, O blessed Jesus* (Hymnal 336)

1 Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er -  
 \*2 Come with us, O might - y Sa - vior, God from God, and  
 \*3 Come with us, O King of glo - ry, by an - gel - ic

more to be; and though leav - ing now thine  
 Light from Light; thou art God, thy glo - ry  
 voic - es praised; in our hearts as in thy

al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee.  
 veil - ing, so that we may bear the sight.  
 hea - ven, be en - rap - tured an - them raised.

Be thou one with us for ev - er, in our life thy  
 Now we go to seek and serve thee, through our work as  
 Let the might - y cho - rus ev - er sing its glad ex -

love di - vine our own flesh and blood has  
 through our prayer; grant us light to see and  
 ul - tant songs; let its hymn be heard for

tak - en, and to us thou giv - est thine.  
 know thee, in thy peo - ple ev - ery - where.  
 ev - er— peace for which cre - a - tion longs.

Communion Hymn *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

(Hymnal 324)



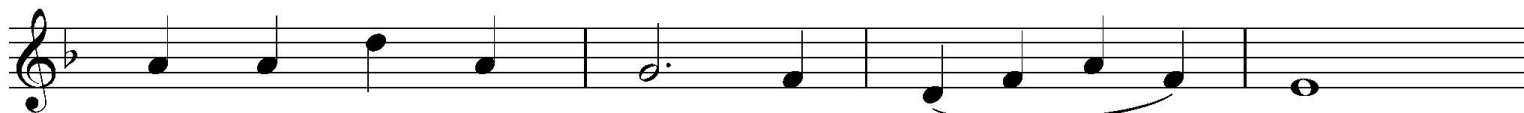
1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and  
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on  
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard  
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with



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



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



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



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

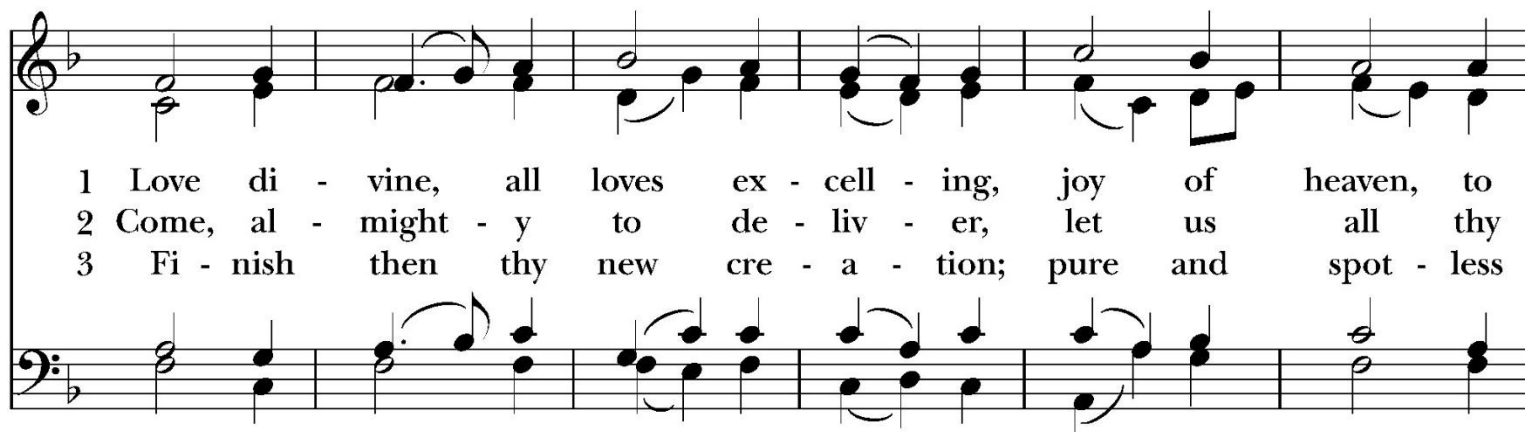
## Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

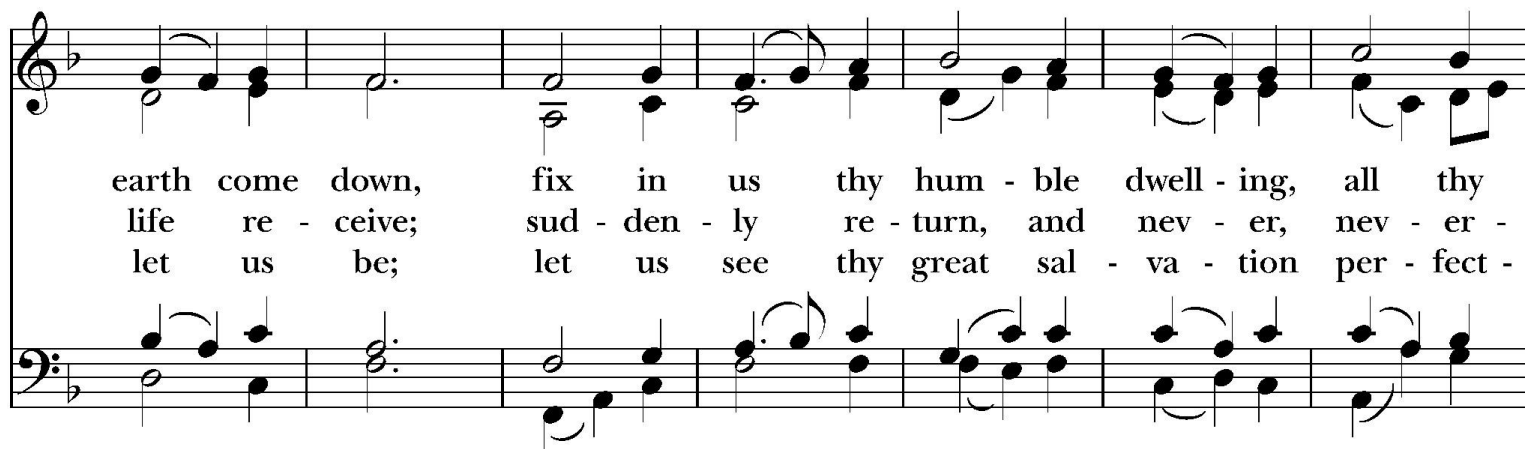
Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of your Word and Sacraments. We pray that Kevin and the people of Christ Church may be an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that all of us together may serve you now, and always rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

### Processional Hymn *Love divine, all loves excelling* (Hymnal 657)



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Postlude** *March of the Priests*

By Felix Mendelssohn,  
 arr. by Homer N. Bartlett

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for  
the new ministry between  
Christ Church and The Rev'd R. Kevin Kelly.*

*Please join us for a reception in the parish hall immediately following the service.*

# *Participants*

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The Rev'd R. Kevin Kelly

*Rector*

The Rev'd Walter Hobgood

*Bishop's Chaplain*

Father Jim Fleming, SJ

*Homilist*

The Rev'd Nancy Sartin

*Deacon*

Nancy Lutsko

*Verger*

Blake Yarbrough, BJ Mistick, Erica Thieme & Dot Gatchell

*Acolytes*

Jane Kinney & Sheri Gravett

*Lectors*

Jeani Synyard

*Eucharistic Minister*

Sue Ellen Rumstay

*Organist*

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*Choir Director*

Jerry Byrd, John McRae, Paul Stevenson & Rita Watters

*Ushers*