

The 6th Sunday after Pentecost
July 5, 2026, 10am
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two



PRELUDE – *Fantasia on America the Beautiful*

Rex Koury

Entrance Hymn *O beautiful for spacious skies (Materna)*

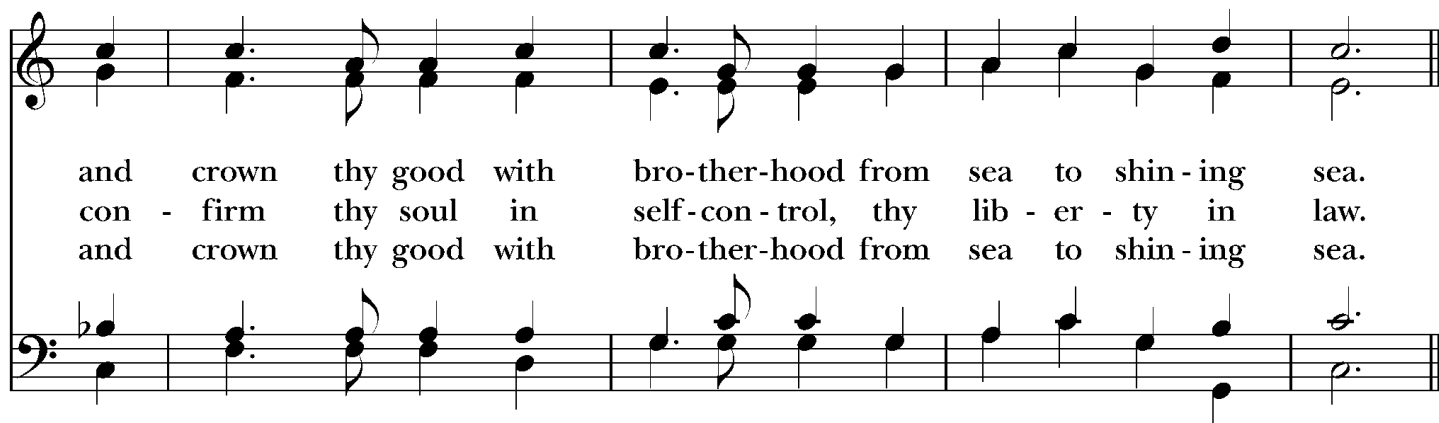
(H 719)

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain ma - jes - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!
thine al - a - bas - ter ci - ties gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

The musical score is written for three voices (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor) and piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with three parts and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines. The music is in G major and 4/4 time. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a more active bass line in the left hand.



and crown thy good with bro-ther-hood from sea to shin-ing sea.
 con - firm thy soul in self-con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.
 and crown thy good with bro-ther-hood from sea to shin-ing sea.

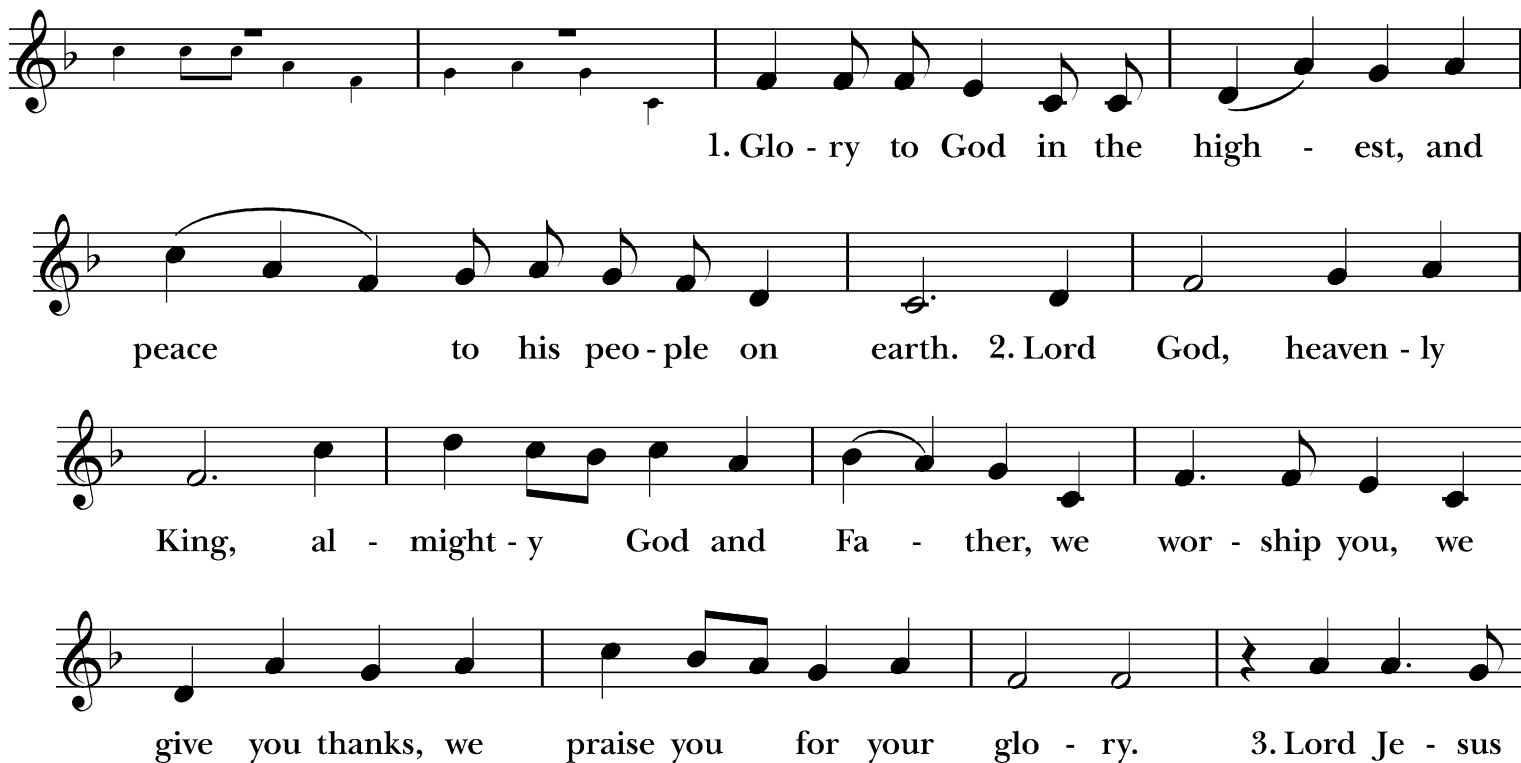
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

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

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.

GLORIA S 280 *Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Powell)*



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

A Reading from the book of the prophet Zechariah.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



Psalm 145:8-15

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8 The Lord is gracious and full of com-passion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The Lord is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.

10 All your works praise you, O Lord, *
and your faithful servants bless you.

- 11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;
- 12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- 14 The Lord is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.
- 15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.
- 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: Romans 7:15-25a

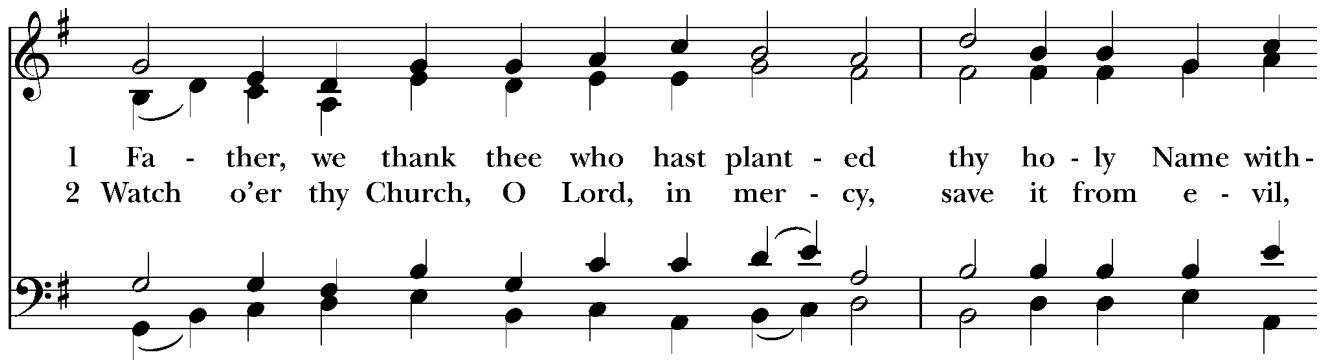
A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

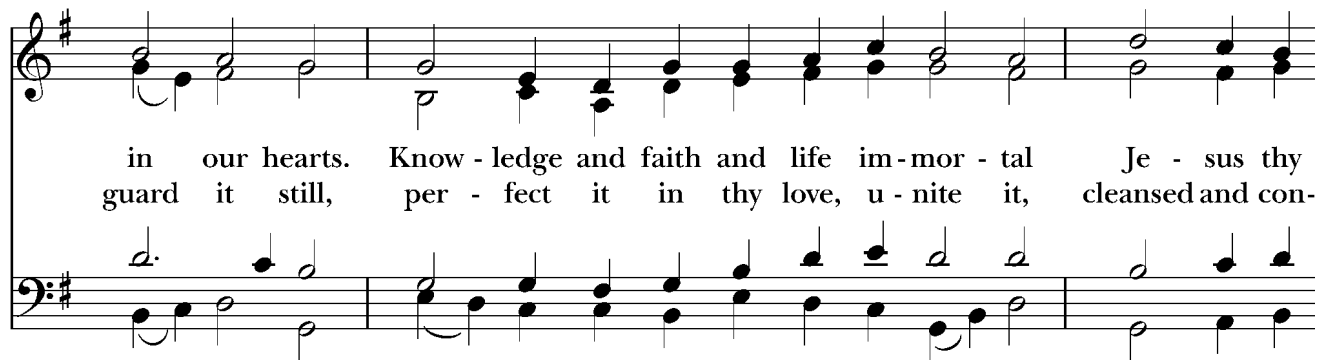
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

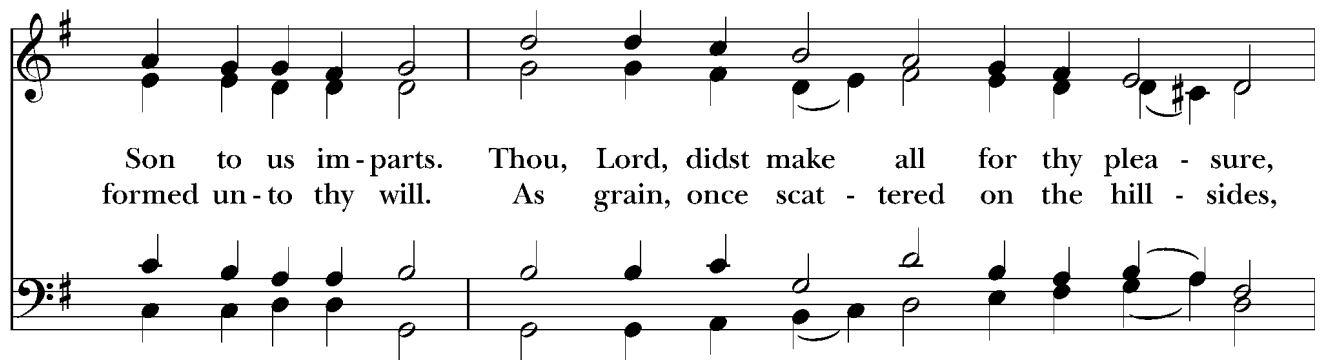
Sequence Hymn *Father, we thank thee who hast planted (Rendez à Dieu)* (H 302)



1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -
 2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,



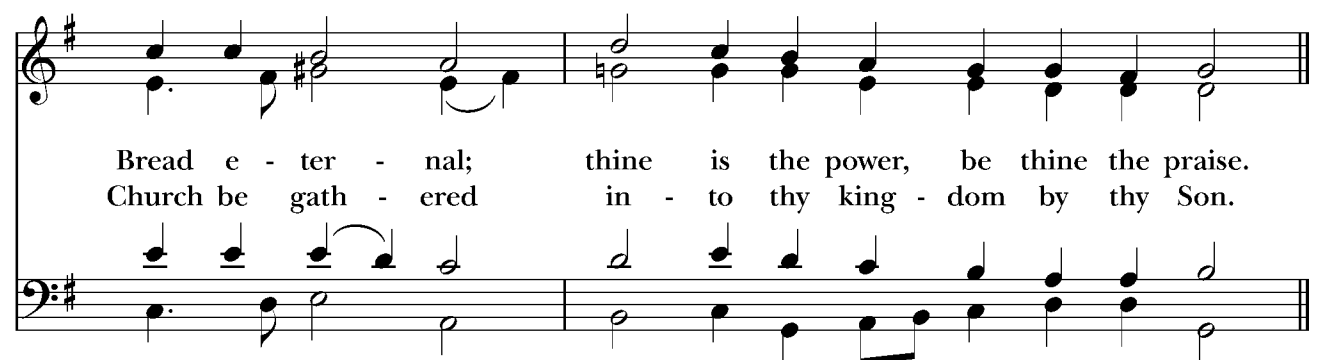
in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy
 guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -



Son to us im - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,
 formed un - to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,



didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the
 was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands thy



Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.
 Church be gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON – The Rev’d R. Kevin Kelly

The Nicene Creed

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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

Celebrant

All who are weary and heavy burdened, come let us offer prayers to our God and Father.

Leader

For this holy gathering and for the people of God in every place. For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Frank and Scott, our bishops; Kevin, Walter, and Marcia, our priests, and Nancy, Stella and Patricia, our deacons; In the Anglican prayer cycle we pray for the Anglican Church of South America. In our own diocese, we pray for our congregation in Richmond Hill, St. Elizabeth of Hungary. We also pray for our ecumenical partners in Richmond Hill, especially Spirit of Peace, and St. Anne's. In our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic, we pray for St. Mary the Virgin in Monte Llano.

Lord, have mercy.

For Donald our President, the Congress and the Courts; Brian our Governor; members of the Valdosta City Council and the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners; For all nations, peoples, tribes, clans, and families.

Lord, have mercy.

For mercy, peace, and justice in the world, and for our armed forces everywhere.

Lord, have mercy.

For Caroline Betts, Virginia Betts, Ron Bezona, Tyson Carter, the Carter family, "Red" Dawson, Rhett Dawson, Guerry Jameson, the Kurrie family, Dennis Marks, Jeff Mitchell, Olivia Nunn, Alice Pendleton, Jose Santiago, Owen Samuelson, Todd Skinner, Bo Smith,

Jane Stanaland, Belva Wilson, and the people of Venezuela. For all those in danger and need: the sick and the suffering, the poor and the oppressed, prisoners and their families.
Lord, have mercy.

For all the dying and the dead. We remember especially Paula Carter and Tom Kurrie.
Lord, have mercy.

For all those captive to sin.
Lord, have mercy.

For those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Anne Shenton, Katherine Mayer, Cassidy Honeycutt, Jennifer Alvarez, and Katie Wisenbaker. For ourselves, our families, our companions, and all those we love.
Lord, have mercy.

Lifting our voices with all creation, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.
To you, O Lord our God.

Celebrant

Lord of heaven and earth, hear the prayers we offer today, teach us the secrets of your heart, and give us rest from our trials; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

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The Deacon or Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant

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

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Announcements

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

Psalms 50:14

OFFERTORY – *Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy (Slane)*

(H 482)



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

DOXOLOGY

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Great Thanksgiving

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

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

Sanctus *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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem S 164 Jesus, Lamb of God (Schubert/Proulx)

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

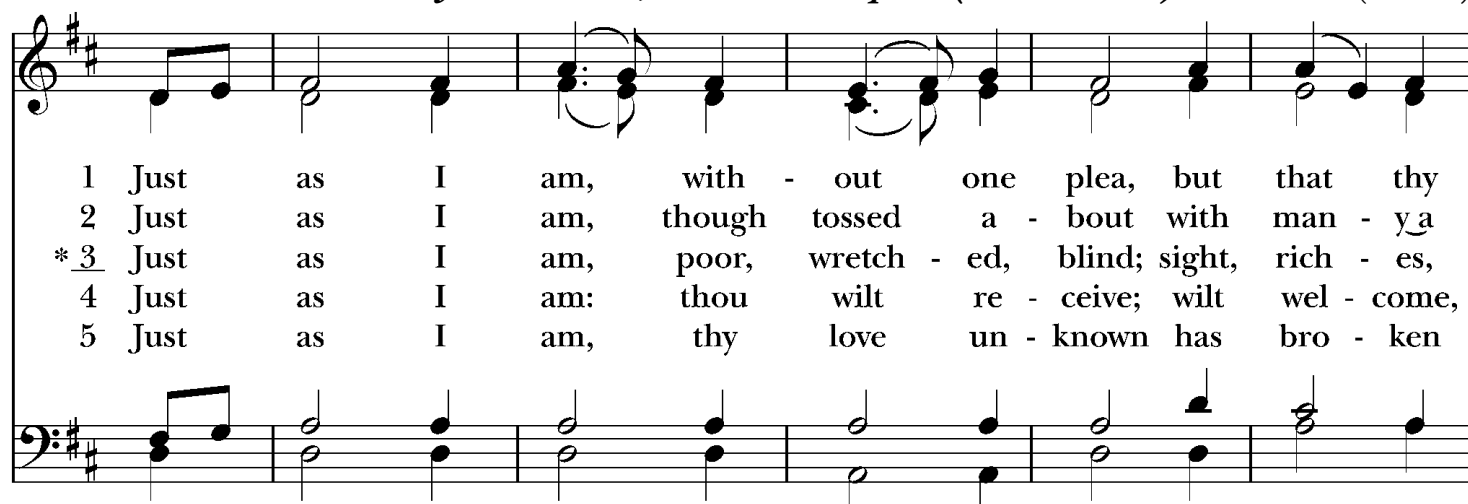
Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION HYMN *Just as I am, without one plea (Woodworth)*

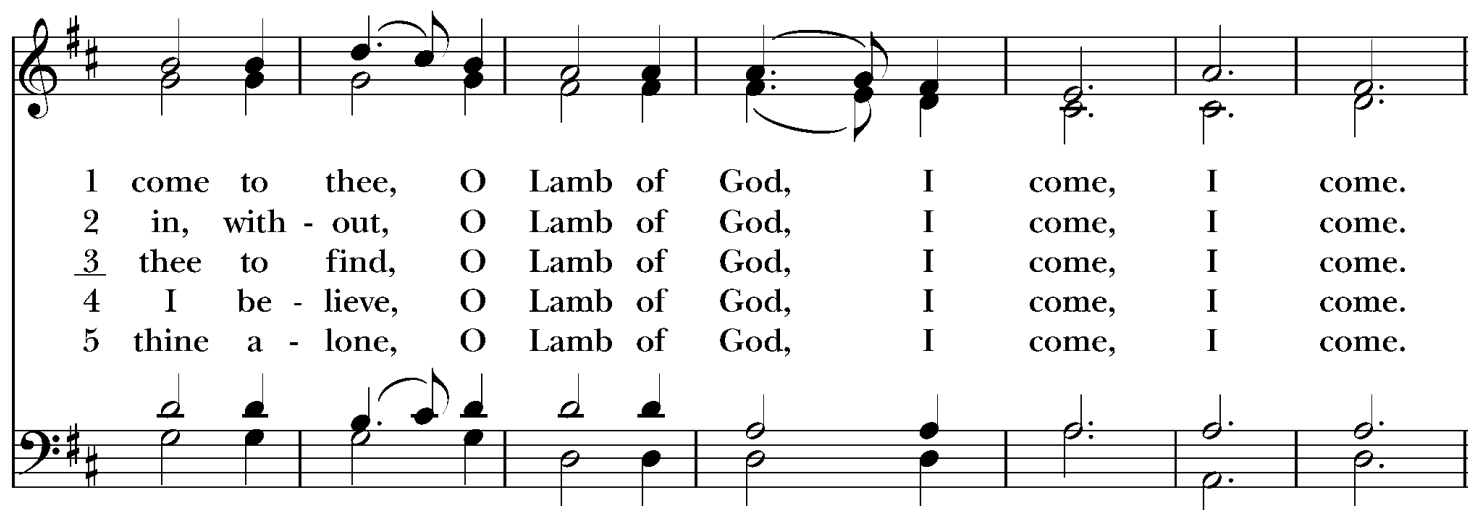
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1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - ya
 * 3 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,
 4 Just as I am: thou wilt re - ceive; wilt wel - come,
 5 Just as I am, thy love un - known has bro - ken



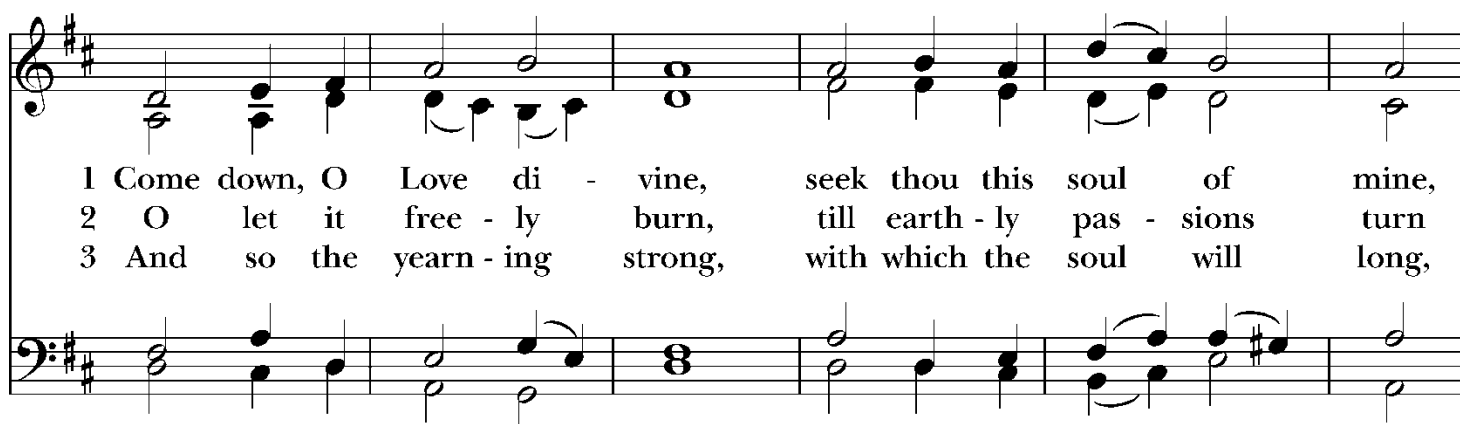
1 blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me
 2 con - flict, man - ya doubt; fight - ings and fears with -
 3 heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in
 4 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve, be - cause thy prom - ise
 5 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,



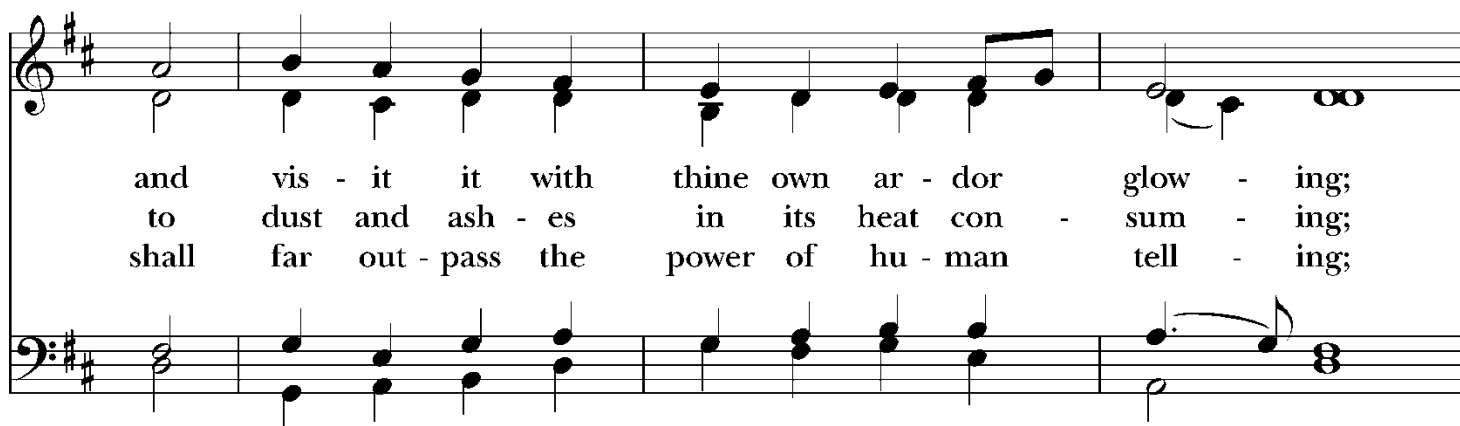
1 come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 2 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 3 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 4 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 5 thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am, of thy great love
 the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
 here for a season, then above:
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

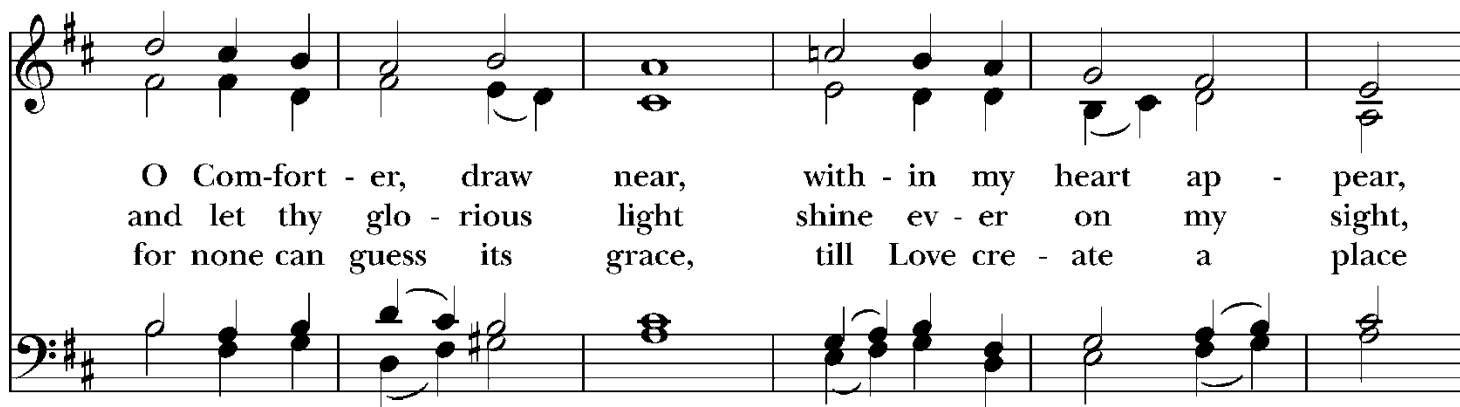
COMMUNION HYMN *Come down, O Love divine (Down Ampney)* (H 516)



1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place



and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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Let us pray.

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

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN *God of our fathers, whose almighty hand (National Hymn)* (H 718)

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.

Dismissal

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Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – *God Bless Our Native Land*

By Wilber Held

Serving Today

Eucharistic Ministers: Sandy Sandbach, Sheri Gravett, Mike Tanner

Lectors: Sheri Gravett, Jeani Synyard, Sandy Sandbach

Acolytes: Blake Yarbrough, Elizabeth Hood, Jennifer Hood

Altar Guild: Debi Saeger, Julia Ariail, Lucy Tomberlin

Ushers: Stephen Sandbach, Tanner Darby, Martin Holland

Audio/Visual Crew: Julius Ariail, Ken Rumstay, Larry Wisenbaker

Coffee Hour Hosts – Pat Denmark, Sallie Honeycutt,

Eric Nielsen, Ann Burnette, Pat Bezona

Vestry Person of the Day – Marcie Dennard

Upcoming Events



An afternoon of Patriotic Organ Music! Come beat the heat and join us at 3pm THIS AFTERNOON, July 5th to enjoy inspiring patriotic selections shared by our own Sue Ellen Rumstay, whose talents bless our congregation. All Are Welcome!

Attention Parents & Grandparents of Toddlers! Toddler Tuesday will be held on Tuesday, July 14th from 8am to Noon. Please plan to bring your toddler for a fun-filled morning of play, friends, crafts, stories, and fun! For more information, contact Kylee Creasy: (229) 415-1515.



Please donate to The Haven School Supply Drive – A basket has been placed in the parish hall for school supply donations which will benefit children of The Haven, a local temporary shelter for victims of domestic violence. The collection will continue until July 19th. Pencils, pens (red, black & blue), spiral notebooks, glue sticks, crayons and markers are always appropriate.)



Save the Date! Plan to join us at 6:30pm on Friday, July 31st for a “Seminarian Send-off” at the home of Bobby & Nikki Yarbrough.

More details to come.

SHARE THY SHELF: There was a terrific turnout for the inaugural gathering! The next gathering is planned for Sunday, August 9 from 4:00 to 5:30pm, where we'll chat about what kinds of books everyone enjoys and talk about recent favorites. If you have books at home that others might love, feel free to bring them!

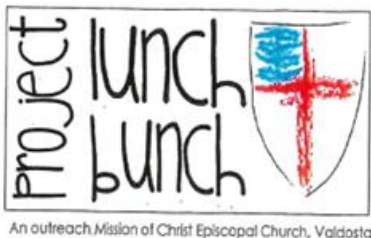


We are pleased to announce a new giving option - Venmo! Just scan the QR code and follow the prompts. Recurring gifts from your credit/debit card may also be scheduled via PayPal using the same code. If you are currently giving through Vanco, there is no need to switch to PayPal at this time.

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY: Thursdays from 10:15am-11:15am at the home of John & Mtr Marcia McRae - 2701 Green Meadow Drive. The book being studied is: Answering God by Eugene Peterson. For more information call Tammy Borders at 229.560.5889.



MONTHLY GRACE CAFÉ FOOD/SUPPLIES DRIVE. The café food pantry is requesting for July: Canned Goods – soups, ravioli, tuna, vegetables, etc. A donation basket has been placed in the parish hall for your convenience. Thank you for your generous support of our College Ministry!



LUNCH BUNCH: 2 Saturdays per month @10:45am. Help make sack lunches for approximately 100 children in need of meals. It is an assembly line process that only takes about one hour of your time. All are invited to participate - just show up on Saturday. Upcoming Dates: July 11th and July 25th.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Families with Young Children Gathering next month on the weekend of July 25th at the Stone Creek splash pad. More details to come.





Mission Statement:

As followers of Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we share God's love, grace and mercy through worship, prayer and service, respecting the dignity of all.

The Rt Rev'd Frank Logue, Bishop of Georgia
All Christ Church Families & Friends are Ministers.

The Rev'd R. Kevin Kelly, Rector

The Rev'd Nancy Sartin, Deacon

Bobby Yarbrough, Sr. Warden

Ed Mistick, Jr. Warden

Molly Stevenson, Interim Administrative Assistant

Amy Creasy, Bookkeeper

Krystle Black, Treasurer

Jeri-Lyn Flowers, Director of College Ministry

Elise Sandbach, Director of Preschool & PMO

Kylee Creasy, Children's Ministries Leader

Ellie Copeland & Katie Wisenbaker, Youth Ministers (EYC)

Issa Young, Choir Director

Sue Ellen Rumstay, Director of Music

Nancy Lutsko, Verger

The 10:00 service is livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook

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