

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Fourth Sunday in Lent – Mothering Sunday

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | MARCH 27, 2022 – 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

Adagio from Vivaldi's Concerto in D Minor - J.S. Bach/Virgil Fox

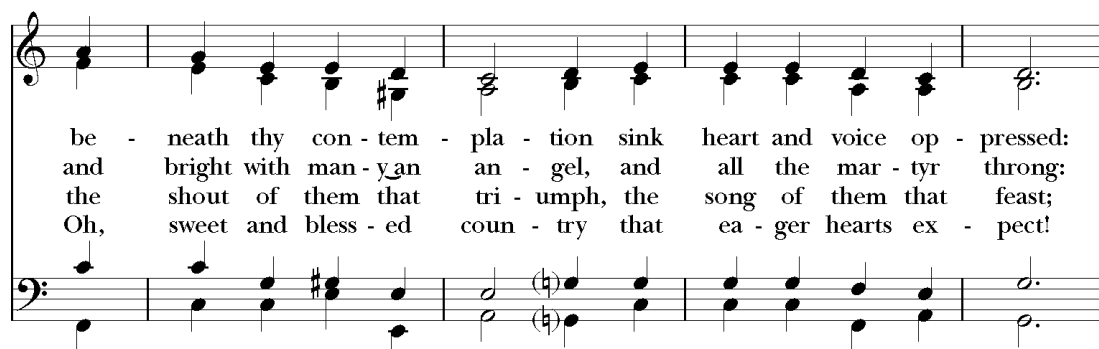
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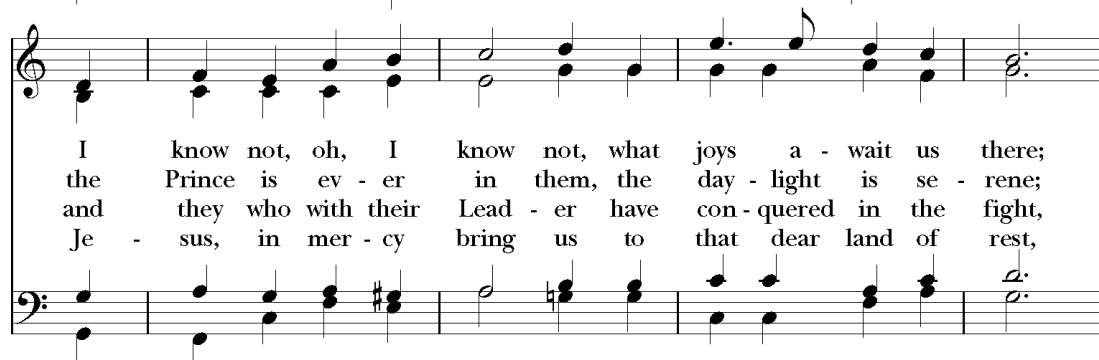
HYMN IN PROCESSION



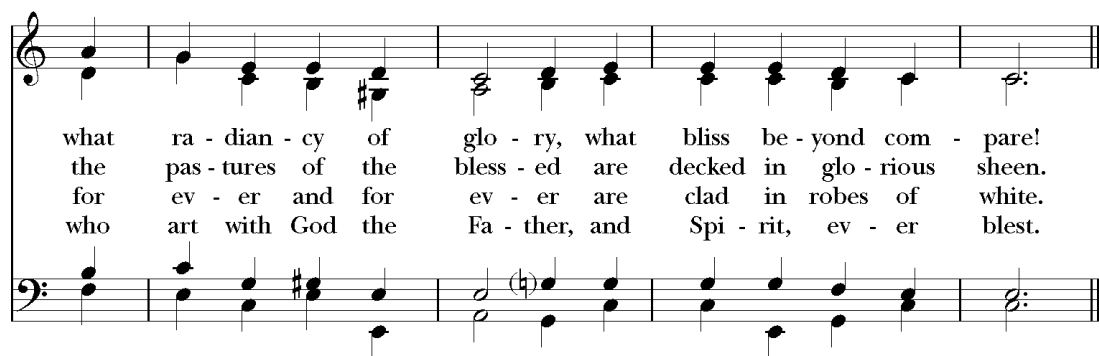
1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, with milk and hon - ey blest,
 2 They stand, those halls of Zi - on all ju - bi - lant with song,
 3 There is the throne of Da - vid; and there, from care re - leased,
 4 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try, the home of God's e - lect!



be - neath thy con - tem - pla - tion sink heart and voice op - pressed:
 and bright with man - yan an - gel, and all the mar - tyr throng:
 the shout of them that tri - umph, the song of them that feast;
 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try that ea - ger hearts ex - pect!



I know not, oh, I know not, what joys a - wait us there;
 the Prince is ev - er in them, the day - light is se - rene;
 and they who with their Lead - er have con - quered in the fight,
 Je - sus, in mer - cy bring us to that dear land of rest,



what ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, what bliss be - yond com - pare!
 the pas - tures of the bless - ed are decked in glo - rious sheen.
 for ev - er and for ev - er are clad in robes of white.
 who art with God the Fa - ther, and Spi - rit, ev - er blest.

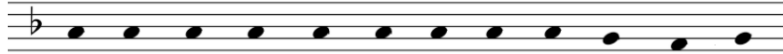
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 Music: Ewing, Alexander Ewing (1830-1895)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT

The Celebrant intones

Blessed be the God of our salvation who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

The People respond



Glo - ry to God for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Merciful God, in the wilderness your strength and courage pour forth to sustain the witness of your faithful people: Awaken in us the humility to serve wherever creation is broken and needy, that we may follow in the way of our brother, Jesus, die as he did to all that separates us from you, and be raised, as he was, to new life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins to God, who is generous in mercy and full of compassion.

All kneel, or bow, as able. A brief silence is kept.

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and says

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

THE KYRIE *sung by the Choir and Congregation*

Ky-ri - e e - le - i son. Ky-ri - e e - le - i son. Ky-ri - e e - le - i son.

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Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris-te e - le - i - son. Chris-te e - le - i - son.

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Ky-ri - e e - le - i son. Ky-ri - e e - le - i son. Ky-ri - e e - le - i son.

Music: James McGregor (b. 1930), after Verbum caro factum est, Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)
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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

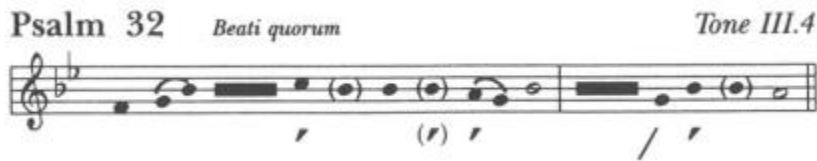
God of compassion, you await the sinner's return, and spread a feast to welcome home the lost. Save us from the temptations that lead us away from you, and draw us back by the consistency of your love, that we may take our place in your household and gladly share our inheritance with others. Grant this through Christ, our liberator from sin, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, holy and mighty God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSON *seated*

Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.
Thanks be to God.



- 1 *Happy* are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin / is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LÓRD imputes nō guilt, *
and in whose spirit there / is nō guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered áway, *
because of my groan/ing áll day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upón me dáy änd night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat / of sùmmër.
- 5 Then I acknówledged my sín tö you, *
and did not / concéal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to thë LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt / of mý sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in
time of tröuble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall / not réach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;
you presérve me from tröuble; *
you surround me with shouts of / delíverance.

Plainsong

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL PROCESSION *standing; all turn toward the Gospel as it is brought among the People*

The Cantor sings the refrain, and the People repeat it.



I was glad when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'

Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

REFRAIN *all*

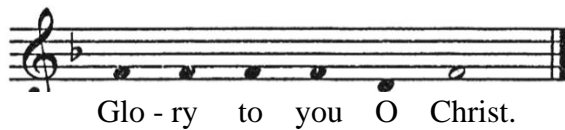
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
'May they prosper who love you.
Peace be within your walls,
and quietness within your towers.'

REFRAIN *all*

Psalm 122: 1-2, 6-7

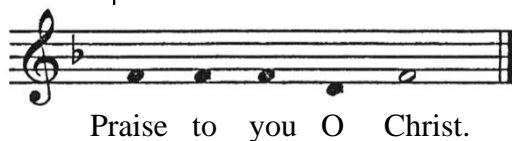
The Deacon or Priest intones:

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



All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

seated

The Rev. Louise Kalemkerian

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

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, She* is worshipped and glorified. She 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.

**Holy Spirit in biblical languages is a feminine-gendered word,
and we use the feminine pronoun here to highlight that aspect of God's fullness.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Loving God, in faith, we pray:

For reconciliation between the violated and the violent,
That we may rest in your peace.

For generosity between rich and poor people everywhere,
That we may share the abundance of your creation.

For the growth of love between broken peoples and nations,
That we may shape our common life as your kingdom.

For mutual respect between immigrants and insiders,
That we may welcome your image in all who come to us.

For protection for the weak and humility for the strong,
That we may serve others as you serve us in Christ.

For what else shall we pray?

The People add particular intercessions and thanksgivings aloud, silently, or via a livestream comment.

For all the joys and concerns of our hearts,
That we may live with gladness and trust.

The Celebrant concludes the prayers, saying

God of hope, from you come every blessing and all peace: Show us that, in the midst of our struggle and suffering, you are with us. Give us the abundance of your grace that we may do the work you give us to do and that we may be for the world a sign of your presence; through Christ, our Way, our Truth, and our life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with a distanced gesture to those nearby.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *seated*

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ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY *seated, sung by the Choir*

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than in heav'n;
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgement giv'n.
For the love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow by false limits of our own;
And we magnify his strictness with a zeal he will not own.
There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this; T
here is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.
If our love were but more simple, we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be all gladness in the joy of Christ our Lord.

Words: F. W. Faber (1814-1863)

Music: Tune: *Corvedale* -Maurice Bevan (1921-2006)

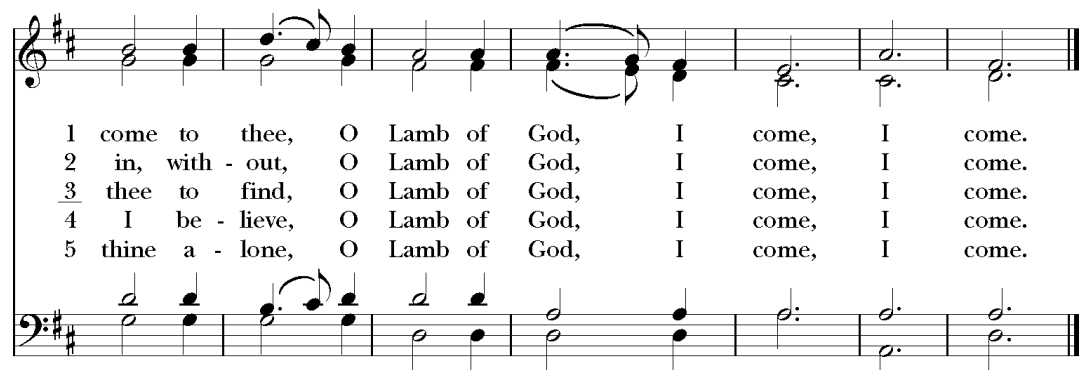
HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY *standing*



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.

Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871)

Music: Woodworth, William Batchelder Bradbury (1816-1868)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give God 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. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. 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:

sung by the Choir and Congregation

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of pow'r and might, Heaven and

6 earth are full of your glo - ry. Hos - an - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

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

16 in the high - - - - est.

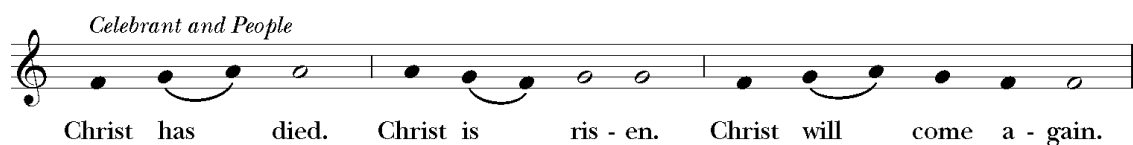
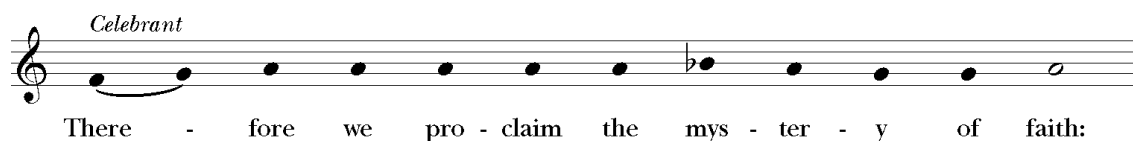
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The Celebrant continues

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 for the life of 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."



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 whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Celebrant and People

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.
For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,
now and for ev - er. A - men.

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The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to communion, saying

This is the Bread of Heaven.

Broken for the life of the world.

Come to the table, all who are hungry; it is Christ who meets us here.

THE COMMUNION

Everyone is welcome to receive the bread and wine of Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers. Healing prayer is available in the side aisles for those wishing to pray with someone for any need in their lives.

Sung first by the Choir and then by the Congregation as the distribution of Communion begins.

God of — pro - mise, you have pre - pared — a ban - quet for us.
Hap - py are those who are called — to the Sup - per of the Lamb.

Plainsong

MUSIC AT COMMUNION *seated, sung by the Choir*

Near the Cross

Words: Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915)
Music: William H. Doane (1832-1915)
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THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *standing*

Let us pray:

O God, you made us from the dust of the earth,
and our lives are as brief as the grass of the field,
yet you sustain us in the wilderness,
and you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Now raise us up, and turn our faces toward you,
that we may reflect the glory we behold
and show Christ's love to the world
in the power of the Spirit. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May God, who sustains us in all things bring forth the fruit of repentance.
And the blessing of God Almighty: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you, now and always. **Amen.**

HYMN IN PROCESSION

1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly

heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a

ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to

flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and

on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt.

Music: *Nettleton*, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813; harm. Gerre Hancock (b. 1934)

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THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in peace to love and serve.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Mvt. 5 "Allegro" from Concerto in D Minor BWV 596 - J.S. Bach/Antonio Vivaldi

THE WORSHIP IS OVER – THE SERVICE BEGINS

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