

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*The Fifth Sunday of Easter*

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | MAY 15, 2022 - 9:00 & 11:00AM

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PRELUDE

*Arabesque from 24 Pieces in Free Style* - Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

*Please stand as the bell sounds.*



# HYMN IN PROCESSION

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and  
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of  
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of  
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,  
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion  
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness  
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in  
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est  
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.  
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.  
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23  
 Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody, harm. *Hymnal* 1982

OPENING ACCLAMATION      *said at the 9am liturgy; sung at the 11am liturgy*

*Celebrant*

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

*People*

The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

Setting: *Ambrosian Chant*, adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)  
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SONG OF PRAISE

1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from  
 2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther  
 3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -

hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be  
 gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -  
 va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who

to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for  
 on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and  
 was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,

your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al-might - y Fa - ther.  
 we for judg-ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.  
 with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

Words: Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541); tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.; para. of *Gloria in excelsis*  
 Music: *Allein Gott in der Höh*, melody att. Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541); harm. Hieronymus Praetorius (1560?-1629)  
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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*The Celebrant intones*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

We behold your glory, O God, in the love shown by your Son, lifted up on the cross and exalted on high. Increase our love for one other, that both in name and truth we may be disciples of the risen Lord Jesus, and so reflect by our lives the glory that is yours. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the first born from the dead, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSON

*Acts 11:1-18*

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
and you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the Name of the LORD; \*  
for he commanded, and they were created.

He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

C. V. Stamford (1874–1946)

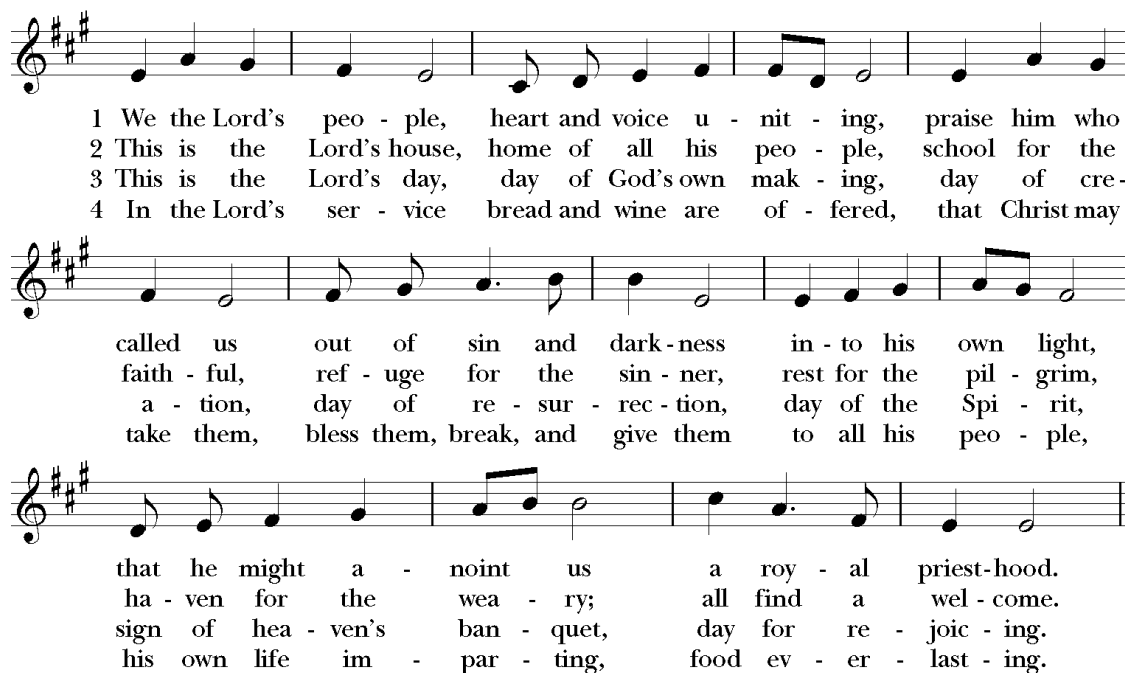
I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL HYMN

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



1 We the Lord's peo - ple, heart and voice u - nit - ing, praise him who  
 2 This is the Lord's house, home of all his peo - ple, school for the  
 3 This is the Lord's day, day of God's own mak - ing, day of cre -  
 4 In the Lord's ser - vice bread and wine are of - fered, that Christ may  
 called us out of sin and dark - ness in - to his own light,  
 faith - ful, ref - uge for the sin - ner, rest for the pil - grim,  
 a - tion, day of re - sur - rec - tion, day of the Spi - rit,  
 take them, bless them, break, and give them to all his peo - ple,  
 that he might a - noint us a roy - al priest-hood.  
 ha - ven for the wea - ry; all find a wel - come.  
 sign of hea - ven's ban - quet, day for re - joic - ing.  
 his own life im - par - ting, food ev - er - last - ing.

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Music: *Decatur Place*, Richard Wayne Dirksen (b. 1921)

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*The Deacon or Priest intones:*

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



Glo - ry to you O Christ.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you O Christ.

## SERMON

*The Rev. Daniel Simons*

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*During the season of Eastertide we will use the Affirmation of Faith (Creed) from one of our companion churches in the Anglican Communion, the Church of New Zealand. The prayers of this branch of the church are beloved throughout the Communion for their simple, direct, and creation-centered language in liturgy.*

**You O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond measure. You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and proved your love to us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now. You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.**

**You are our God. We worship you.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of new creation, you promise to hear and answer when we pray to you in faith.

With confidence and trust we pray now for the world:

Lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.

**That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

**Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

We pray for the Church:

Spirit of truth, enliven the Church for its mission

**that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

Breathe fresh life into your people.

**Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

We pray for this community:

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others,

**that all may act with integrity and courage.**

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

**May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

We pray for those in need, and especially those who have asked for our prayers...

*Please add your own prayers, aloud or silently.*

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

**May they know the power of your healing love.**

Make us willing agents of your compassion.

**Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.**

We remember those who have died and those who mourn: [especially for...]

*Please add your own prayers, aloud or silently.*

Give comfort, O God, to those who grieve.

**Bring them peace in their time of loss.**

We give thanks for the faithful in every generation.

**May their example inspire our witness in our own day.**

*The Celebrant concludes*

Generous Giver, you pour forth your extravagant bounty without measure upon your whole creation: Teach us such generosity, that the fruit of our prayer and the work of our hands may build your commonwealth of blessing; we pray this in the name of the risen Christ, who empowers us through the Spirit. **Amen.**



## THE PEACE

The peace of the Risen Christ be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of peace with those around you.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Giving to St. Paul's**

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## ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY *(sung by the Choir at 11:00 am)*

O thou, the central orb of righteous love,  
pure beam of the most high, eternal light of this our wintry world,  
thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.  
Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine, gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.  
Thy saints with holy luster round thee move, as stars about thy throne,  
set in the height of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight gives measur'd grace to each,  
thy power to prove.  
Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of our sin.  
Our nature all shall feel eternal day, in fellowship with thee,  
transforming clay to souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

music: Charles Woods (1886-1926)

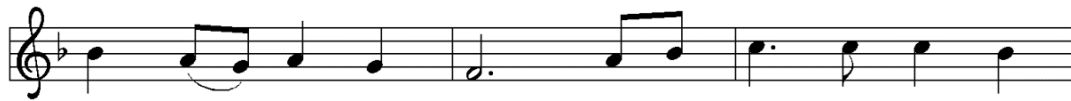
HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY *standing*



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
 end to fear and dan - ger:  
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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# 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.

We do indeed give thanks to you, O God, who created everything that is.  
 Praise to you for the earth and all its creatures.  
 Praise to you for revealing yourself to our ancestors in faith.  
 Praise to you for the gift of Jesus, your Son.  
 Praise to you for being, even now, present among us.  
 With great joy we join the saints and angels to acclaim you, O God:

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.

From A *Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

*The Celebrant continues*

In these fifty days of Easter celebration, we recall the glorious death, resurrection and ascension of Christ. And we, being redeemed by him, are made a new people by water and the Holy Spirit.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Here, with our gifts of bread and wine, we proclaim our assurance of eternal life:



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O God of resurrection and new life, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts. Be present at our table, revealing yourself to us in bread and wine. Raise us up to be the body of Christ for the world. With the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Paul, and your holy ones throughout time, we praise and honor you, O God, blessed Trinity, now and forever.



Will Doreza

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hall-owed 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.

And for - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.

Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For the king - dom, the po - wer, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

setting: Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908); adapted.

## THE COMMUNION

*The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to Communion, saying*

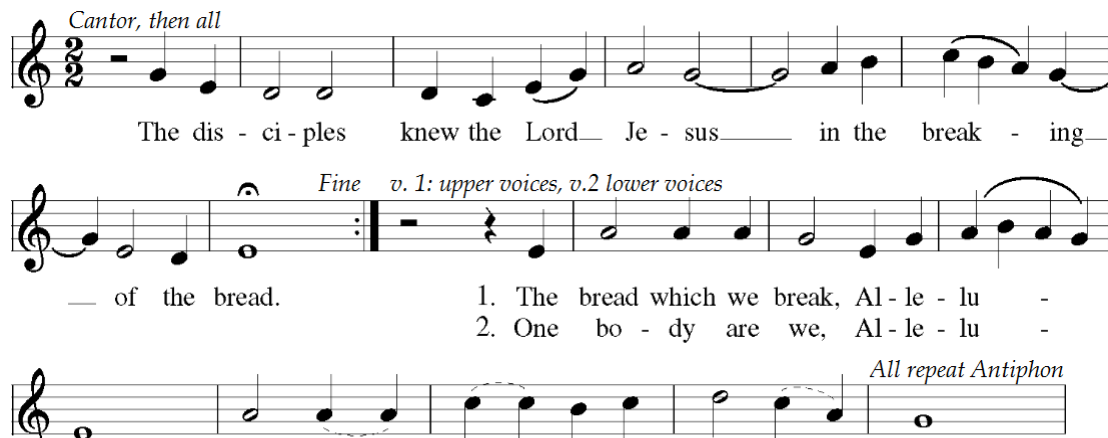
Alleluia. The disciples knew the Lord Jesus  
**in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia.**

These are the gifts of God for you, the People of God.

*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.*

*All sing together as the distribution of Communion begins.*

*Cantor, then all*



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing  
— of the bread.

*Fine v. 1: upper voices, v. 2 lower voices*

1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -  
2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu -

*All repeat Antiphon*

ia, is the com - mun - ion of the Bod - y of Christ.  
ia, for though ma - ny we share one bread.

setting: Jack Warren Burnam (b. 1946)  
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## HYMN AT THE COMMUNION *(sung by the Choir at 11:00 am)*

### *Jesus Bleibet meine Freude*

Johann Sabastian Bach (1685-1750)

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *standing*

*The People join the Celebrant for the final part of the prayer, in bold.*

Ever-living God, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and revealed the way to life in his name. Dying and rising, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.

**May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope that you have set before us,  
so that we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

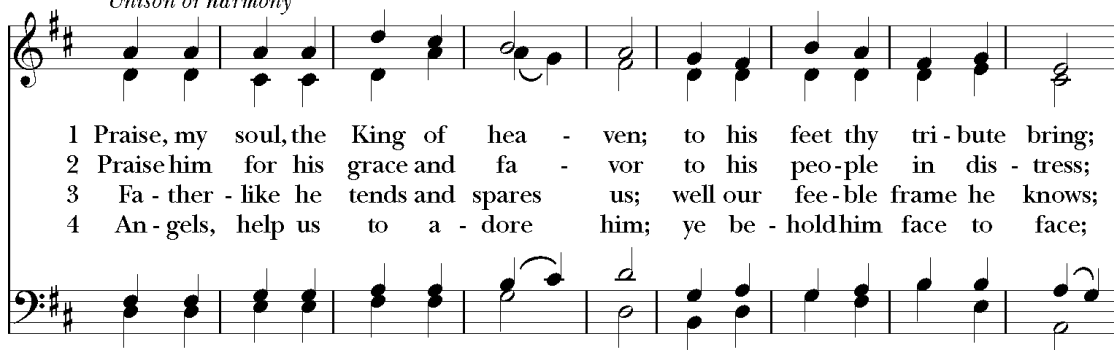
The wonder and wildness of God, who shakes heaven and earth, whom death could not contain, who lives to disturb and heal us, bless you with power to go forth and proclaim the Gospel.

And the blessing of God Almighty: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be upon you now and remain with you always.

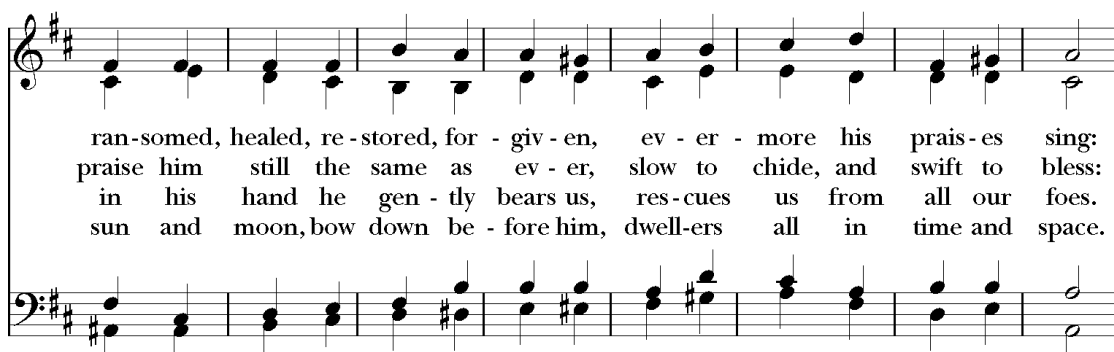
**Amen.**

## HYMN IN PROCESSION

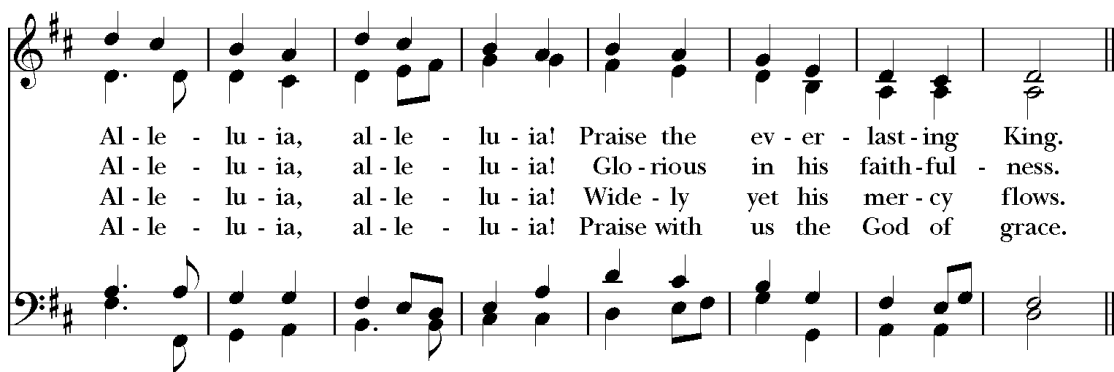
*Unison or harmony*



1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;  
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;  
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;  
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;



ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing:  
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.  
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

Music: *Lauda anima*, John Goss (1800-1880); desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

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## THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

*Carillon du Longpont from 24 Pieces in Free Style- Louis Vierne (1870-1937)*

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## THE WORSHIP IS OVER – THE SERVICE BEGINS

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