



The 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist (October 4, 2026 10:00 AM)

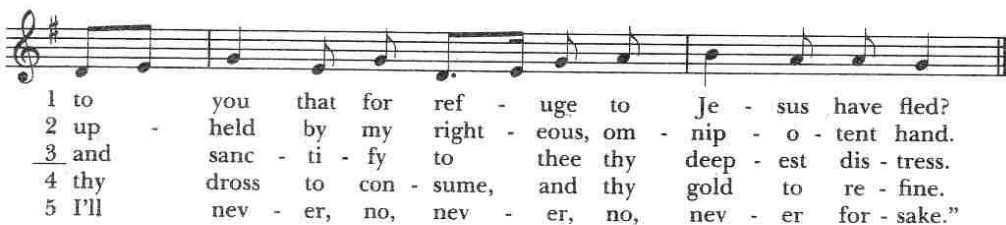
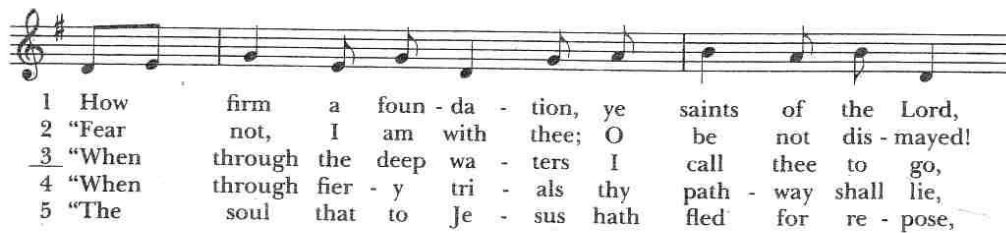


Welcome! We invite you to use the QR code or pew back card so that we might connect you to news, ministries and more.

Trinity welcomes all, including children and youth. A nursery, staffed with Safeguarded attendants, is available should you choose to use it. While wearing masks is optional, we affirm and respect those who choose to do so for their health or the health of loved ones. The hand sanitizers are available for your use, as you choose, but are not required. You are welcome to come to the altar rail during the Eucharist. You are welcome to the shared common cup. As you discern for yourself, remember that should you choose to only receive the Body/Bread, that is also considered full communion. Episcopal worship is full of movement: we sit, stand, kneel, and move in worship. We believe in an [accessible altar](#) and are all here to worship God; every body does that differently. Our hope is that as we join in common worship, you will make choices that help you worship God in your particular body, which might mean you are doing different things than the people around you.

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN *How firm a foundation (Hymnal 1982, #636)*



OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. 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.**

THE GLORIA



Glo-ri - a! Sing Glo-ri - a! Glo-ry in ex-cel-sis deo! Sing

Glo-ri - a! Glo - ri-a! On Earth, good will to all peo - ple! Sing

Glo - ri a! Glo - ri - a! Peace and love to all!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS



First Lesson:

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

In today's reading, Moses receives the ten commandments and the people witness from afar God's power. Exodus is the second book of the bible and begins a few hundred years after Jacob's family settled in Egypt. The first half of the book tells of the exodus of the enslaved people out of Egypt and into the wilderness. The second half tells of the events in the wilderness and Mt Sinai until they come to the promised land. Throughout the book the people and God rescues the people and comes to dwell with them.

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

The king of love my shepherd is (Hymnal 1982, # 645)



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
 * 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 * 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-less-tial feed-eth.
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Second Lesson *Philippians 3:4b-14*



In this portion of Philippians, St. Paul lays out his religious pedigree only to discard it entirely for Christ. It is not about us, but Christ. This parable follows the one from last week and responds to a confrontation in the temple about authority in the last week of Jesus's life. The book of Romans is a long and significant letter from St. Paul to the church in Rome. At its core, Paul is lifting up the faith of Jesus and Jesus' power to transform humanity through God's spirit and to be liberated by love for God and neighbors.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL ALLELUIA



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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46



In this portion Jesus offers stern and clear teaching about forgiveness and its limitless nature.

Matthew (one of the four gospels that witness to Jesus's life) offers a perspective on how Jesus is the Messiah, the fulfillment of the Law, and Emmanuel. At the core of the Gospel is the good news that God is with us--Jesus's last words to his disciples: "I will be with you." The gospel contains narrative, teaching, parables, and more.

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what

will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

People The Gospel of the Lord.
 Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

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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

Leader Recognizing that you, God, always invite us to go beyond where we are now, we gather to offer our intentions, petitions, and thanksgivings. In faith, let us pray to the Lord:



- Leader* For your world that you created. For bayous and bays, fields and fish, deer and ducks, and the bountiful harvests through which you faithfully provide sustenance for your people. May we who inherit this earth be wise stewards of Creation and kind caretakers of all your creatures.
- People* **We go beyond through stewardship, O God.**
- Leader* For the Church of God, that we may be filled with love, generosity, and truth so to transform our communities and our world. Guide as through faith that we, as part of the Body of Christ, may give out of our abundance as a blessing given for all.
- People* **We go beyond in mission, O God.**
- Leader* For all who hold authority in the world; that leaders of nations, stewards of laws, instruments of justice may be inspired by your love. May our faithful actions, words, and thoughts here in this world be governed by our citizenship in your kingdom.
- People* **We go beyond our borders, O God.**
- Leader* For the sick in body, mind or spirit, and for those we now name aloud or in our hearts _____ and all who are on our prayer lists. May your hope and healing be known in body and mind to all who suffer.
- People* **We go beyond through compassion, O God.**
- Leader* For all who have died that they may join with the multitude of the faithful, especially for those we now name aloud or in our hearts _____. May your light perpetual shine upon them.
- People* **We go beyond in love, O God.**
- Leader* We celebrate this day the birthdays, anniversaries, and blessings of names and blessings may be added here; **Watch over these your Children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be, keeping them unspotted from the world. Strengthen them when they stand. Comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.**
- Together* **Hear the prayers of your people, O God, and inspire us to go beyond in gratitude and abundance as we share our many gifts with You and the world You made. Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

Clergy Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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
People

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY

We invite you, as able, to “offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vow to the Most High” (Psalm 50:14). Visit Trinity’s **online giving link:** <https://onrealm.org/TrinityEpiscopal51334/give/now> for instructions on giving through automatic bill pay, regular mail, or Realm. Realm is a 100% web-based church software solution for churches. You are encouraged, as an expression of the first fruits of the harvest of your time, talents, and treasure to make your pledge to God’s mission and ministry through Trinity Episcopal Church.



The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God;
generously donated by Beehive Florists, Baytown.

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If you have not yet pledged, the Vestry encourages you to prayerfully consider doing so.*



All of us offer our worship and praise to God. As we build our music ministry, we would like to hear from you: **What music stirs your soul to sing?** Share your recommendations for hymns, songs, spirituals, chants, and more with us. We’re building a library of recommendations that we’ll use to pull from when the readings and liturgical season fit.

HYMN

Come, thou fount of every blessing (Hymnal 1982, #686)

1. Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy
2. Here I find my great - est trea - sure, hith - er, by thy help, I've
3. Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to
grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est
come; and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at
be! Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to
praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a -
home. Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering from the fold of
thee: prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I
love. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
God; he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
love; here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

THE DOXOLOGY

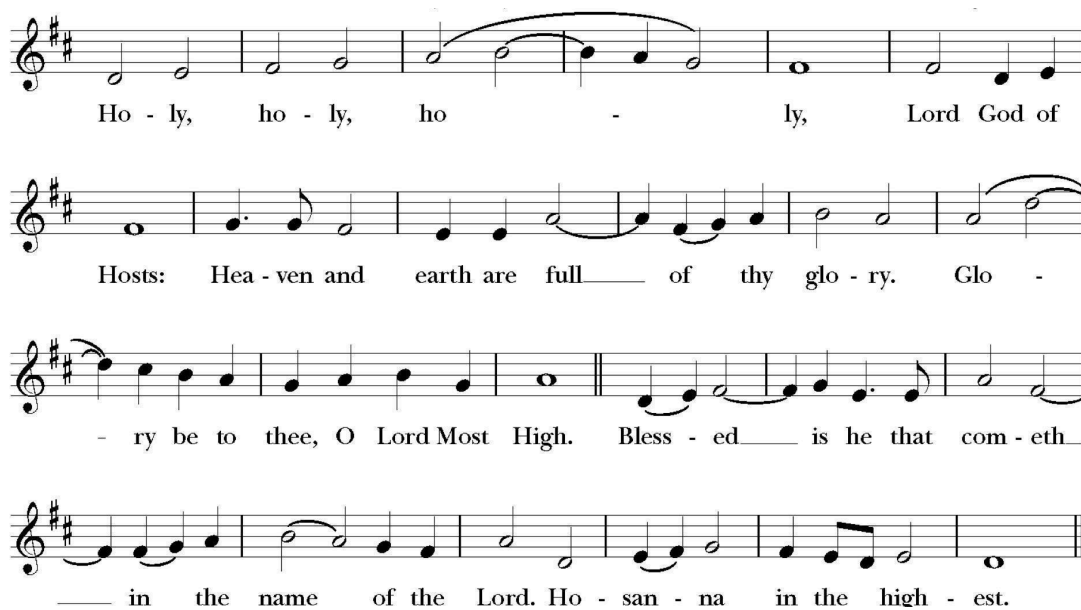
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures high and
low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, in Je - sus ful - ly
known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer A)

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 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. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS (S114)



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

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. 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, for ever and ever: Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *A period of Silence is kept.*

FRACTION ANTHEM

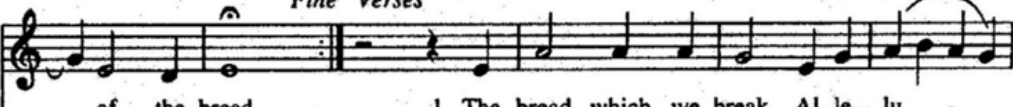
The disciples knew the Lord Jesus (WLP 876)

Antiphon
Cantor, then all



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

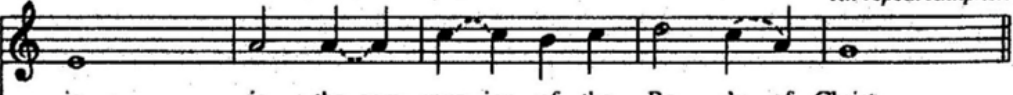
Fine Verses



— of the bread.

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 Bo - dy of Christ.
ia, for though — ma - ny we share one — bread.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. *and may add* Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

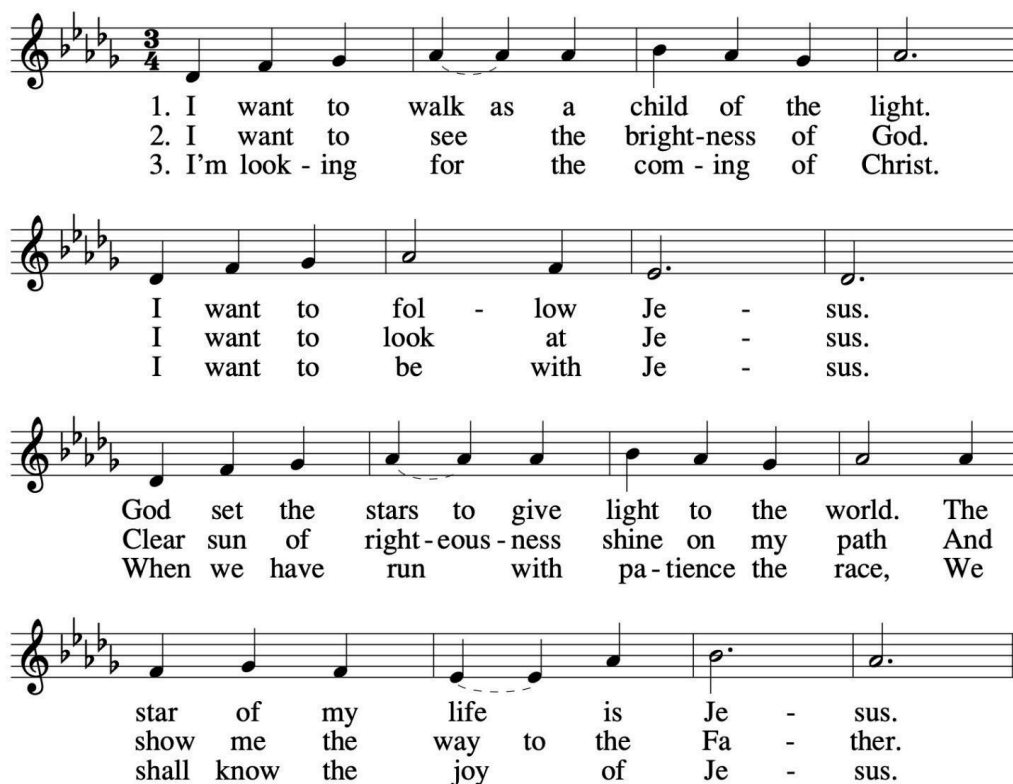
COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

We invite all who are baptized Christians, including children of any age, to receive Holy Communion. You are welcome to come toward the altar. Should you choose, you may use the hand sanitizer. You also have the choice of a shared common cup. Most choose by intinction (dipping your Bread/Body into the chalice in a way that your fingers do not touch the Blood/Wine), if you would prefer to drink, please let us know so that we may direct you to that chalice. As you discern for yourself, remember that should you choose to only receive the Body/Bread, that is also considered full communion. If it is not your custom to receive Communion, you are invited to come forward with everyone for a blessing or a prayer. Simply cross your arms over your chest and the priest will pray a blessing for you. If you would like communion but are unable to come forward, please advise an usher and we will come to you. This is God's table, not ours, and you are all very welcome here.

Prayers for healing and anointing are offered for all during the distribution of communion, at the prie-dieux (kneeling prayer desks) located at the Memorial Garden stained glass windows.

AT THE ADMINISTRATION

I want to walk as a child of the light



1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
2. I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3. I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear sun of right-eous-ness shine on my path And
When we have run with pa-tience the race, We

star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther.
shall know the joy of Je - sus.



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

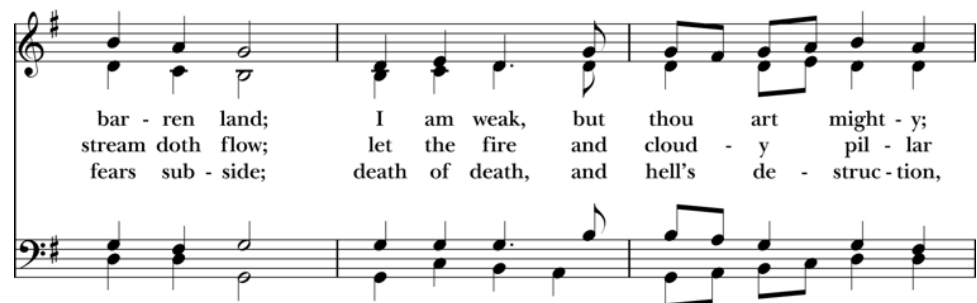
THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Guide me, O thou great Jehoval (Hymnal 1982, #690)



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,



hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,



bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to



more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
 thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

THE DISMISSAL

<i>Clergy</i>	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

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HEALING PRAYER

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6:00 PM

Eucharist, Music, Anointing, Community