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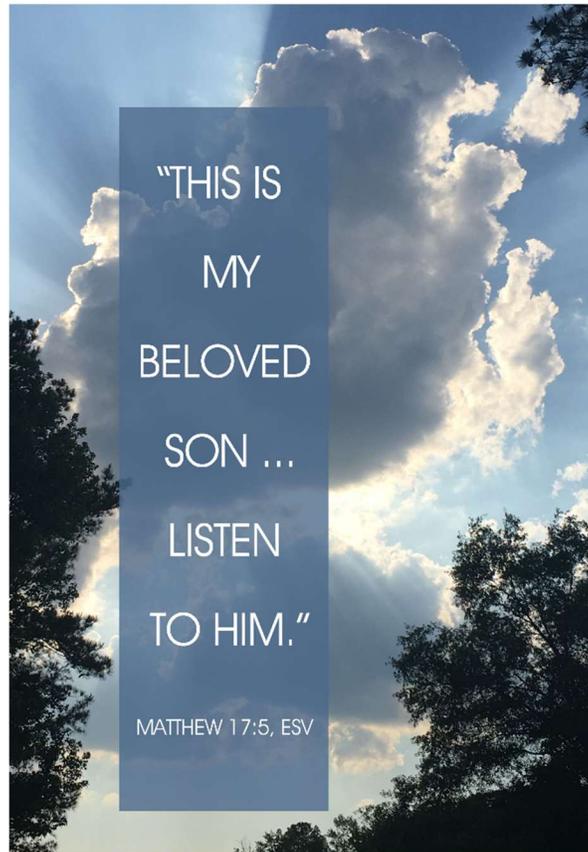
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*A Faith Community Offering Hospitality, Hope and Healing*

**Bulletin for Sunday, February 15, 2026**

**Last Sunday after The Epiphany**

**Rite II- Prayer A- 9:00 am**



**Thank you for joining us for Worship!**

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Sunday, February 15, 2026

**WORSHIP SERVERS:**

Celebrant: Fr. Kim Capwell, Supply Clergy

Musician: Ms. Bonnie W. Forgacs, Music Minister

<b>Lay Server</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>
Reader	Pat Womelsdorf
Chalicer	Tom Schultz
Ushers	Paul Buckley and Harold Warnett

**A special thank you to Fr. Kim Capwell for being our Celebrant today.**

**PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK**

*Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

*Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:* St. Anne’s School, Middletown

*Parish Cycle of Prayer:* Lee Clampffer, Kelly & Tanner Cole, Ken Correll

*Birthdays:* Wayne Burris, Mike Statham, Kim Callene, Lillian Reynolds and Tanya Kane

*Anniversaries:* John & Lisa Embert

**Aumbry Candle**

To the Glory of God and in hope God’s Grace is shared throughout the world.

**Altar Flowers**

Given to the Glory of God and in Memory of John L. Biddle.

By: Shirley Biddle

***Search Committee Members:***

Dawn Adams, Vestry Liaison

Terri Anderson, Allison Embert, Allison Gallo, Catherine Huidekoper, Tom Schultz and Linda Slicher, Parish Members.

***Vestry***

***2025 Officers***

Shirley Biddle, Sr. Warden  
Wayne Burris, Jr. Warden  
Temple Carter, Treasurer  
Lisa Embert, Secretary

***Members:***

**2023-2026**

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Dawn Adams  
Wayne Burris

**2024-2027**

Patty Murray  
Shirley Biddle  
Michael Richards

**2025-2028**

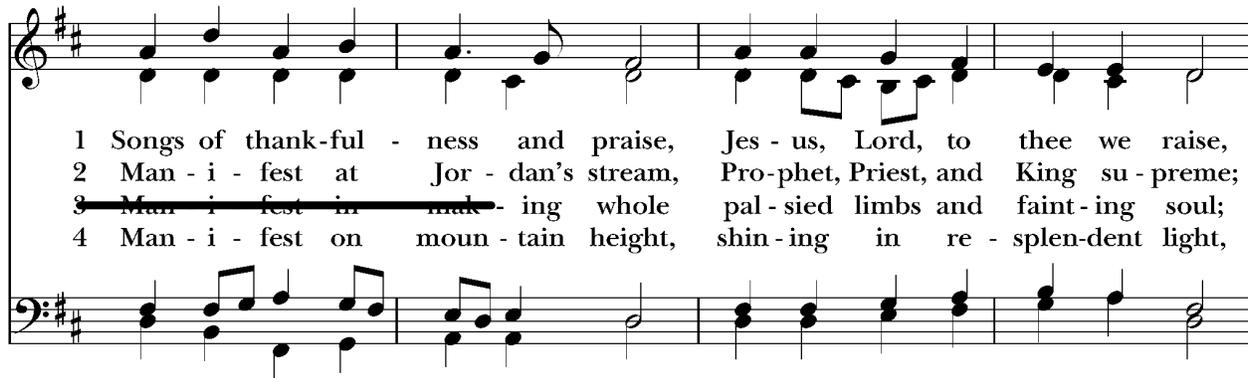
Larry Decker  
Ray DePhillis  
Dawn Arnold

## SERVICE

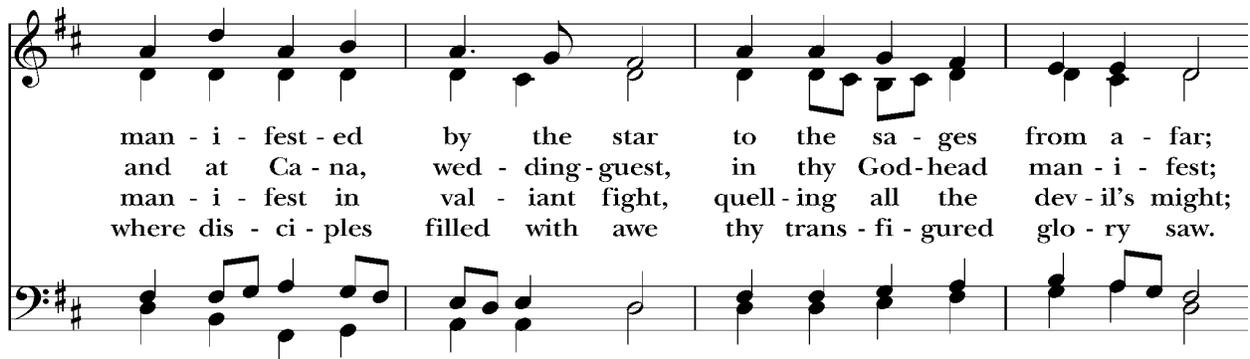
**PRELUDE:** *Canon, from the "Goldberg Variations",* Johann Sebastian Bach

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** *Songs of thankfulness and praise (Salzburg)* (H 135)

Sing 1, 2 and 4



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;  
3 ~~Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole~~ pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;  
and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;  
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;  
man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

Words: Sts. 1-3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984). Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

## THE WORD OF GOD

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*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.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### THE LESSONS

#### FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel.

<sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 2

*Remain seated.*

<sup>1</sup>Why are the nations in an uproar? \* **Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?**

<sup>2</sup>Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, \* **against the LORD and against his Anointed?**

<sup>3</sup>“Let us break their yoke,” they say; \* **“let us cast off their bonds from us.”**

<sup>4</sup>He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; \* **the LORD has them in derision.**

<sup>5</sup>Then he speaks to them in his wrath, \* **and his rage fills them with terror.**

<sup>6</sup>“I myself have set my king \* **upon my holy hill of Zion.”**

<sup>7</sup>Let me announce the decree of the LORD: \* **he said to me, “You are my son; this day have I begotten you.**

<sup>8</sup>Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance \* **and the ends of the earth for your possession.**

<sup>9</sup>You shall crush them with an iron rod \* **and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”**

<sup>10</sup>And now, you kings, be wise; \* **be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

<sup>11</sup>Submit to the LORD with fear, \* **and with trembling bow before him;**

<sup>12</sup>lest he be angry, and you perish; \* **for his wrath is quickly kindled.**

<sup>13</sup>Happy are they all \* **who take refuge in him!**

## SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the Second letter of Peter.

<sup>16</sup>We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN: Alleluia! sing to Jesus (Hyfrydol) (H 460)

Sing verses 1 and 5

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the  
~~2 Al - le - lu - ia!~~ not as or - phans are we  
~~3 Al - le - lu - ia!~~ bread of Hea - ven, Thou on  
~~4 Al - le - lu - ia!~~ King e - ter - nal, thee the  
 \*5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the

1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the  
 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is  
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the  
 4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of  
 5 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the  
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the  
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -  
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -  
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a  
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty  
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,  
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our  
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery  
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his  
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the  
 4 great High Priest. thou on earth both Priest and  
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.  
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

**GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9**

*All stand.*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>Six days [after Peter had acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God], Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. <sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

### THE NICENE CREED

*All stand.*

**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

*All remain standing.*

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.**

*The Priest stands and says*

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.**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** *Sing To The Lord A New Song*, Words and Music by Diane Hannibal (ASCAP)

### **OFFERTORY PRESENTATION HYMN FROM ALL THAT DWELL BELOW THE SKIES (OLD 100TH) VERSE 3**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*        Lift up your hearts.  
*People*            **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant*        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*            **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son 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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

*People and Celebrant*

**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**

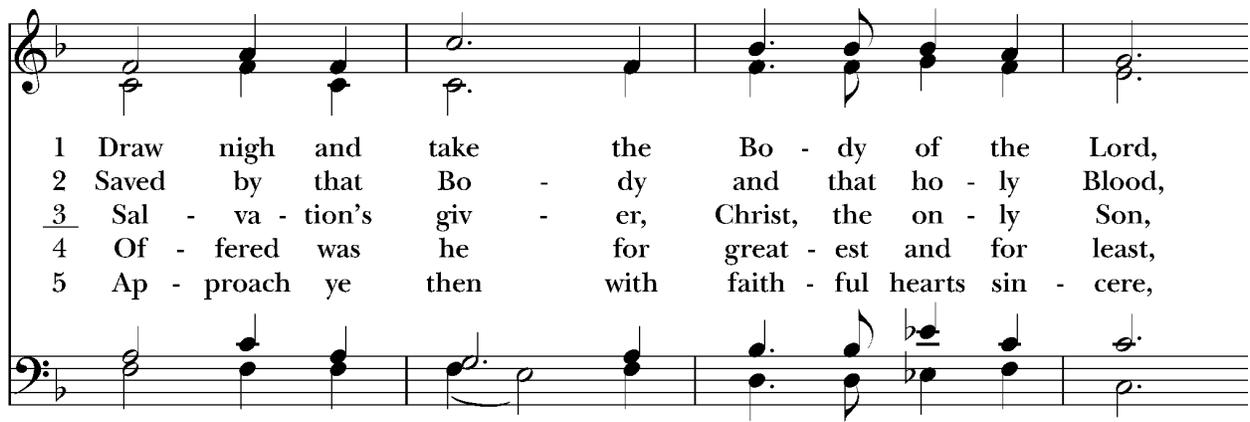
Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

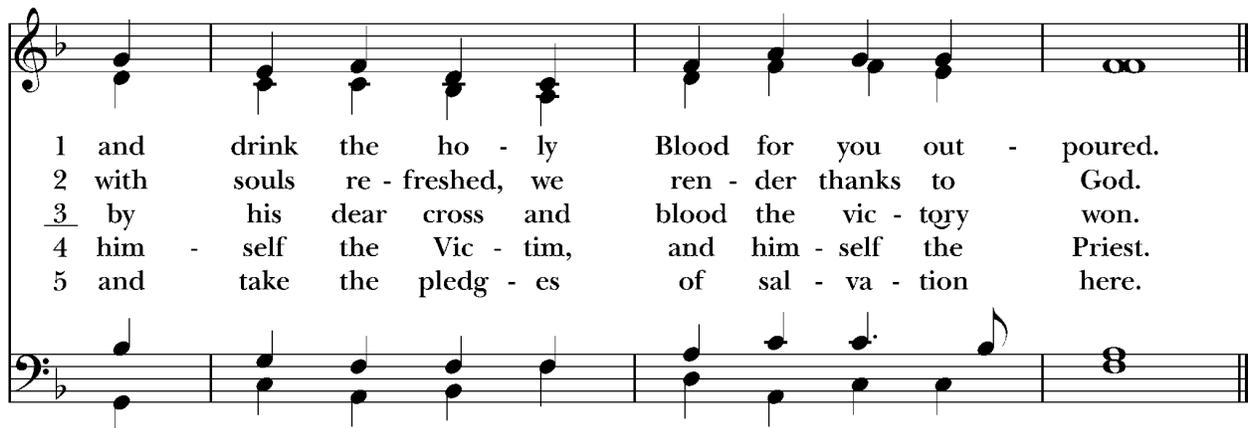
The Gifts of God for the People of God.



## COMMUNION HYMN: Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord (Song 46) (H 328)



1 Draw nigh and take the Bo - dy of the Lord,  
2 Saved by that Bo - dy and that ho - ly Blood,  
3 Sal - va - tion's giv - er, Christ, the on - ly Son,  
4 Of - fered was he for great - est and for least,  
5 Ap - proach ye then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



1 and drink the ho - ly Blood for you out - poured.  
2 with souls re - freshed, we ren - der thanks to God.  
3 by his dear cross and blood the vic - tory won.  
4 him - self the Vic - tim, and him - self the Priest.  
5 and take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.

6 He that his saints in this world rules and shields  
to all believers life eternal yields;

7 with heavenly bread he makes the hungry whole,  
gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

8 Alpha-Omega, unto whom shall bow  
all nations at the doom, is with us now.

Words: *Bangor Antiphoner*, ca. 690; tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *Song 46*, melody and bass Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

# BLESSING

## RECESSIONAL HYMN: Ye watchers and ye holy ones (Lasst uns erfreuen) (H 618) Sing verses 1 & 4

*Unison*

1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright ser - a - phs, cher - u -  
 2 ~~O high - er than the~~ cher - u - bim, more glo - rious than the  
 3 ~~Re - spond, ye souls in~~ end - less rest, ye pa - tri - archs and  
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su - per - nal an - thems

*Harmony* *Unison*

bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Al - le - lu - ia! Cry  
 ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou  
 pro - phets blest, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ye  
 ech - o - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! To

out, do - min - ions, prince - doms, powers, vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'  
 bear - er of the e - ter - nal Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the  
 ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the  
 God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in

*Harmony*

choirs, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 Lord, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 song, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 One, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

*Unison*

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
~~lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!~~  
~~lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!~~  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: John Athelstan Laurie Riley (1858-1945). Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1623; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

## DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
 Alleluia, Alleluia

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**POSTLUDE:** *Allemande*, Johann Sebastian Bach