

# CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Grow in Faith. Live in Hope. Share God's Love.

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 25, 2025 + 10:30 a.m.

## The Holy Eucharist

### Preparation for Worship in God's Name

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#### PRAYER OF MEDITATION

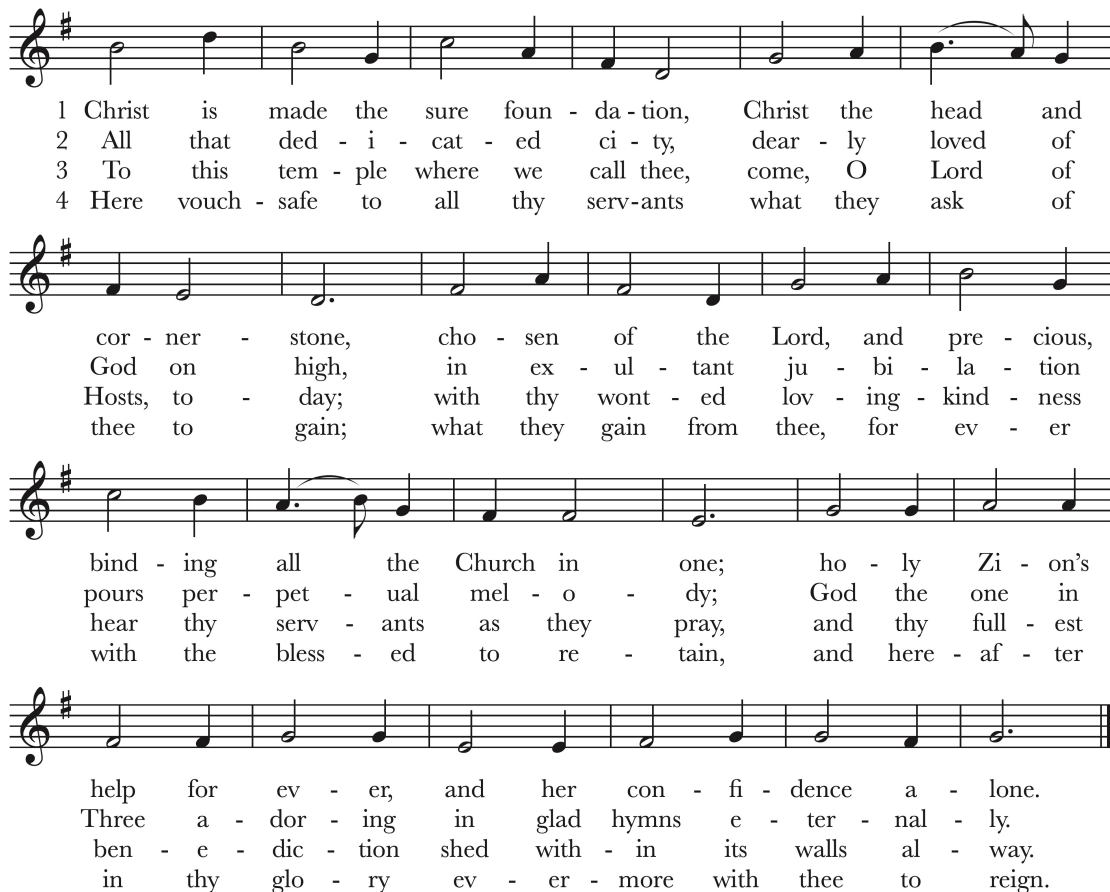
*As the people gather before the service begins,  
we invite you to use the following prayer for meditation.*

O God, we seek to be a people of the resurrection, a people of Easter joy. Be known among us; grant us the assurance of your presence, your love, and your renewing power. Through your Spirit, reveal to us your purpose in our lives; in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.

#### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

# The Liturgy of the Word

HYMN “Christ is made the sure foundation” *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four lines of music, each with four vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) indicated by the four-part setting of the lyrics. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the fourth line.

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 - ul - tant 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: Heinrich Theobald Schenk (1656–1727); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812–1897), alt.  
Music: *Zeuch mich, zeuch mich*, melody from *Geistreiches Gesang-buch*, 1698;  
harm. William Henry Monk ((1823–1889), alt.

## ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Remain standing; everyone sings the refrain three times.*

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est.

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

—Setting: Jacques Bertier, Taizé

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*Remain standing; silence is kept.*

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## FIRST LESSON *Seated.*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (16:9–15).

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 67 *Everyone sings.*



—Chant: Jerome Webster Meachen (1930–2015)

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- ‡ 7 May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

## SECOND LESSON

A reading from the Revelation to John (21:10, 22–22:5).

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN “Come, let us join our cheerful songs” *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



1	Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs	with an - gels round the throne
2	“Wor - thy the Lamb that died,” they cry,	“to be ex - alt - ed thus”;
3	Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive	hon - or and power di - vine;
4	The whole cre - a - tion joins in one	to bless the sa - cred Name



ten thou-sand thou - sand are their tongues,	but all their joys are one.
“Wor - thy the Lamb,” our lips re - ply,	“for he was slain for us.”
may bless-ings, more than we can give,	be, Lord, for ev - er thine.
of him that sits up - on the throne,	and to a - dore the Lamb.

—Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748); para. of *A Song of the Lamb*

Music: *Nun danket all un bringet Ehr*, melody attr. Johann Crüger (1598–1662), alt.

**GOSPEL** *Remain standing.*

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (14:23–29).

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Children may join Erin Keck for Children’s Chapel.  
They will return at the Peace.*

**SERMON**

*A time of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

**CREED** *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



1 We be-lieve in God al-might-y, Au - thor of all things that be,  
2 We be-lieve that Je - sus suf-fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci - fied;  
3 We be-lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with - in



Mak - er of the earth and heav-ens, keep - er of the sky and sea.  
tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied, True Life there had tru - ly died.  
one church cath - o - lic, one church ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from sin;



We be-lieve in God's Son Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ,  
We be-lieve that on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave,  
in the bo - dy's res - sur-rec - tion, for the break-ing of death's chain



of the Spir - it and of Mar - y, born to bring a - bun - dant life.  
then as - cend - ed to God's right hand. He will come a - gain to save.  
gives the life that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that we have claimed.

—Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955–1993), alt.

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Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811–1887)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *Remain standing.*

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence.*

For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.



Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For all bishops and other ministers;  
People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: For the needs and concerns of this congregation: for those in the military, especially those who have been deployed; for the wider community of our families and friends, our parishioners whom we now name, and those we hold in our hearts. We pray especially for...

ED Archer	MARLENE Latture	THE SCARLETT FAMILY
CHIP Beets	FRANCIS Lloyd	RARA Schlitt
KEN Bell	KEITH Mandrell	GARY Sharp
PEGGY Bradley	ANN McClain	SARAH Sheppard
BEVERLY Burns	MARCELLUS Mitchell	THE STAPLETON FAMILY
DAVID & NANCY Cazalet	DALE Oakley	DENISE Tibedo
GAIL Cox	PAT Pagni	IDALEE Vogel-Jackson
RON Dearolf	KENT Parish	SUE Wager
DANA & DEWELL Downey	BELLE Parman	ALICE & FRED Wegmann
DOUG Embler	ALLAN Philp	and
BEVERLY Guiler	MARCIA Power	MICHELE Welsh
MARGE Hudson	MARILYN Randall	
CLAIRE Keene	JANE Reed	

*Silence. The people may add their own petitions.*

Leader: Hear us, Lord;  
People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom; and we remember their families and friends who grieve. We pray especially for the repose of the soul of Cathy Sharp, mother of Gary Sharp.

*Silence.*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
People: Who put their trust in you.

*Silence may be kept.*

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**PEACE** *Standing.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

*Greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** *Seated.*

## Holy Communion

**OFFERTORY**

All that we are and all that we have comes from God. Let us offer our best to God in thanksgiving, remembering that God loves a cheerful giver. (*2 Corinthians 9:7*)

**ANTHEM** *Sung by the Choir.*

Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree

The tree of life my soul hath seen,  
Laden with fruit and always green:  
The trees of nature fruitless be  
Compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:  
By faith I know, but ne’er can tell  
The glory which I now can see  
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

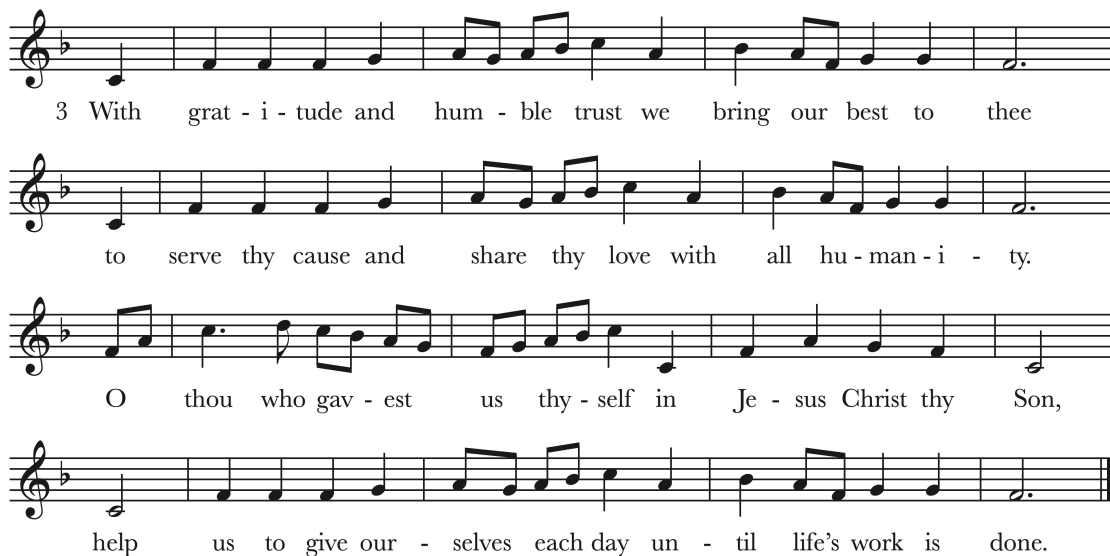
For happiness I long have sought,  
And pleasure dearly I have bought:  
I missed of all; but now I see  
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,  
It keeps my dying faith alive;  
Which makes my soul in haste to be  
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

—Words: Anonymous, publ. Joshua Smith, 1784

Music: Tallis’ Canon, Thomas Tallis (1505?–1585), arr. Simon Andrews (b. 1958)

HYMN “With gratitude and humble trust” *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



3 With grat - i - tude and hum - ble trust we bring our best to thee  
to serve thy cause and share thy love with all hu - man - i - ty.  
O thou who gav - est us thy - self in Je - sus Christ thy Son,  
help us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

—Words: Frank von Christerson (b. 1900), alt. (Hymn 705, verse 3.)

Music: *Forest Green*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Remain standing.*

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.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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:

*Everyone sings:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.\_\_\_\_\_

—Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

*The people stand or kneel.*

Celebrant: 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.”

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: 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.

All: AMEN.

*Silence is kept as the ministers bow in thanksgiving.*

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

All: 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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Everyone sings:*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

—Setting: From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (b. 1950)

## INVITATION

Celebrant: This is the table not of the righteous, but of the poor in spirit. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom our Savior identified. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which our Lord became incarnate. This is the table of Jesus Christ. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a while or ever before; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and all of us who have failed. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. It is Christ who invites you to be known and loved and fed here.

## DURING COMMUNION

HYMN “Now the green blade riseth” *Everyone sings.*



1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,  
2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,  
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,  
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain,  
thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:  
quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

—Words: John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872–1958), alt.  
Music: *Noël nouwelet*, medieval French carol

HYMN “All shall be well” *Everyone sings.*

First system of the hymn score. It consists of a treble and a bass staff in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and".

Second system of the hymn score. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are: "all man - ner of things shall be well." The system concludes with a double bar line.

—Words: Julian of Norwich (1342–1416)  
Music: David Keller, 2001



DOXOLOGY *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea - tures here be -

low; al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove ye heaven - ly

host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

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

— Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711), with alleluias.

Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang*, 1623

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND MISSION** *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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.

**SENDING OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR** *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that  
those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body  
and blood. We are who are many are one body,

People: Because we all share one bread, one cup.

**BLESSING** *Remain standing.*

HYMN “Christ for the world we sing!” *Everyone sings.*



1 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring  
2 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring  
3 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring  
4 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring



with lov - ing zeal; the poor, and them that mourn, the faint and  
with fer - vent prayer; the way - ward and the lost, by rest - less  
with one ac - cord; with us the work to share, with us re -  
with joy - cl song; the bew - born souls, whose days, re - claimed from



o - ver - borne, sin - sick and sor - row - worn, whom Christ doth heal.  
pas - sions tossed, re - deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.  
proach to dare, with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.  
er - ror's ways, in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

—Words: Samuel Wolcott (1813-1886)

Music: *Moscow*, melody Felice de Giardini (1716-1796)

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



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