

St. Alban's

Episcopal Church

October 10, 2021 10:15 a.m.
The 20th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist
Fr. J. Devin Rodgers, Presiding
The Rev. Craig Foster, Preaching



Our Vision for St. Alban's is to be a spiritual home to share God's grace through worship, service, faith, and love. We welcome all and strive to promote justice, peace, and love in our communities by following Jesus.

So Come! Worship, Learn, Care, Connect with us!



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The Word of God

ENTRANCE

God himself is with us

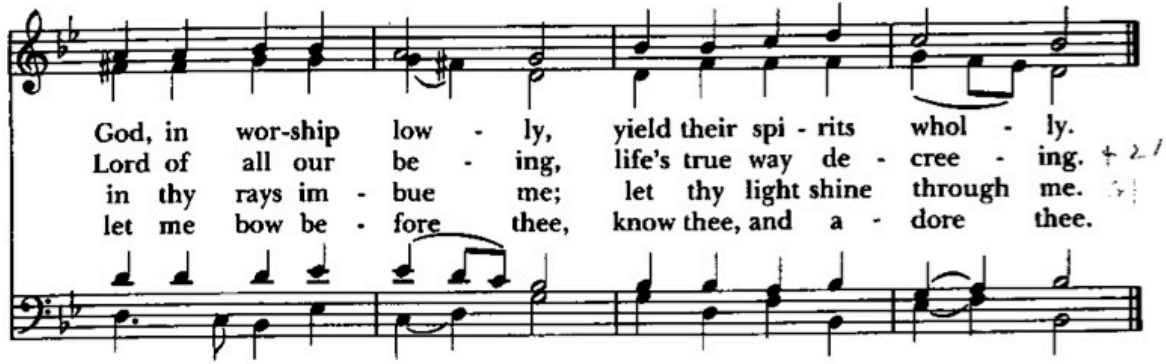
Hymnal 1982, #475

1 God him-self is with us; let us all a - dore him,
 2 Glad - ly, Lord, we of - fer thine to be for ev - er,
 3 Thou per - vad - est all things; let thy rad - iant beau - ty
 4 Come, a - bide with - in me; let my soul, like Ma - ry,

and with awe ap - pear be - fore him. God is here with -
 soul and life and each en - deav - or. Help us to sur -
 light mine eyes to see my du - ty. As the ten - der
 be thine earth - ly sanc - tu - ar - y. Come, in - dwell - ing

in us; souls in si - lence fear him, hum - bly, fer - vent -
 rend - er earth's de - ceit - ful trea - sures, pride of life, and
 flow - ers ea - ger - ly un - fold them, to the sun - light
 Spi - rit, with trans - fi - guring splen - dor; love and hon - or

ly draw near him. Now his own who have known
 sin - ful plea - sures: thou a - lone shalt be known
 calm - ly hold them, so let me qui - et - ly
 will I ren - der. Where I go here be - low,



Words: Gerhardt Tersteegen (1697-1769); tr. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.;
st. 3, tr. Henry Sloane Coffin (1877-1954)
Music: Tysk, from *Psalm und Choralbuch*, 1719

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Presider says

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God. (+)
People *Glory to God for ever and ever.*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Presider says

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



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Presider Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: *Job 23:1-9, 16-17*

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Job.

Job said:

"Today also my complaint is bitter;
his hand is heavy despite my groaning.
Oh, that I knew where I might find him,
that I might come even to his dwelling!
I would lay my case before him,
and fill my mouth with arguments.
I would learn what he would answer me,
and understand what he would say to me.
Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power?
No; but he would give heed to me.
There an upright person could reason with him,
and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.
"If I go forward, he is not there;
or backward, I cannot perceive him;
on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;
I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.
God has made my heart faint;
the Almighty has terrified me;
If only I could vanish in darkness,
and thick darkness would cover my face!"

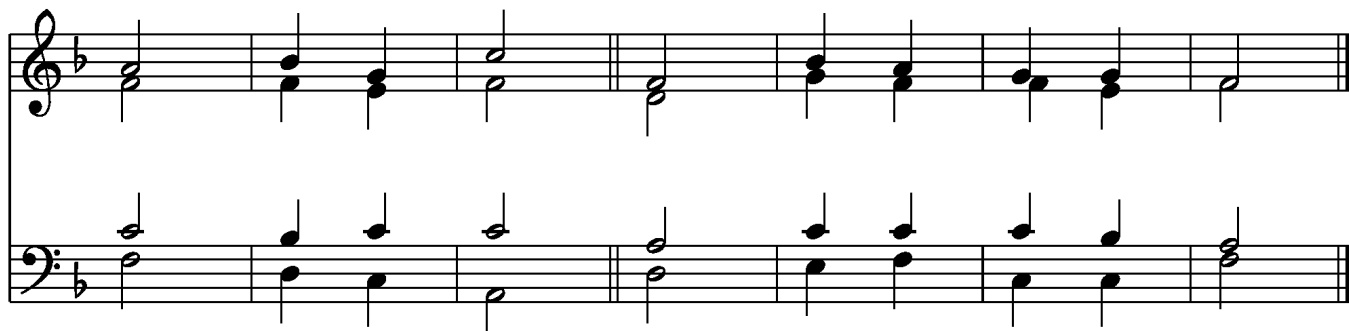
Reader	Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.
People	<i>Thanks be to God.</i>

The Psalm

Psalm 22:1-15

Remain seated.

William Russell
(1777–1813)



- 1 My God, my God, why have you for'saken me? *
and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my dis'tress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, *
en'throned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you de'ivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were de'ivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorned by all and des'pised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heäds, saying,
- 8 "He trusted in the LORD; let him de'live him; *
let him rescue him, if he de'lights in him."

- 9 Yet you are he who took me ^{out} of the ^{womb}, *
and kept me ^{safe} upon my ^{mother's} ^{breast}.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever ^{since} I was ^{born}; *
you were my God when I was ^{still} in my ^{mother's} ^{womb}.
- 11 Be not far from me, for ^{trouble} is ^{near}, *
and ^{there} is ^{none} to ^{help}.
- 12 Many young ^{bulls} en^{circle} me; *
strong ^{bulls} of ^{Bashan} sur^{round} me.
- 13 They open ^{wide} their ^{jaws} at me, *
like a ^{ravening} and a ^{roaring} ^{lion}.
- 14 I am poured out like water;
all my bones are ^{out} of ^{joint}; *
my heart within my ^{breast} is ^{melting} ^{wax}.
- 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
my tongue sticks to the ^{roof} of my ^{mouth}; *
and you have ^{laid} me in the ^{dust} of the ^{grave}.

SECOND READING: *Hebrews 4:12-16*

Remain seated.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Reader	Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People	<i>Thanks be to God.</i>

SEQUENCE HYMN

All stand.

O — Christ, the Word In - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high, O —

5 Truth, un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of — our dark sky: we praise thee for the

10 ra - diance that from the scrip-ture's page, a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines

15 on from age to age.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-50

All remain standing.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than

to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Craig Foster

THE 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.*

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops, for this gathering, for our partners in ministry especially Community Refugee & Immigration Services, our Caring/Sharing partner this month; and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; for the care of and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed especially Janet Fanning in whose loving memory the altar flowers are given this morning to God's glory.
Pray for those who have died. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for Molly, Brent, Penny & Frank, Gavin, Tasha, Larry, Scott, Maria, Khadijah, Sarah, Joe, Kris, Gary, Edward & Mary, Gretchen, Emily, Mother Abby, Mort, Harriet, Pete & Linda, Mary & Mike, Nancy Maturo, Ben Dysart, Nancy & Perry and all on our parish prayer list, let us pray to the Lord. *Silence*

I ask your thanksgiving for the many blessings of our lives. *Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Silence*

Deacon:

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.

The people and presider stand or kneel then say together.

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

The Priest stands and says

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

THE PEACE

All stand.

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Presider says

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. *1 Chronicles 29:11*



OFFERTORY MUSIC *My Lord, What a Morning*
St. Alban's Choir

- Robert Benson

DOXOLOGY

Musical notation for the Doxology in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men." The notation includes a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece ends with a double bar line after the final note.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all crea-tures

5 here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise

10 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The Great Thanksgiving

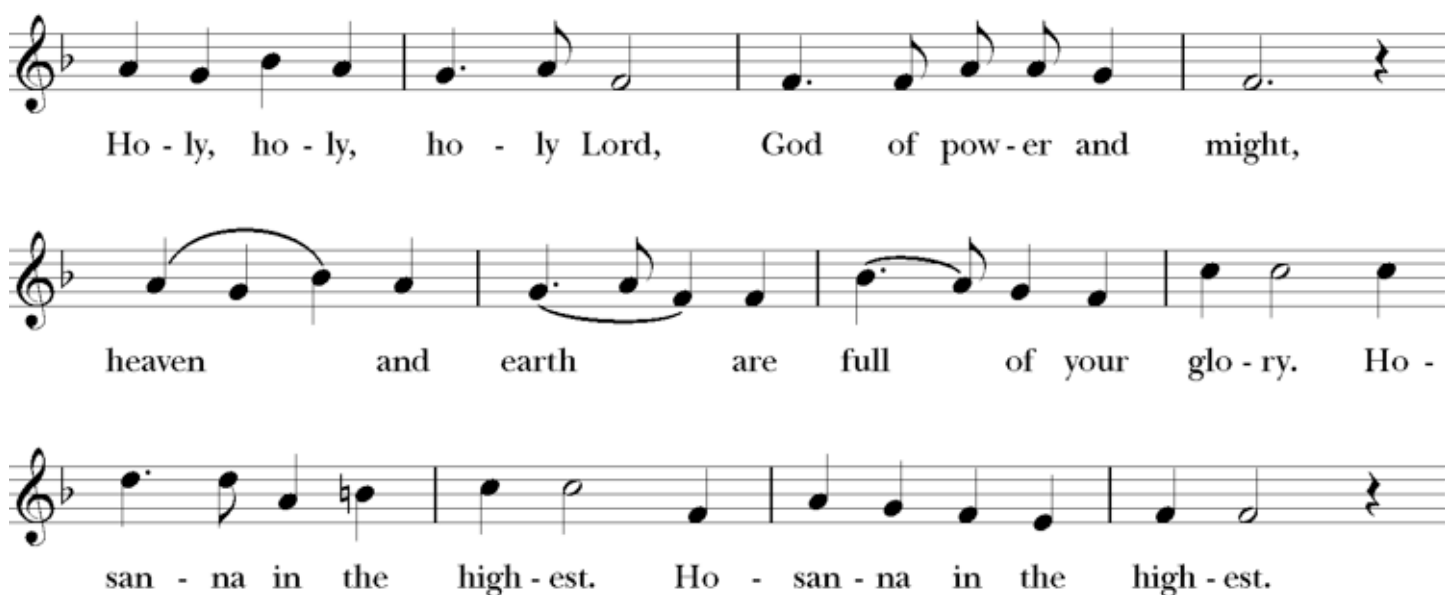
The People remain standing.

Presider 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.*

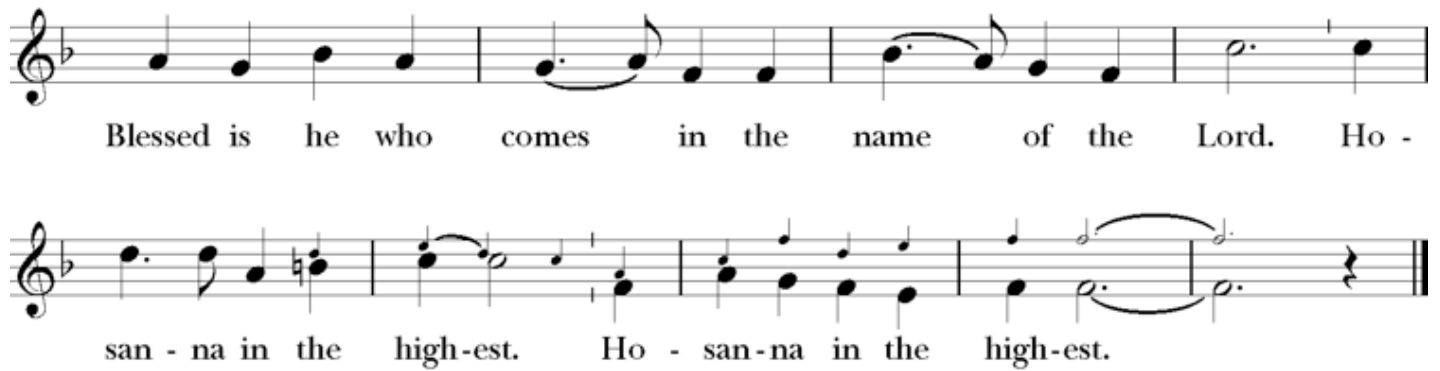
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations. 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



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.



The people stand or kneel; The Presider continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, 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.*

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may

faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By 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,

*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

Cantor or Choir

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -

1 *All* 2 *Cantor or Choir*

deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my

All

flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My

flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

INVITATION

The Presider says

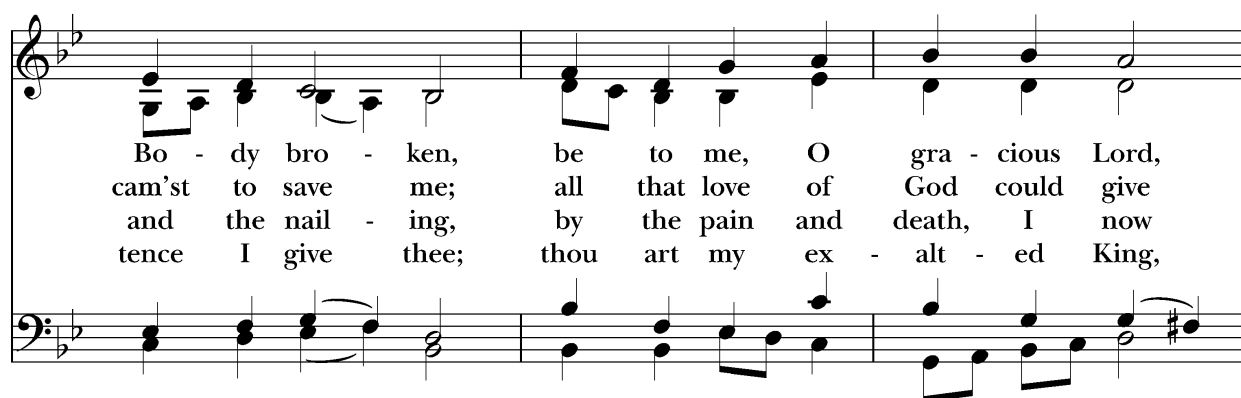
The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with Thanksgiving.

COMMUNION MUSIC *Let thy Blood in mercy poured*

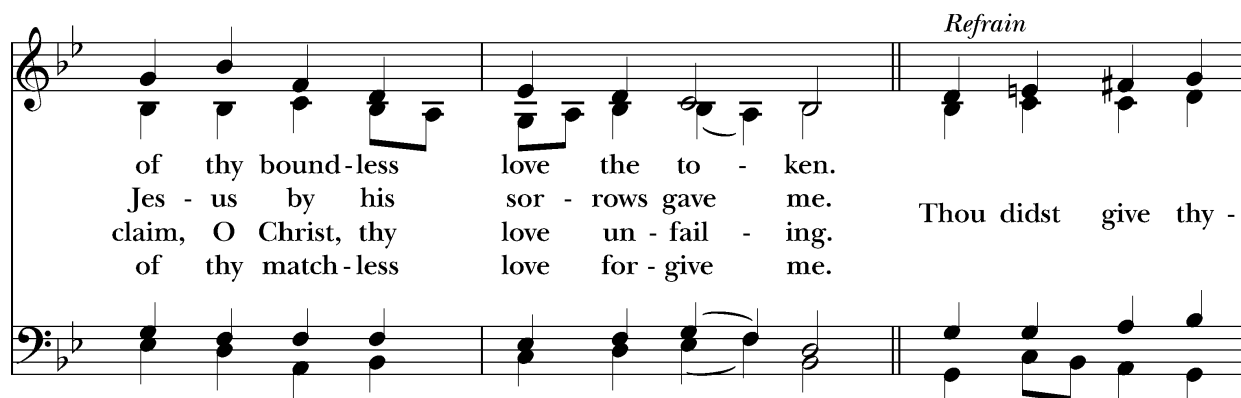
Hymnal 1982, #313



1 Let thy Blood in mer - cy poured, let thy gra - cious
 2 Thou didst die that I might live; bless - ed Lord, thou
 3 By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear-wound
 4 Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i -



Bo - dy bro - ken, be to me, O gra - cious Lord,
 cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give
 and the nail - ing, by the pain and death, I now
 tence I give thee; thou art my ex - alt - ed King,



Refrain
 of thy bound-less love the to - ken.
 Jes - us by his sor - rows gave me. Thou didst give thy -
 claim, O Christ, thy love un - fail - ing.
 of thy match-less love for - give me.



self for me, now I give my - self to thee.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *The people stand or kneel;*

Let us pray.

*Loving God, we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.*

*Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

BLESSING *The Priest blesses the people, saying*

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. **(+)** *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN *Take my life, and let it be* Hymnal 1982, #707

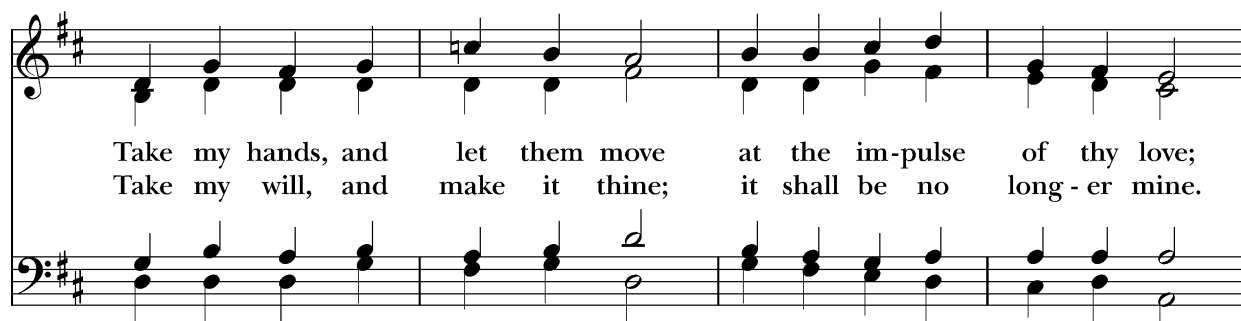
The cross is carried down the aisle and, figuratively, out into the world. Please turn to face the cross and remember that we are called to carry the "Good News" out into the world.



1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;



take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.



Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.



take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE *Christ is the Way, the Truth, the Life* - Todd Kendall

Servers in Worship Today

Presider	The Rev. J. Devin Rodgers
Preacher	The Rev. Craig Foster
Organist & Choir Director	Dr. Karen Eckenroth
Crucifer	Ben Addison
Eucharistic Minister	Susan McKinley
Lector & Intercessor	Jackson Cleland
Ushers	Melissa & Frank Ingwersen
Audio Visual	Kevin Tomkies

*The altar flowers today
are given to the glory of God
and
in loving memory
of
Janet Fanning
by her son,
David Fanning.*

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