



THE SEASON OF EASTERTIDE

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

April 11, 2021

9:00am



WE ARE A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH



WELCOME—Thank you for joining us today for this special worship and occasion at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church! Our spiritual call is to "Worship Christ, Grow Together, and Serve Others."

GUESTS – We would love to meet you and give you a gift at the Welcome Kiosk in the Gathering Space. We ask that you please sign the Guest Register at the Welcome Kiosk. You may learn more about our parish family at [www.standrewsvalpo.org](http://standrewsvalpo.org).

CHILDREN – Our Children's Ministry classes for preschoolers thru 4th graders are now held on Zoom weekly on Sunday afternoons at 4:00pm using the "Godly Play" curriculum, a method that engages the whole child – hands, heart, mind, senses, and intuition. You may contact Fr. Roger @ 477-0629 or Jen Rodd @ 678-429-0524 for the Zoom link. For more information on our Children's Ministry, please contact ministry Leader Jen Rodd at jenniferjrodd@yahoo.com.

YOUTH – Our classes for Youth in grades 5-8 are now held weekly on Sundays @ 5:00pm. Our classes for high school youth are held on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month at 7:00pm. To learn more, or to receive the Zoom link for the class, please contact our youth ministry leader, Sarah Colias, at 219-788-2895, or sarahcolias@comcast.net, or at <http://standrewsvalpo.org/get-connected/youthministry/>.

HOLY COMMUNION – We invite all baptized persons to receive communion.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Tuesday - Friday 9am-4pm

WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES & BIBLE STUDIES

Saturday	5:30pm	Worship
Sunday	9:00am	Worship
10:00am	10:00am	Bible Study
Tues.	7:00am	Men's Study
Mon.-Thur.	9:00am	Morning Prayer
Wed.	6:00pm	Worship/ Study
Thurs.	2:00pm	Bible Study

PRAYER MINISTRY
Our Intercessory Prayer Ministry Team prays for those who complete a Prayer Request card, found on the box on the table in the back of the church for your completion.

HOLY EUCHARIST WITH RITES OF CONFIRMATION,
BLESSING OF STAINED GLASS WINDOWS,
AND MORTGAGE BURNING

The First Sunday After Easter Year B

The Rt. Rev. Douglas Sparks
Bishop of The Diocese of Northern Indiana

Sunday, April 11, 2021

9:00am

Prelude

With One Voice 758

1 Come to us, cre - a - tive Spir - it, in our
2 Po - et, paint - er, mu - sic - mak - er, all your
3 Word from God e - ter - nal spring - ing, fill our
4 In all plac - es and for - ev - er glo - ry

Fa - ther's house; ev - 'ry hu - man tal - ent hal - low,
treas - ures bring; crafts - man, ac - tor, grace - ful danc - er,
minds, we pray; and in all ar - tis - tic vi - sion
be ex - pressed to the Son, with God the Fa - ther

hid - den skills a - rouse, that with - in your earth - ly
make your of - fer - ing; join your hands in cel - e -
give in - teg - ri - ty: may the flame with - in us
and the Spir - it blessed: in our wor - - ship and our

tem - ple, wise and sim - ple, may re - joice.
bra - tion: let cre - a - tion shout and sing!
burn - ing kin - dle yearn - ing day by day.
liv - ing keep us striv - ing for the best.

Entrance Hymn *Please stand*

New Century Hymnal 70

1 God is here! As we your peo-ple meet to of - fer praise and prayer,
 2 Here are sym-bols to re - mind us of our life - long need of grace;
 3 Here our chil-dren find a wel-come in the Shep - herd's flock and fold;
 4 Sov - ereign God, of earth and heav-en, in an age of change and doubt

May we find in full - er mea-sure what it is in Christ we share.
 Here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit, here the cross has cen - tral place.
 Here as bread and wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 Keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel, help us work your pur - pose out.

Here, as in the world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach-ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in wor-ship to ex - plore
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new-ness and re - new-al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you. we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Though he retired in 1969, this distinguished British poet has continued to write hymns. In addition to administering several circuits and local congregations, Fred Pratt Green published plays, translations, and poems. Emory University in Atlanta awarded him an honorary doctorate.

Tune: ABBOT'S LEIGH 8.7.8.7.D.
Cyril V. Taylor, 1941

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Bishop Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

The Priest says the Collect for Purity.

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

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, 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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Collect of the Day

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading

Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133

Gather 727

1. How good it is, what pleas - ure comes, When
2. True friend - ship then like fra - grant oil Sur -
3. How good it is when walls of fear Come
4. What qui - et joy can bloom and grow When

peo - ple live as one. When peace - and jus - tice
rounds us with de - light; And bless - ings shine like
tum - bling to the ground. When arms are changed to
peo - ple work for peace, When hands and voic - es

light the way The will of God - is
morn - ing dew Up - on the moun - tain
farm - ing tools, The fruits of the life war
join as one That hate and

done, The will of God is done.
 height, Up - on the moun - tain height.
 bound, The fruits of life a - bound.
 cease, That hate and war may cease.

Text: Psalm 133, Isaiah 2:1-4; Ruth Duck, b.1947, © 1992, GIA Publications, Inc.

Tune: DOVE OF PEACE, CM; American; harm. by Charles H. Webb, b.1933, © 1989, The United Methodist Publishing House

Second Reading

1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life--this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand and sing the Gospel Acclamation

verse 1 before and verse 4 after

Refrain E(D)

C♯m(Bm)

F♯m(Em)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

praise to his Name.

Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

 He is the King of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
 Now we shall live for ev - er.
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.
Al-le -

Holy Gospel

John 20: 19-31

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Douglas Sparks

CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION AND REAFFIRMATION

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

The Bishop says

The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenter: I present these persons for Confirmation, to be received into this Communion, and who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows.

The candidates, Julia Foster, Elaine Griffin, Christopher Lopez, and Jim Brown, come forward and stand before the Bishop who asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

The Bishop then says

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

*People I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.*

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?



People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Bishop then says to the people

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

A period of silence follows. The Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

As each candidate comes before the Bishop, members of their family, and friends who wish to, may come forward and lay hands on the backs of the candidate.

FOR CONFIRMATION

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant, with your Holy Spirit; empower them for your service; and sustain them all the days of their lives. **Amen.**

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Bishop & People together sing

The musical score consists of three staves (Soprano, Alto, Bass) in common time, key of G major. The lyrics are:

In love you summon, in love I follow,
living today for your tomorrow.
Christ to release me, Christ to enfold me,

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The Peace

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

Announcements

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Please be seated during the Offertory. The Bishop says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

Psalm 50:14

Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord. You may present your offerings to the Lord, and in support of your spiritual home, you may do one of the following: In-person may place your offering in the wooden church, virtual worshippers may mail your contribution to the church, Text to 844-419-0215, or make an online donation on our secure website.

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal 289

bless - ings man - i - fold, for thine un - fail - ing
 com - rades' steps to tread: and some are long for -
 a - ges yet un - known. The days of old have

mer - cies far - strewn a - long our way,
 got - ten, long spent their hopes and fears;
 dowered us with gifts be - yond all praise:
 with safe our

all who passed be - fore us, we praise thy Name to - day.
 rest they in thy keep - ing, who chan - gest not with years.
 Fa - ther, make us faith - ful to serve the com - ing days.

Blessing of Stained-Glass Windows

Bishop Almighty God, we thank you that you have put it into the hearts of your people to make offerings for the beautification of your church, and have been pleased to accept their gifts. Be with us now and bless us as we dedicate these stained-glass windows to your praise and glory;

People I will make your windows of agates, and all your borders of pleasant stones.

Bishop Look upon the rainbow, and praise him who made it:

People How beautiful it is in its brightness.

Bishop Let us pray. (*Silence*)

O Lord God, the whole world is filled with the radiance of your glory: Accept our offering of this window which we now dedicate to you for the adornment of this place and the inspiration of your people. Grant that as the light shines through it in many colors, so our lives may show forth the beauty of your manifold gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving *Please stand.*

Bishop Christ is risen!
People **He is risen indeed.**
Bishop Lift your hearts to heaven
People **where Christ in glory reigns.**
Bishop Let us give thanks to God.
People **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

The Bishop says

It is the joy of our salvation, God of the universe, to give you thanks through Jesus Christ. You said, 'Let there be light'; there was light. Your light shines on in our darkness. For you the earth has brought forth life in all its forms. You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will and to be fulfilled in your love. It is right to thank you. You sent your Son to be for us the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know. You sent your Son to give his life to release us from our sin. His cross has taken our guilt away.

You send your Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide, to warn and to revive your Church. Therefore, with all your witnesses who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation and our calling, with loving and with joyful hearts:

The Sanctus

EOM59

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow - er and, might. Heav - en and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Blessed is the one who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please kneel or sit, as preferred. The Bishop continues

Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son, who washed his disciples' feet. 'I am among you,' he said, 'as one who serves.'

On that night before he died he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me. After supper, he took the cup, and gave you thanks. He gave it to them and said: Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you, shed for all, to forgive sin; do this to remember me. Therefore with this bread and wine we recall your goodness to us.

The Memorial Acclamation *Bishop and People*

God of the past and present, we your people remember your Son. We thank you for his cross and rising again, we take courage from his ascension; we look for his coming in glory and in him we give ourselves to you.

The Bishop continues

Send your Holy Spirit, that we who receive Christ's body may indeed be the body of Christ, and we who share his cup draw strength from the one true vine. Called to follow Christ, help us to reconcile and unite. Called to suffer, give us hope in our calling. For you, the heavenly one, make all things new; you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first. Praise, glory and love be yours, this and every day, from us and all people, here and everywhere. **Amen**

As Christ teaches us we pray

Bishop and People

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.

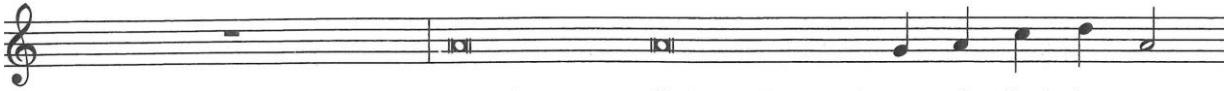
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

EOM 26

A period of silence is kept.



Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sac - ri - ficed for us.



There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

The Book of Common Prayer reminds us that if one is unable to actually consume the consecrated bread and wine due to extreme sickness or disability, the desire is enough for God to grant all the benefits of communion (BCP, p. 457). When being present at a celebration of the Eucharist is absolutely impossible, this act of prayer and meditation can provide the means by which you can associate yourself with the Eucharistic Action and open yourself to God's grace and blessing.



Act of Reception

Priest and People:

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly my own parish of St. Andrew's and those worshiping there, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And particularly for all the blessings you have given me. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

The Bishop says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn

Hymnal 242

1 How oft, O Lord, thy face hath shone on doubt-ing souls whose
 2 He loved thee well, and firm - ly said, "Come, let us go, and
 3 His breth-ren's word he would not take, but craved to touch those
 4 He saw thee risen; at once he rose to full be - lief's un -
 5 O Sa - vior, make thy pres - ence known to all who doubt thy

1 wills were true! Thou Christ of Pe - ter and of John,
 2 die with him"; yet when thine Eas - ter - news was spread,
 3 hands of thine; when thou didst thine ap - pear - ance make,
 4 cloud - ed height; and still through his con - fes - sion flows
 5 Word and thee; and teach us in that Word a - lone

1 thou art the Christ of Thom - as too.
 2 mid all its light his faith was dim.
 3 he saw, and hailed his Lord Di - vine.
 4 to Chris - tian souls thy life and light.
 5 to find the truth that sets us free.

Communion Hymn

Hymnal 348

1 Lord, we have come at your own in - vi - ta - tion,
 2 Here, at your ta - ble, con - firm our in - ten - tion
 3 When, at your ta - ble, each time of re - turn - ing,
 4 So, in the world where each du - ty as - signed us

cho - sen by you, to be coun - ted as friends:
 ev - er to cher - ish the gifts you pro - vide;
 vows are re - newed, and our cour - age re - stored:
 gives us the chance to cre - ate or des - troy,

yours is the strength that sus - tains our vo - ca - tion,
 teach us to serve with - out pride or pre - ten - sion,
 may we in - creas - ing - ly glo - ry in learn - ing
 help us to make those de - ci - sions that bind us,

ours a com - mit - ment we know nev - er ends.
 led by your Spi - rit, de - fend - er and guide.
 all that it means to ac - cept you as Lord.
 Lord, to your - self, in o - be - dience and joy.

Communion Hymn

Hymnal 209

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no
 2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and in
 4 that, when our life of faith is done,

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as
 fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound, to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

you are near, and seek where you are found:
 as you are, with full and end less sight.
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Closing Prayer and Mortgage Burning

After Communion, the Bishop says

Dear friends, inspired by God's Holy Word and nourished by His Body and Blood, we are now sent out into the mission field to share the Good News of the Risen Christ. Gathered here in this church building, we rejoice that we have paid all indebtedness on it. As we go forth from this place, let us rededicate this building and rejoice in its holy use. Let us also rededicate ourselves to its mission.

Bishop Blessed be God who calls us together.
People **Praise to God who makes us one people.**
Bishop Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.
People **Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.**
Bishop Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.
People **Praise to God who is revealed as love.**
Bishop Blessed be God who alone has called us.
People **Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.**
Bishop Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.
People **Amen. Accept our thanks for all you have done. Our hands were empty, and you filled them.**

The Bishop and Senior Warden burn the mortgage

After the mortgage is burned, the people say

We now, the people of this congregation, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, grateful for our heritage, aware of the sacrifices of our mothers and fathers in the faith, and confessing that apart from us their work cannot be made perfect, dedicate ourselves anew to the worship and service of almighty God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bishop Blessed be the name of the Lord
People **Now and forever**
Bishop Our help is in the name of the Lord
People **Who made heaven and earth**
Bishop May Almighty God bless you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **Amen**

Postcommunion Hymn

New Century Hymnal 372

1. God, you have set us in this time and place,
 2. We ded - i - cate this work of hu - man hand;
 3. Let doors and hearts pro-vide a wel - come here.
 4. Call youth and age in - to these halls for praise.
 5. So may the world be-come our neigh-bor - hood,

Called us as stew - ards of your love and grace.
 Built for your glo - ry, may it firm - ly stand.
 Let walls and voic - es ring with songs of cheer.
 Then send us out for ser - vice all our days,
 Each wish - ing each the right, the true, the good,

O keep us faith - ful, set our souls a - fire,
 Let truth be preached and jus - tice right - ly done.
 Let win - dows speak of beau - ty and of light.
 Your word of peace and chal-lenge here made real
 Word, font, and ta - ble call - ing us to be

And by your Spir - it all our work in - spire.
 In Christ our Sav - ior make us tru - ly one.
 Let smile and ges - ture show your love a - right.
 Spurs us to act with en - er - gy and zeal.
 Bound up in Christ, in Christ set bold - ly free.

Dismissal

Bishop Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

MAY GOD BLESS OUR NEW MEMBERS



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