

Holy Eucharist - Rite Two
January 28, 2024
9:00 a.m.
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Annual Meeting



**Everyone is invited
to the Annual Meeting
following this service!**

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Please stand at the opening hymn.

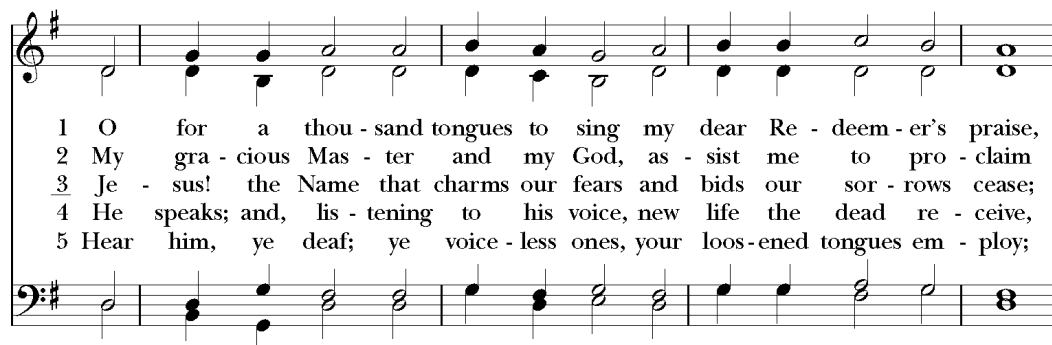
Prelude

Gabriel's Oboe - Ennio Morricone

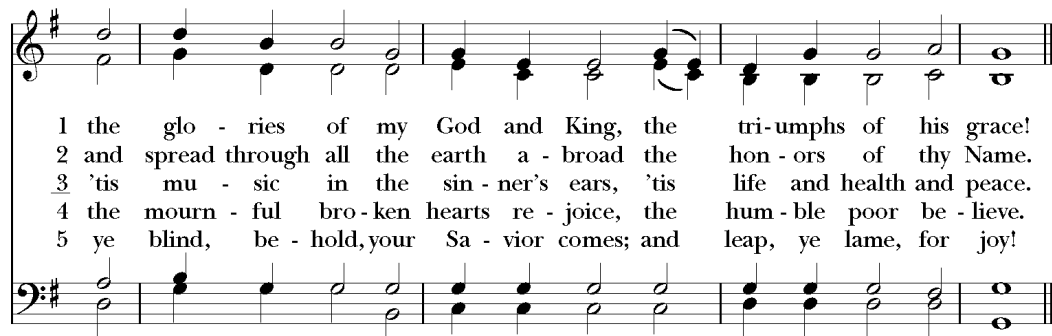
Canticle of Praise on "Azmon" - Alice Jordan

Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn - O for a thousand tongues to sing (H493)



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;



1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - jice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Azmon*, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

Opening Acclamation Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Glory to God for ever and ever.

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.

As the Gloria is sung, all children are invited to come forward.

Gloria - Tune: Hymn to Joy

**Glory be to God in heaven, peace to those who love you well;
on the earth let all your people speak your grace, your wonders tell:
Lord, we praise you for your glory, mighty Father, heaven's king;
hear our joyful adoration and accept the thanks we bring.**

**Only Son of God the Father, Lamb who takes our sin away,
now with God in triumph seated — for your mercy, Lord, we pray:
Jesus Christ, most high and holy, Savior, you are God alone
in the glory of the Father with the Spirit: Three-in-One!**

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth:
Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Prayer Over the Children

**Blessed are you Lord God of all creation. You have blessed us with the joy and
care of children. May the knowledge of you dawn on them, may the love of you
grow in them and may the grace of your Spirit draw them to you. Amen.**

The First Lesson Deuteronomy 18:15-20

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” Then the Lord replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111 Confitebor tibi

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God be in my head, and in my un - der - stand - ing;

This musical score is for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. The first system is an instrumental introduction, marked with a '3' above the treble staff, indicating a triplet. It features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The second system contains the vocal melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a vocal line with lyrics underneath, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The key signature remains G major, and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are 'God be in my head, and in my un - der - stand - ing;'. The music concludes with a final chord in the bass staff.

[Antiphon]

- 1 Hallelujah!
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion. [Ant.]
- 5 He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity. [Ant.]
- 9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever. [Ant.]

The Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

A Reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as able, and remain standing for the proclamation of the Gospel.)

The Gradual *Played twice through before the Gospel is proclaimed, and twice after.*



The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

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

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

The Sermon

A period of silence follows the sermon.

The Rev. Jessie Smith

The Nicene Creed

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified, who 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

Almighty God, in Jesus you have freed us for the love and rebuked everything that may threaten us: Let the teaching of your Good News be spread abroad with such authority, that all creation may be reconciled, as we pray: Let us give thanks to God with our whole heart; for you are gracious and full of compassion.

Raise up for your Church prophets like Moses who will speak everything you command. O Holy One, that we may heed your teaching and be an example of goodness for our neighbors. Let us give thanks to God with our whole heart;
for you are gracious and full of compassion.

Almighty One, rescue the leaders of our nation and all in authority from the knowledge that puffs up and fill them with your love which builds up that they may accomplish your works with faithfulness and justice. Let us give thanks to God with our whole heart;

for you are gracious and full of compassion.

Compassionate One, uphold the weak throughout the earth and free the consciences of all people through your love. Let us give thanks to God with our whole heart;

for you are gracious and full of compassion.

Gracious One, rebuke in us whatever spirit is unclean, that we may so live and teach your gospel of love that your fame may spread throughout our surrounding region. Let us give thanks to God with our whole heart;

for you are gracious and full of compassion.

Receive our prayers which we offer for all who need you. Hear our gratefulness for all goodness and joy. Bring into the fullness of your life those who have died.

(The congregation may add special intentions here.)

Let us give thanks to God with our whole heart;

for you are gracious and full of compassion.

We offer our prayers to God the Father, from whom are all things, and for whom we exist, and our Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we exist, in the power of the Holy Spirit, One God who lives and reigns forever. **Amen.**

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

The Confession and Absolution

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.***

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

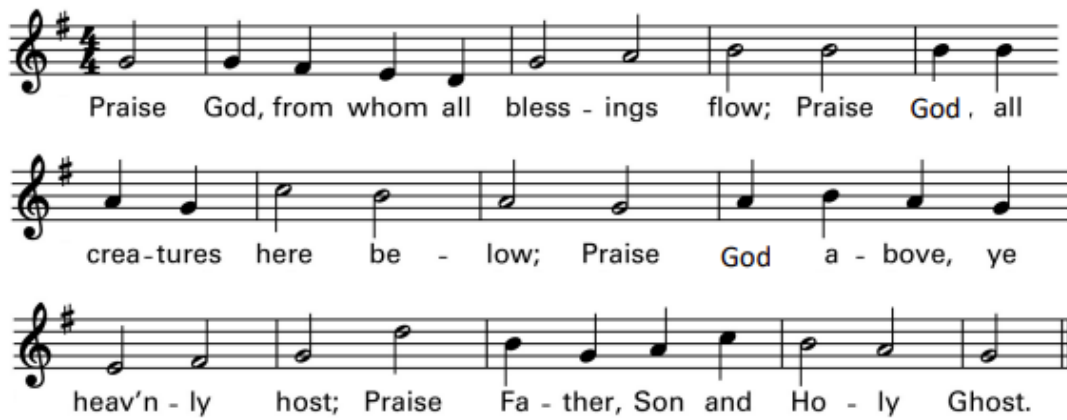
Liturgy of the Table

Offertory

O How Amiable Are Thy Dwellings - Eric Choate

Doxology

People stand when offerings are brought to the altar.



The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
God 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:

Sanctus



San - to, san - to, san - to, ¡Mi cor - a - zón te_a - do - ra! Mi
 Hol - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

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 cor - a - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to_e - res Se - ñor!
 heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord!

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: 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 Creator 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, 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 Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music, each with a line of lyrics and guitar chords indicated above the staff. The chords are: F, /E, Dm, Gm, C7, F, Bb/F, F; /E, Dm, Gm, C7, F, Bb, F/A; F7, /C, Dm, Gm7, F/A, C/G, C7, /Bb, Am, Dm; Gm, Csus, C7, F, Bb/F, F, /E, Dm; Gm, C7, F, Bb, C/Bb; Am, /C#, D7, Gm, C7, F, Bb, F.

Our Fa ther, who art in heav-en, hal-lowed be thy name... Thy king-dom come,

— thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our

dai - ly bread; and for - give us our tres-pass-es, as we for - give those who

tres-pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de -

li - ver us from e - vil. For the king-dom, and the pow - er, and the

glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men. A men. A - men.

Fraction Anthem - S154

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.

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The Invitation

All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion, or you are welcome to come forward to the altar rail with your arms crossed and receive a blessing. We believe that if it is in your heart to seek God at this table, then it is in God's heart to meet you here. Welcome.

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, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to come forward and receive the sacrament of Holy Communion (in both the bread and wine, or in one form only). Alternatively, you are welcome to come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing.

For those worshipping with us online this morning, we invite you to say this prayer for Spiritual Communion:

God of infinite mercy, we thank you for Jesus our Savior, our true Mother who feeds us and gives us eternal life. Though I cannot consume these gifts of bread and wine, I thank you that I have received the sacrament of Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion. Grant that we may continue for ever in the Risen Life of our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

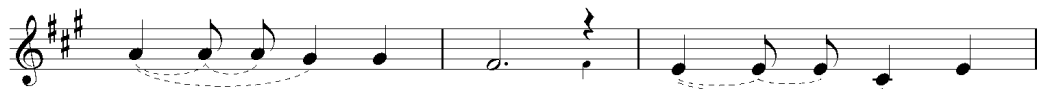
Communion Hymn - I am the bread of life (H335)



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|----------|-------|------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| 1 | I | am | the | bread | of | life; | they | who |
| 2 (The) | Bread | that | I | will | give | is | my | |
| 3 (Un-) | less | | | you | eat | of | the | |
| 4 | I | am | the | re - | sur - | rec - | tion, | |
| 5 (Yes,) | Lord, | | we | be - | lieve | that | | |



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|---|-------|-----|-----|-------|---------|-------|--------|------|------|------|
| 1 | come | to | me | shall | not | hun - | ger; | they | who | be - |
| 2 | Flesh | for | the | life | of | the | world, | and | they | who |
| 3 | Flesh | of | the | Son | of | Man | | and | | |
| 4 | I | | am | the | life. | They | who | be - | | |
| 5 | you | | are | the | Christ, | | the | | | |



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|---|-------|----|----|-------|--------|---------|-------|-------|------|------|--------|
| 1 | lieve | in | me | shall | not | thirst. | No | one | can | come | to |
| 2 | eat | | of | this | bread, | | they | shall | live | for | |
| 3 | drink | | of | his | Blood, | you | shall | not | have | life | with - |
| 4 | lieve | | in | me, | | | e - | ven | if | they | |
| 5 | Son | | of | God | | | who | | has | | |



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|---|------|------|------|-------|-------|------|------|--------|-------|
| 1 | me | | un - | less | the | Fa - | ther | draw | them. |
| 2 | ev - | er. | | they | shall | live | for | ev - | er. |
| 3 | in | you. | you | shall | not | have | life | with - | in |
| 4 | die, | | | they | shall | live | for | ev - | er. |
| 5 | come | | in - | to | | the | | world. | |

Descant

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

Refrain

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

up, and I will raise them up on the

up, and I will raise them up on the

last day. 1-4 5 Yes, day. *Final Ending*

last day. 2 The 3 Un- day. 4 — 5 Yes, (z)

The descant may be sung after stanzas 4 and 5.

Please stand as you are able.

Post Communion Prayer

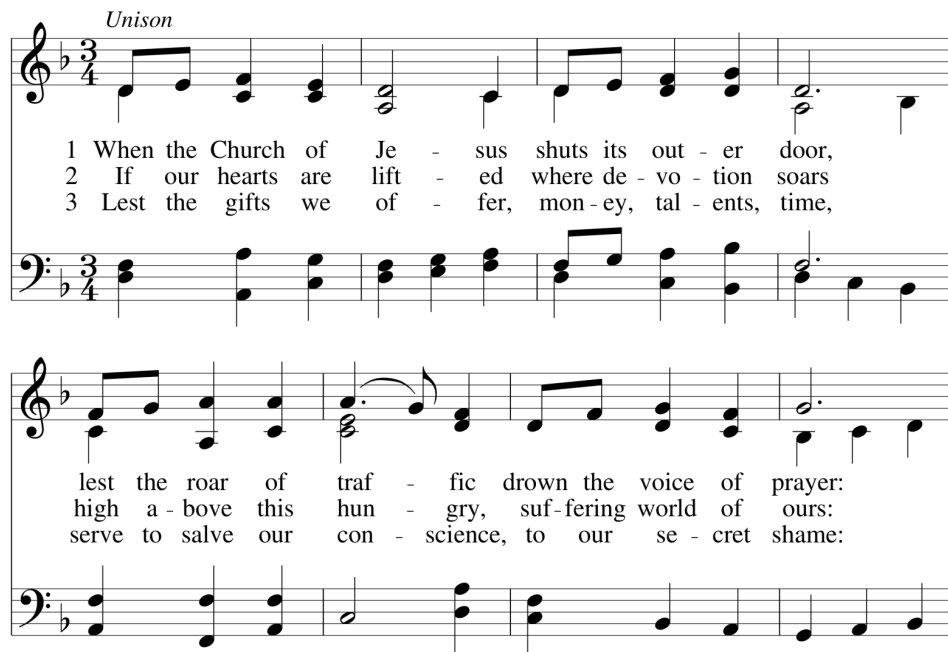
Let us pray.

Eternal God, 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.

Benediction

Recessional Hymn - When the church of Jesus

Unison



1 When the Church of Je - sus shuts its out - er door,
2 If our hearts are lift - ed where de - vo - tion soars
3 Lest the gifts we of - fer, mon - ey, tal - ents, time,
lest the roar of traf - fic drown the voice of prayer:
high a - bove this hun - gry, suf - fer - ing world of ours:
serve to salve our con - science, to our se - cret shame:

may our prayers, Lord, make us ten times more a - ware
lest our hymns should drug us to for - get its needs,
Lord, re - prove, in - spire us by the way you give;

that the world we ban - ish is our Chris - tian care.
forge our Chris-tian wor - ship in - to Chris - tian deeds.
teach us, dy - ing Sav - ior, how true Chris - tians live.

The Dismissal Let us go forth in the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude
Toccata - Flor Peeters

Ministers of Worship (9:00 a.m.)

Minister - The Rev. Jessie Smith

Music Director/Organist - Dr. Taylor Ruhl

Cantor: - Juliana Baioni

Lay Eucharistic Minister - Greg Marshall, Lynn Nickens

Acolyte - Lilli Edeson

Lectors - Bob Hughes, Rachel Hughes

Zoom Tech - Jon Hibbard

Usher - John McCurdy

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