

The Holy Eucharist

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 2026 at 9:30am



Welcome!

It is our hope and prayer you will find our worship to be a place to encounter the God who loves you unconditionally. If you are visiting, we are especially delighted you have joined us for worship. No matter where you are in your journey of faith, there is a place for you here.

There are coloring materials and children's books in the entryway. The restroom is located in the Parish Hall, straight ahead of you as you depart the Sanctuary. After the service, join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall.

The Word of the Lord

Welcome

Prelude

Canzona

Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583-1643)

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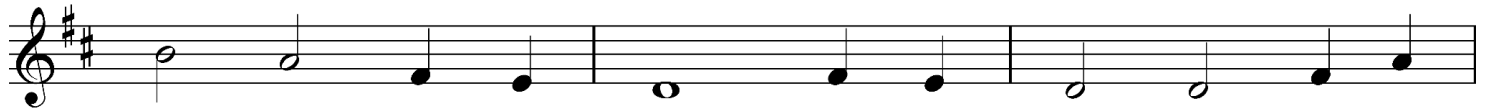
Processional Hymn

Come, thou fount of every blessing

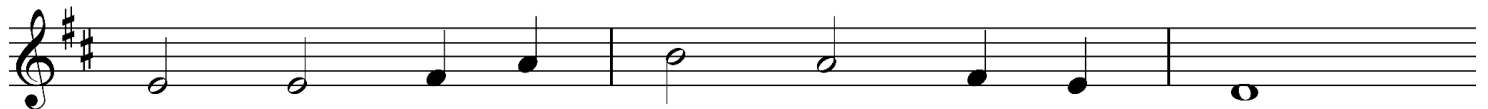
The Hymnal 1982 #686



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



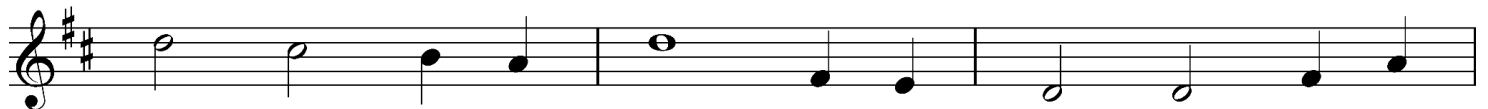
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



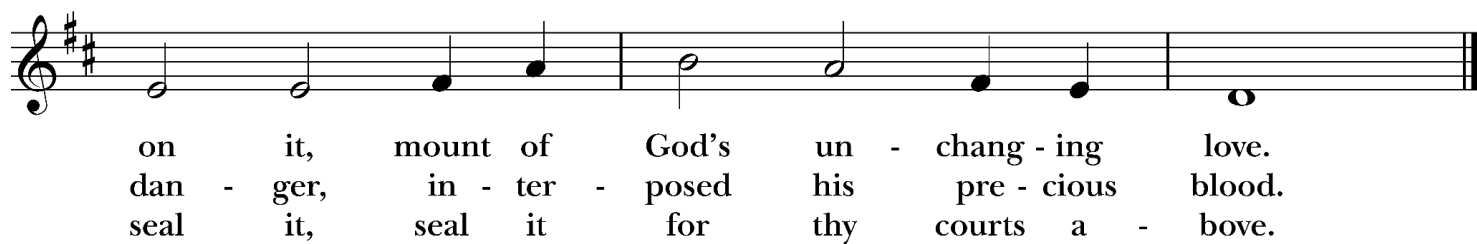
ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt. Music: *Nettleton*, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813; harm. Gerre Hancock (b. 1934).

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

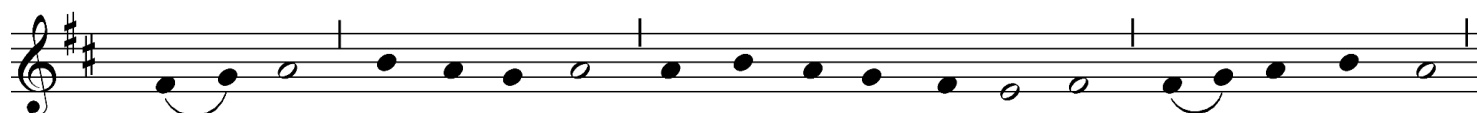
Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

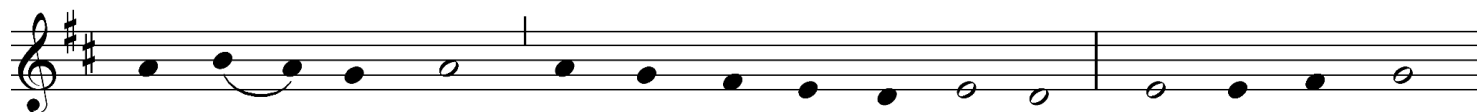
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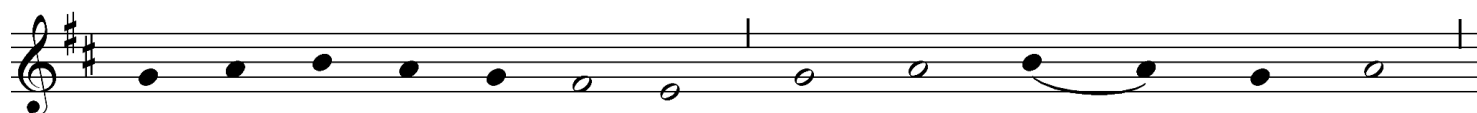
1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



2. Lord God, hea - ven - 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.

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The Creation Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray together.

All **O God, you show your glory throughout your Creation, calling it very good: Grant us the fullness of your blessing, that we, stewarding your garden, may become partakers in your joy; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

Reader A reading from the Book of Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 *Please join in reading the psalm responsively by half-verse.*

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *

incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *

I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, *

we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *

and the wonderful works he has done.

12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *

in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
he made the waters stand up like walls.

14 He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

16 He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

The Second Lesson

Philippians 2:1-13

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Leader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand in body or in spirit.

The Sequence Hymn

Like the murmur of the dove's song

The Hymnal 1982 #513

1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the
2 To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the

chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the
branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as -
cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and

wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger
sem - bled, to her midst as gift and
wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -



might:	come, _____	Ho - ly	Spi - rit,	come.
sign:	come, _____	Ho - ly	Spi - rit,	come.
pare:	come, _____	Ho - ly	Spi - rit,	come.

Phrase 1 of each stanza may be sung by one group, with a contrasted group singing phrase 2, and all joining for the final phrase.

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please stand in body or in spirit.

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:

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.**

Prayers of the People

Reader With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy.”

Reader For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader For our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader For this town, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader For the aged and infirm, and for the sick and the suffering. For those who have asked for our prayers: Annette, John, Jill R., Sally G., Bill, Joanne, Beverly, and Bernice; let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader I invite your own prayers silently or aloud.

Celebrant Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be

supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(Pause)*

All **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.**

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

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Announcements

Ministry of the Month: Creation Care

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

All we have and all we are is of God. We give to the Church in thanksgiving to God for all God has given us. Your offering supports our ministry as we seek to be bearers of God's love and light. You can place your offering in the offertory plate; set up recurring electronic payments through your bank; or you can use this QR code to make a one-time or recurring donation online.



Offertory Anthem

Let All Things Now Living

Traditional Welsh Tune

Words by Katherine K. Davis (1892-1980)

Sung by the choir

Doxology *Please stand in body or in spirit.*

The Hymnal 1982 #380 v.3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer 2 in Enriching Our Worship

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.

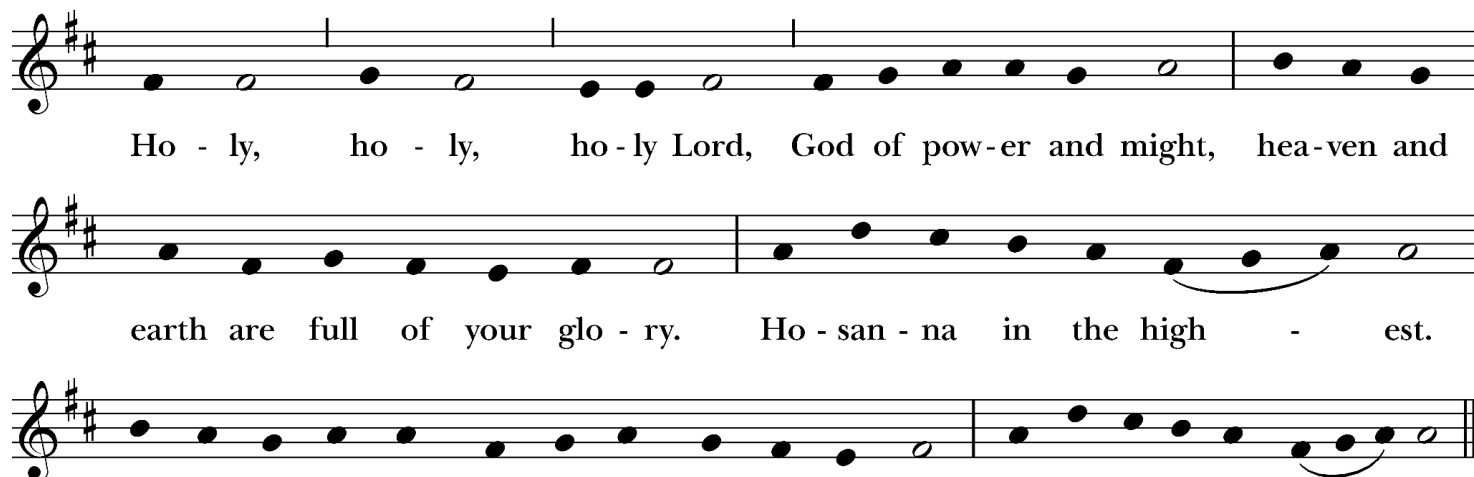
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing

Sanctus

The Hymnal 1982 #S-124



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.

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Celebrant Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People **AMEN.**

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.**

Breaking of the Bread *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.*

The Fraction Anthem

The Hymnal 1982 #S-154

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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Celebrant Behold what you are.

All **May we become what we receive.**

Communion

At our church, anyone who wants to feel closer to Jesus is welcome to come to the altar to receive. Please come forward to the altar rail, filling in on the sides, and stand or kneel to receive Communion. Cup your hands to receive the bread. You may receive the wine by guiding the

cup to your lips or by dipping the bread in the wine. If you do not want to receive from the chalice, you may touch the chalice and say "Amen." If you desire a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest and the priest will offer a blessing.

Communion Hymn

You Who are Thirsty

The Faith We Sing #2132

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of seven staves. The lyrics are: "You who are thirst - y, come to the well and drink from wa - ters flow - ing. You who are hun - gry, come to the bread and eat of his ho - li - ness. You who are tired, find rest. You who are weak, find strength. You who are thirst - y, come to the well and drink. drink. He will free - ly feed all of them who are weak. He will quench the righ - teous". The score includes a repeat sign at the beginning, a first ending bracket labeled '1' over the final measure of the fifth staff, and a second ending bracket labeled '2' over the first measure of the sixth staff. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4.

You who are thirst - y, come to the well and drink from wa - ters
flow - ing. You who are hun - gry, come to the bread and
eat of his ho - li - ness. You who are tired, find
rest. You who are weak, find strength.
You who are thirst - y, come to the well and drink.
drink. He will free - ly feed all of
them who are weak. He will quench the righ - teous

Repeat ending D.C. | Song ending

thirst of all who hum-bly seek. seek. _____

WORDS: Barbara Ross (Isa. 55:1; Matt. 5:6; 11:28)
MUSIC: Barbara Ross
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ALL WHO HUMBLY SEEK
Irregular

Post Communion Prayer *Please stand as you are able*

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God, that the gifts of your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. May we be one with you so that our work is yours and your work is ours. Lead us to transform our lives to reflect your glory in Creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant says the blessing. The people respond Amen.

Recessional Hymn

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

The Hymnal 1982 #344

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace: O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

Words: Att. to John Fawcett (1739/40-1817). Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody; first published *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792, alt.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into all Creation, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude

Invention No. 8

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Participants

Celebrant

The Rev. Lynn M. Campbell

Organist

Eric Bouwman-Wozencraft

Lector

Jennifer Cavan

Lay Eucharistic Minister

Lisa Davis

Altar Guild

Kim Schubert

Flower Guild

Nancy Miller

Vestry Person of the Day

Lucy Bullock-Sieger

Counter

Nancy Harrington

Usher

Katie Tortorello

Coffee Hour Host

Christine Babson

Announcements



Please join us around a campfire for a short service of Evening Prayer and stay for s'mores—all are welcome!



Join us as we celebrate St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals, with a brief outdoor prayer service and Blessing of the Animals. Bring your pets on leashes or in carriers, along with stuffed animals or photos of beloved pets who can't be with us. And yes—a horse will be joining us, too! All are welcome for this special time of prayer and blessing.

STARTING THIS WEEK!

Inquirers Class: Walk in Love—Discovering the Episcopal Way

Curious about the Episcopal Church? Whether you're new, returning, considering confirmation or reception, or simply interested in learning more, you're invited to our Inquirers Class: Walk in Love—Discovering the Episcopal Way.



In this three-session class, we'll explore Episcopal beliefs, worship, the sacraments, and what it means to live as followers of Jesus. Grounded in the book *Walk in Love*, the class is open to everyone—newcomers and longtime members alike. A SignUpGenius is now available! Register using the QR code and link in the bulletin or visit our website to sign up.

The Inquirer's Class will take place on the following Tuesdays from 5:30 pm - 7 pm and dinner will be included. You do not need to attend each one.

- **Sept. 29:** Who We Are and Where We Came From
- **Oct. 6:** How We Worship and Mark Sacred Time
- **Oct. 13:** Sacraments, Rites and the Christian Life

Holiday Bazaar Workshops

Join us on Wednesday nights in the Parish Hall from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm to work on one of the many items we'll be selling at this year's holiday bazaar. We provide the instructions and supplies along with some really great company. It's also a relaxing way to unwind from the workday's stress. Your support will help us make this year's bazaar a great success! For more information, you can contact Janet Rossi (rossi.jet@gmail.com).

Season of Creation

During this Season of Creation, we want to encourage people to be active and engage more in creation care both individually and as part of our church community. Our goal is to help our community change the way we live by including God in the conversation.

Many of us participate in "Earth Day" like activities. We are given the opportunity to practice connecting those actions and programs to answering God's call for us to care for creation. As you continue these activities, remember to thank God as the creator in the first place. Thank God for God's support in helping you, and feel God's joy in seeing you prayerfully do it.

#BlossomwithAdvent Fall Fundraiser

We're (almost) halfway there...

Last week I mentioned the gracious invitation from our Flower Guild, who are welcoming gifts of bulbs for them to plant and care for in the church's garden. Please keep this opportunity in mind, as well as these ideas:



- Could you gift some bulbs to the church in honor of Creation Month?
- Would you consider purchasing some Swedish Dishcloths to replace single-use paper towels and plastic synthetic sponges, or a really pretty tote bag that you can use for running errands around town? Both of those (and other non-flower items) are available on our fundraising page!
- How nice would it be for our Caring Ministries group to be able to bring some flowers picked from our donation garden when reaching out to a parishioner?



With three weeks down and three weeks to go, we're this close to having raised 50% of our fundraising goal. We're counting on your support to keep spreading the word and encouraging friends and family, near and far to #blossomwithAdvent.

New Here? We'd Love to Connect.

Whether you're visiting for the first time, looking for a church home, or simply want to learn more, we'd be glad to meet you.

Scan the QR code to:

- Meet with our rector
- Sign-up for our weekly email
- Learn about membership
- Make prayer requests



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