THE EPISCOPAL Church of the Resurrection

Our mission is to equip people to grow their faith
by connecting to God and others
while reaching out with love

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 29, 2022

Following updated guidance from Bishop Marc, all are required to wear masks during worship. Please note that this service is livestreamed on Facebook. If you do not want to appear on the livestream, please let an usher know and you will be seated outside the range of the cameras.

A bell will be rung three times to begin our worship

The Ministry of the Word

Opening Hymn 657 *Love divine, all loves excelling*

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

Presider Alleluia, Christ is risen.
People **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Hymn of Praise *Hail thee, festival day!*

words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540?-600?); music: RVW

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

First Reading **Acts 16:16-34**

One day, as we (Paul and his traveling companions) were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas

and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 97

1. **The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice; *
   let the multitude of the isles be glad.**
2. **Clouds and darkness are round about him, *
   righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.**
3. **A fire goes before him *
   and burns up his enemies on every side.**
4. **His lightnings light up the world; *
   the earth sees it and is afraid.**
5. **The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, *
   at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.**
6. **The heavens declare his righteousness, *
   and all the peoples see his glory.**
7. **Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! *
   Bow down before him, all you gods.**
8. **Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
   because of your judgments, O Lord.**
9. **For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; *
   you are exalted far above all gods.**
10. **The Lord loves those who hate evil; *
    he preserves the lives of his saints
    and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**
11. **Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
    and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.**
12. **Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, *
    and give thanks to his holy Name.**

Second Reading **Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21**

Jesus said, “See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. “It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.” The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let everyone who hears say, “Come.” And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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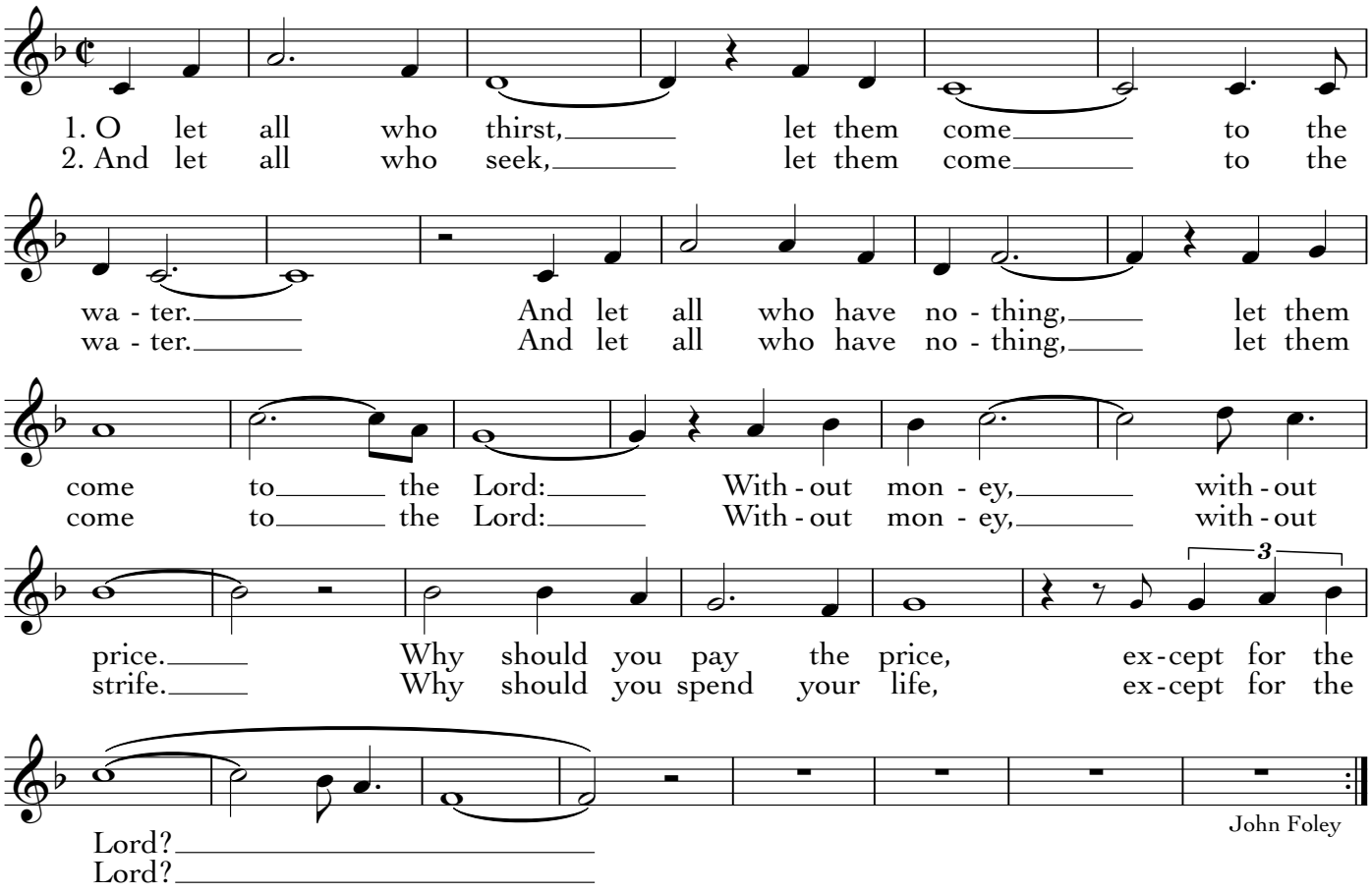
Gradual *Come to the water*



The Holy Gospel **John 17:20-26**

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

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said, “I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with

me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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

The Sermon The Rev. Liz Tichenor

Please remain seated for the following song

Hymn *Weeping Mary*

Affirmation of Faith *The Nicene Creed* *standing*

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

Presider Loving God, who through the Life, Death, and Glorious Resurrection of your Child, Jesus the Christ, has shown us the promise of the Realm of God, we offer these prayers and petitions in Your name, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Leader In gratitude, we pray to you, Mothering God.
All **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;
All **Gather us all into your loving embrace, O God of Creation.**

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;
All **Sustain all who join in Christ's work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader In gratitude, we pray to you, Risen Christ.
All **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Leader Give us courage through your Holy Spirit to live justly with your creation;
All **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

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

Leader In gratitude, we pray to you, Bountiful Spirit.
All **Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

Leader For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Marc, our Bishop; and all bishops and other ministers in God's one holy Church;
All **For all who proclaim the Resurrected Christ in thought, word, and deed.**

Leader In gratitude, we pray to you, O Blessed Three in One.
All **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those on our parish prayer list, and for those we now name: __,

Silence

Hear us, Creator God;
All **We are your grateful People.**

Leader We thank you, Risen Christ, for all the blessings of this life, especially Cynthia; Barbara; Angel and Aaron; Mike and Veronique, members of our parish family.

We will take joy in you, O God our Sustainer;
All **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place with You. We pray especially for Clint Phelan and those we now name:

Silence

Leader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
All **Who put their trust in you.**

Leader You are our God, and we praise you.
All **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Presider O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

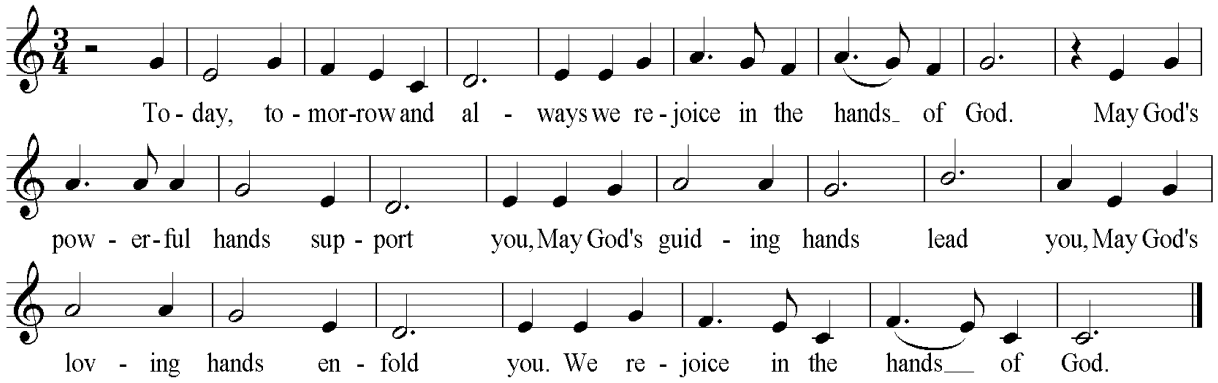
The Peace

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

Announcements

Thanksgivings and Concerns

The Hands of God



The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Presider On this day God has acted; Jesus Christ is risen! Let us rejoice and be glad!

For those gathered in person, if you wish to make a gift you can do so when an usher brings the offering plate to your row. If you would like to make a gift online, you can securely do so through PayPal here. You can also mail checks to the church at 399 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill CA, 94523. Thank you!

Offertory Hymn *Will you come and follow me*

words: Iona Community; music: Mary Alexandra (named for our own Mary Friedlander), John L. Hooker (b. 1944) copyright 1996 John L. Hooker

Presider All things come of you O God.
People **And of your own have we given you.**

The Great Thanksgiving *standing*

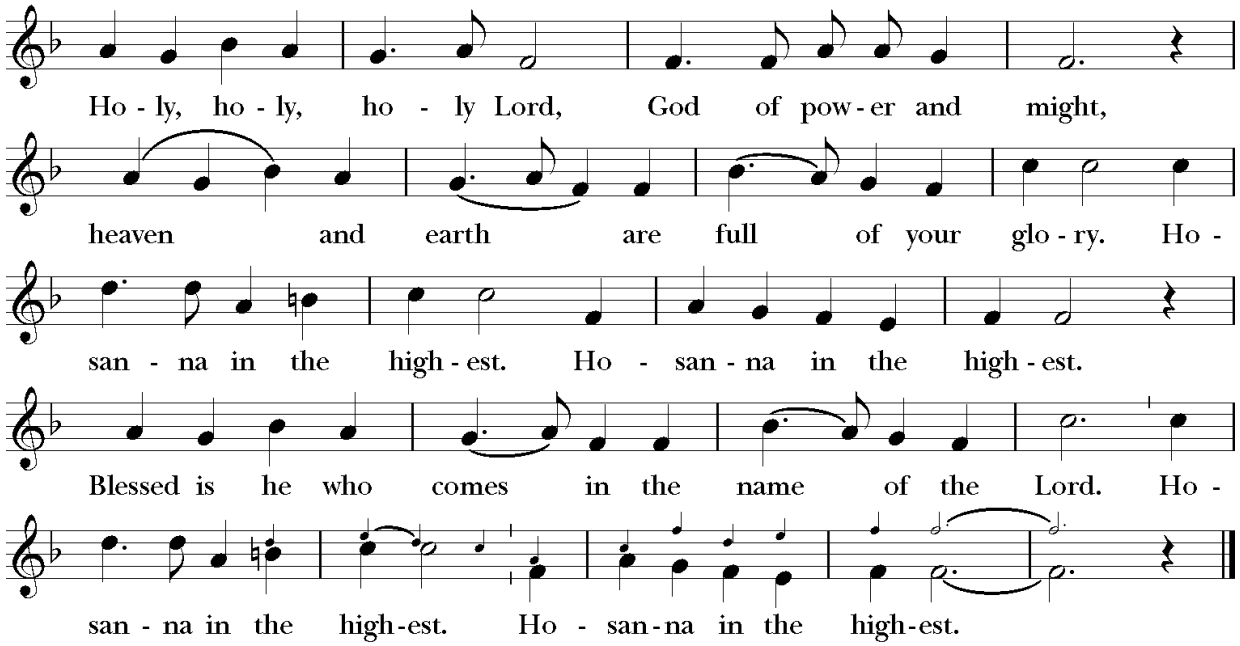
The Presider continues:

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:

All



The Presider continues:

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.

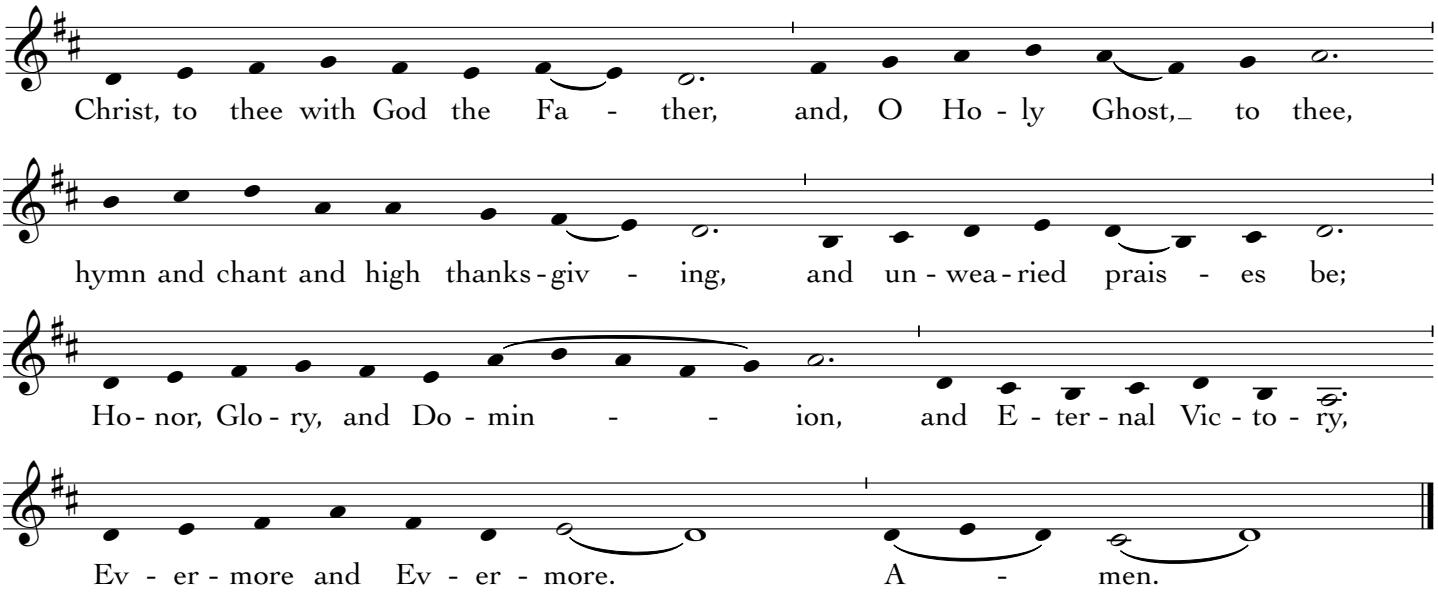
On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

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 Mary the God-bearer all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.



Divinum Mysterium, 11th century chant

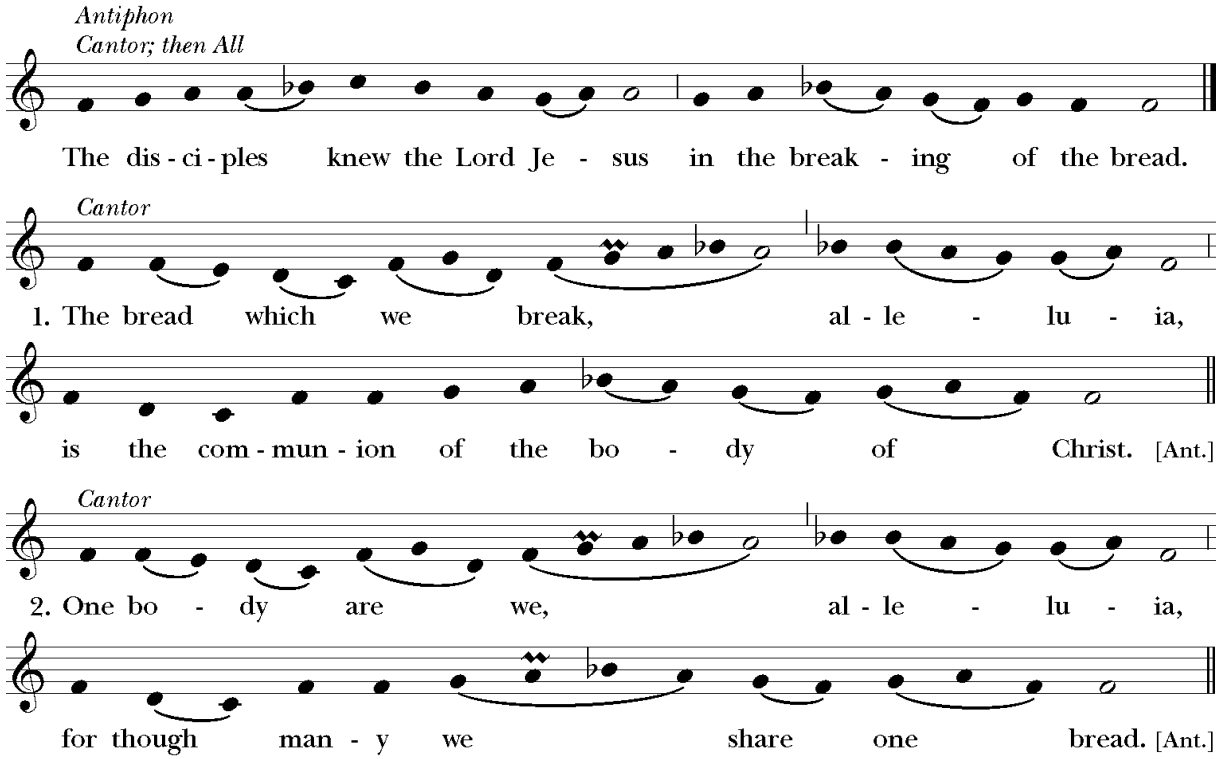
Lord’s Prayer

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

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,**
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the Bread.



Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

The Communion of the People

All are invited to receive Communion. *Please gather around the altar, giving those on either side of you some space. Place one hand on top of the other to receive the bread. We will not be sharing wine or grape juice today. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, just ask.*

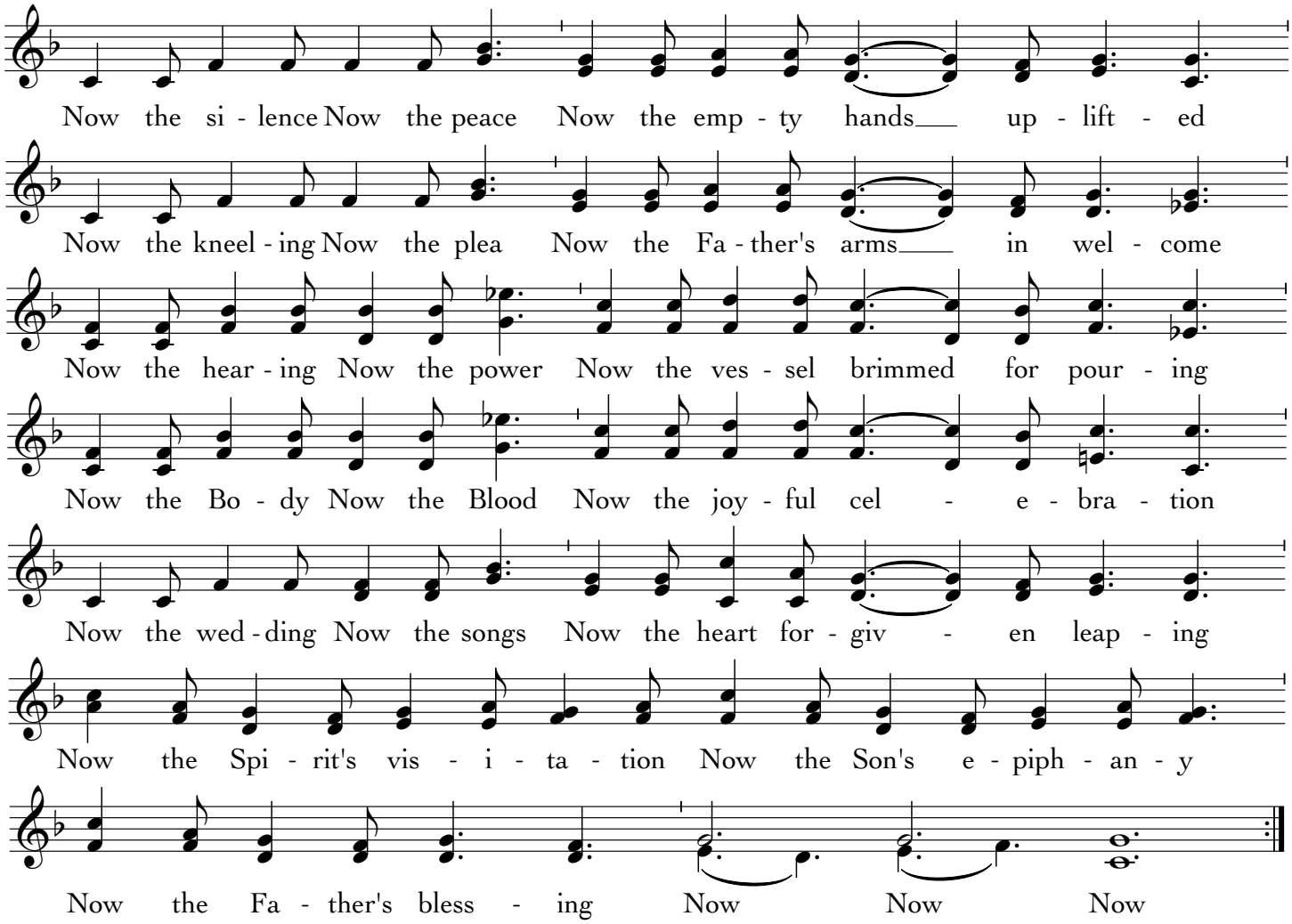
Gluten free wafers are available; *please ask if that's your preference.*

If you are worshiping via livestream, you may wish to pray this prayer during communion:

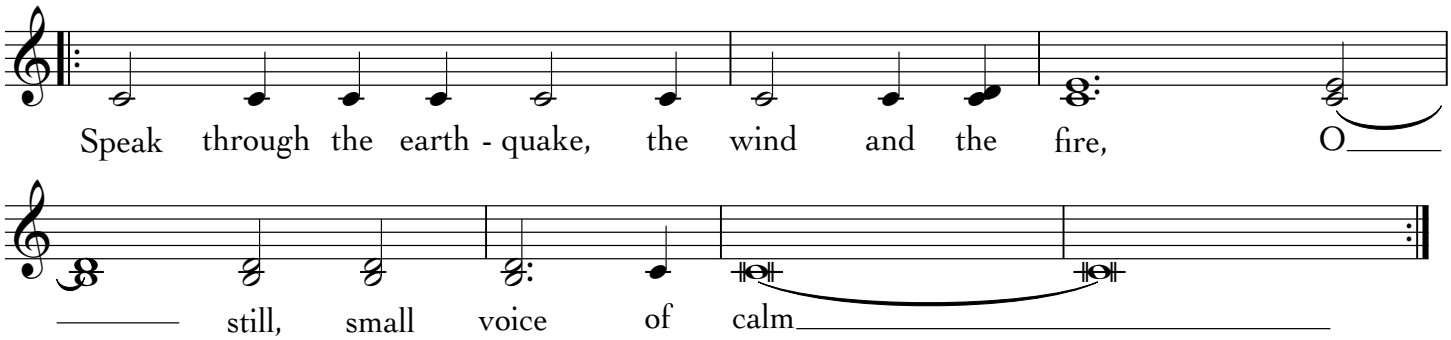
Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people who long to gather at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist has been celebrated, and, we pray, will be celebrated again soon, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Hymn 333 *Now the silence*



Communion Hymn *Speak through the earthquake*



words: John Greenleaf Whittier; music: arr. Charles Rus

Post Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing for Eastertide

Presider May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 494 *Crown him with many crowns*

494; Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)
Music: Diadematа, George Job Elvey (1816-1893); desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth into the world rejoicing the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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