

**ST. FRANCIS**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
& DAY SCHOOL

CHRIST THE KING  
NOVEMBER 23, 2025

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II  
9:00 AM

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*Welcome to St. Francis Episcopal Church.  
You are invited to participate throughout the service.  
May God bless you this and every day.*

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

*Please stand, sung by all.*

**OPENING HYMN:** *Crown him with many crowns*

**Hymn 494**

*Descant*

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned a - bove;

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!  
2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and  
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and  
4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who  
5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

crown him to whom is given the won-drous name of Love.

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -  
2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who  
3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his  
4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran-somed sin - ners slain, now  
5 him the King, to whom is given the won-drous name of Love. Crown

Crown him with man-y crowns, as thrones be-fore him

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and  
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu-man breast, and  
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who  
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their  
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be-fore him fall, crown

fall, crown him, ye kings, for he is King of all.

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.  
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.  
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

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*Please remain standing.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

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

**People:** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

**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 IN EXCELSIS

Hymnal S278



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.

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**THE FIRST READING**

**Jeremiah 23:1-6**

**A reading from the Book of the prophet Jeremiah:**

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*Sung by all*  
CANTICLE 16

Hymnal S 248

*Antiphon*

In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break up - on us.

1. Bless - ed be the Lord, the God of Is - ra - el; he has come  
to his peo - ple and set them free. 2. He has raised up for us  
a mighty sa - vior, born of the house of his ser - vant Da - vid.

3. Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us  
from our en - e - mies, from the hands of all who hate us.

4. He prom - ised to show mercy to our fa - thers and to remember his  
ho - ly cov - e - nant. 5. This was the oath he swore to our father  
A - bra - ham, to set us free from the hands of our en - e - mies,

6. Free to worship him with - out fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the

days of our life. 7. You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to pre - pare his way, 8. To give  
his people knowledge of sal - va - tion by the for - give - ness of their sins.  
9. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall  
break up - on us, 10. To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the  
shadow of death, and to guide our feet in - to the way of peace. [Ant.]  
*(Gloria Patri may be omitted)*  
11. Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:  
12. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A-men. [Ant.]

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**A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians:**

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

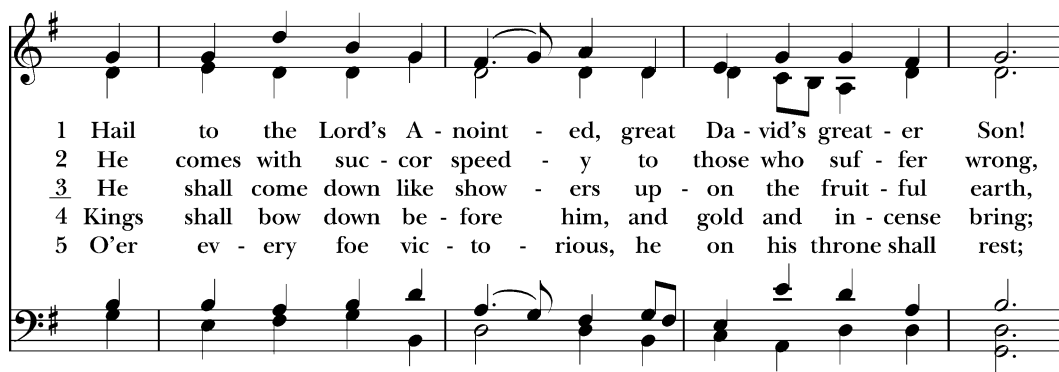
**Lector:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

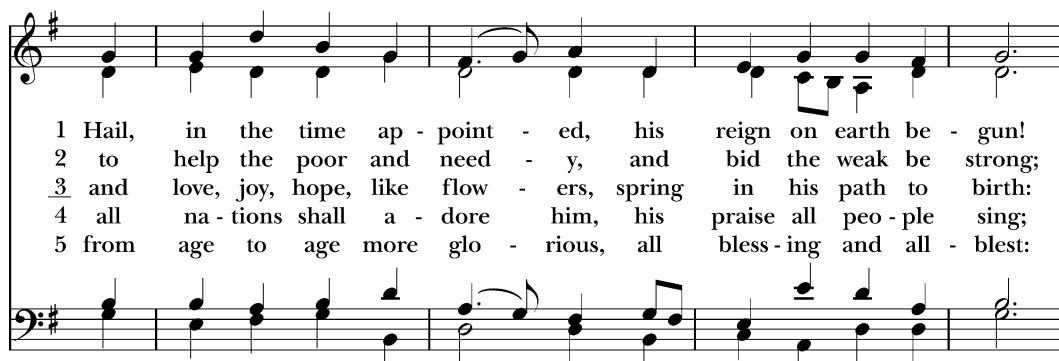
*Please stand, sung by all.*

**GRADUAL HYMN:** *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

**Hymnal 616**



1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,  
4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;  
5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;



1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!  
2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:  
4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;  
5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:



1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;  
2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,  
3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;  
5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.  
 3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.  
 4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.  
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72. Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*, German folk song; adapt. and harm. *A Student's Hymnal*, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941).

*Please stand.*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 23:33-43

**Deacon:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

**Deacon:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Milton C. Williams, Jr.

*Please stand.*

## THE NICENE CREED

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*Celebrant and People:*

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

**Intercessor:** In peace, we pray to you, Lord God saying, “Lord, hear our prayer”  
For all people in their daily life and work; for our families, friends,  
and neighbors, and for those who are alone, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor:** For this community, the nation, and the world; for all who work for  
justice, freedom, and peace, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor:** For the just and proper use of your creation; for the victims of  
hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor:** For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; for those  
who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy, we pray to  
you, O Lord.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor:** For the peace and unity of the Church of God; for all who proclaim  
the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor:** For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Sam and Jennifer our own  
Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers; for all who serve  
God in his Church, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor:** For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.  
(silence)

**Intercessor:** We pray to you, O Lord.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor:** We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.  
(silence)

**Intercessor:** We pray to you, O Lord.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor:** We will exalt you, O God our King; and praise your Name for ever and ever, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor:** We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*(silence)*

**Intercessor:** We pray to you, O Lord.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor:** Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; who put their trust in you, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Intercessor:** We give thanks for the altar flowers in the church given to the glory of God and in gratitude for our beloved grandchildren Lindley Clair Williams and Matheson Edward Williams, given by Craven and Judith Williams.

*(silence)*

**Intercessor:** We pray to you, O Lord.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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*Deacon:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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 HOLY COMMUNION

*Please be seated.*

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Haec est dies*

Jacobus Gallus (Handl) 1550-91

Ed. Paul Thomas

Continuo by Fritz Oberdoerffer

Psalm 118:24

This is the day, the day the Lord hath made,  
We will all rejoice, rejoice, be glad in it.  
Alleluia

*Please stand.*

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP p361

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

## SANCTUS

Hymnal S128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven 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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*Please kneel.*

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A CONTINUES**

**BCP p362**

***Celebrant:*** ...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***All:*** Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

***Celebrant:*** ... By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

***People:*** AMEN.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**BCP p364**

***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.

*8:00am only*

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

***Celebrant:*** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.


***People:*** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

10:00am only

## FRACTION

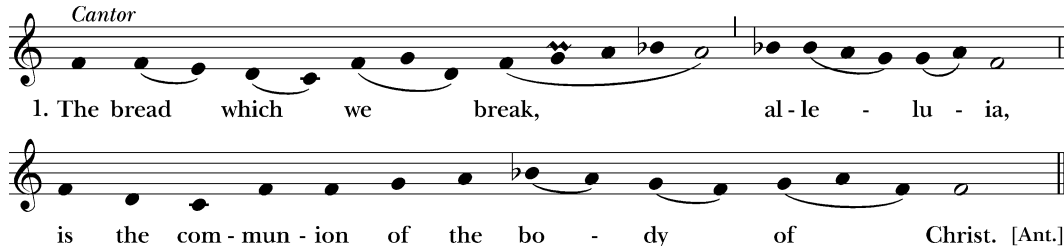
Hymnal S171

*Antiphon: Cantor; then All*



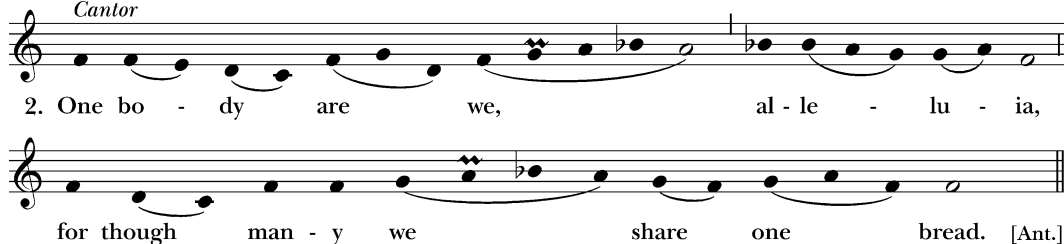
Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

*Cantor*



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,  
is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

*Cantor*



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,  
for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

Music: Mode 6 melody; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991). Copyright © 1971 Mason Martens.

## THE PEACE

**Celebrant:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**Celebrant:** 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 receive Holy Communion. To receive bread only, place one palm of the hand in the other and the clergy will offer the Body of Christ to you. If you would like to receive bread and wine keep your hands by your side, and the clergy will intinct the body into the wine and place the body and blood on your tongue. To receive a blessing in lieu of communion, cross your arms over your chest and the clergy will give you a blessing.*

*Please be seated.*

## MUSIC AT COMMUNION

*Please stand.*

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*All:* Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

*Celebrant:* The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

*Please stand, sung by all.*

## CLOSING HYMN:

*Rejoice the Lord is King*

Hymnal 481 to tune 625

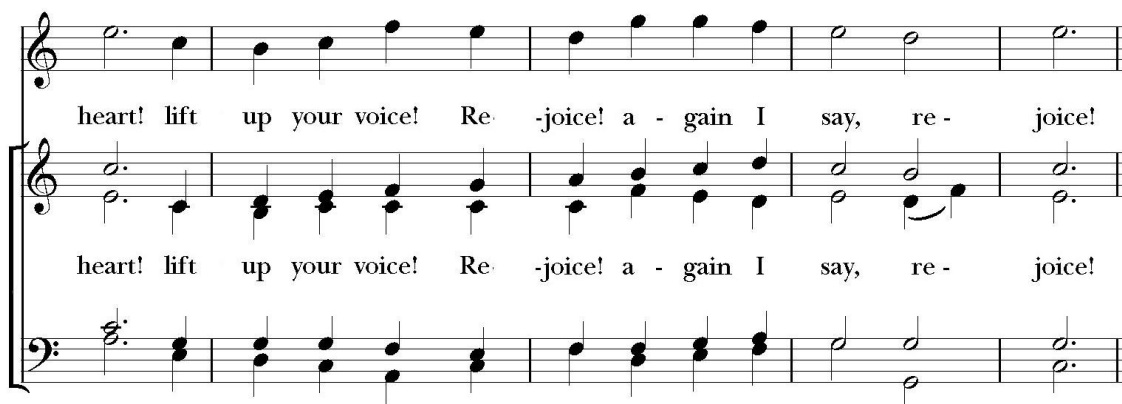
*Descant*



Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come, and

1 Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore! Mor -  
2 The Lord the Sa - vior reigns, the God of truth and love: when  
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the  
4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come, and

take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home. Lift up your  
tals, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.  
he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove. Lift up your  
keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given.  
take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.



heart! lift up your voice! Re-joice! a - gain I say, re - joice!

heart! lift up your voice! Re-joice! a - gain I say, re - joice!

heart! lift up your voice! Re-joice! a - gain I say, re - joice!

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon:* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE





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