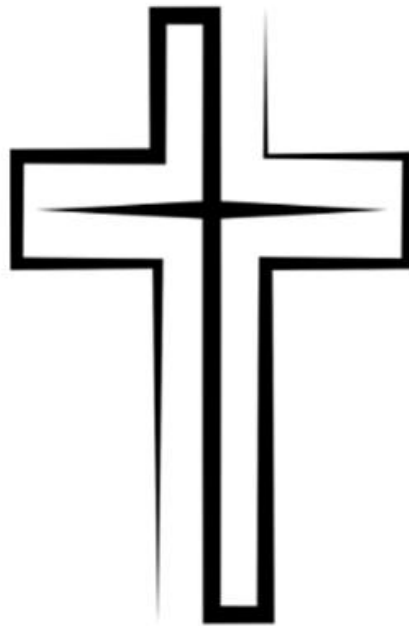


Church of the Holy Cross

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



June 28, 2026
10 a.m.
Holy Communion

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Gathering of the People

Prelude

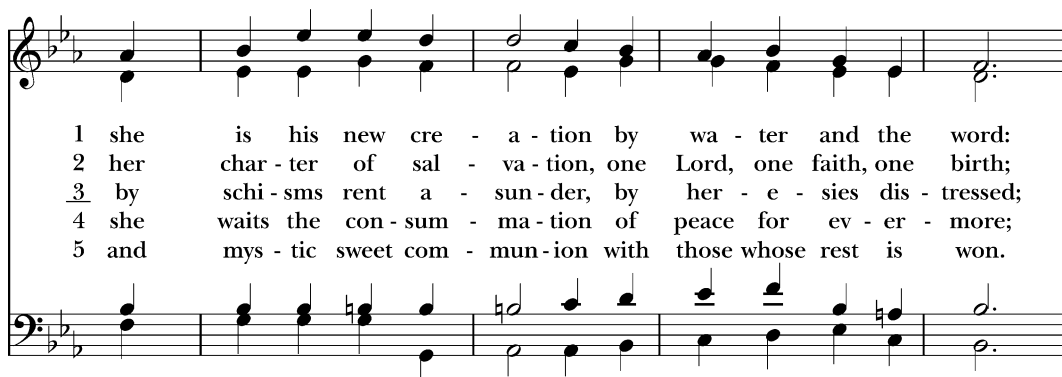
Opening Hymn

H 525 (vs1-3)

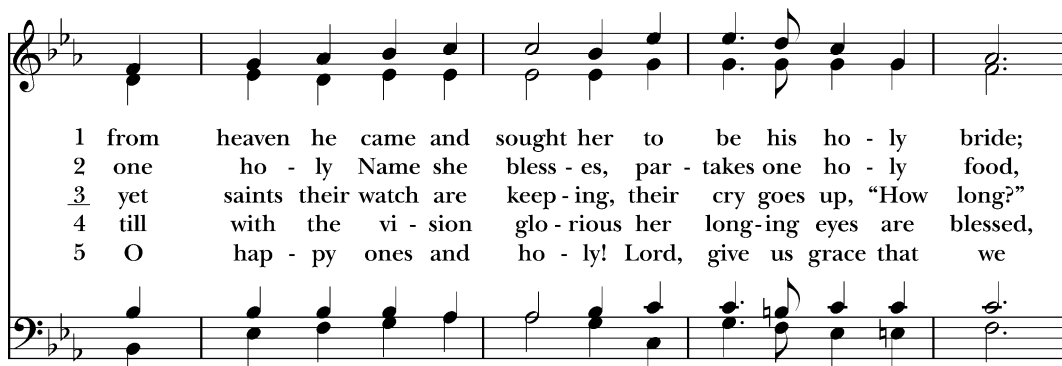
The church's one foundation



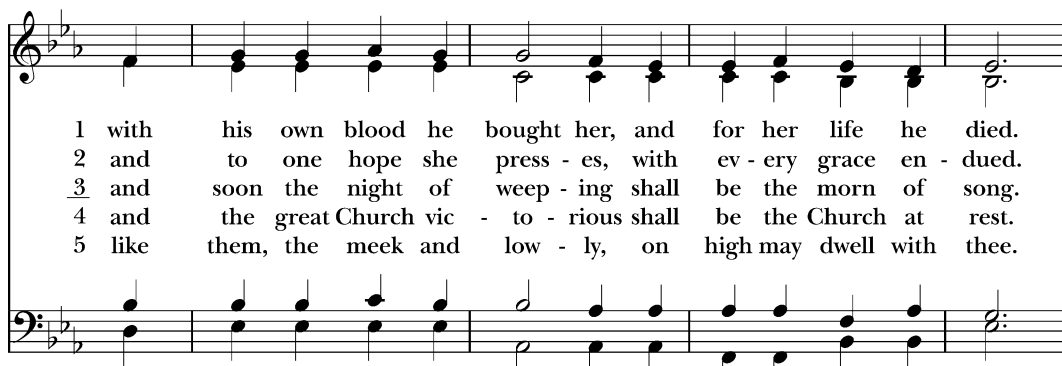
1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,



1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.



1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we



1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900). Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818-1876).

Opening Acclamation (Anglican Church of Kenya)

Celebrant The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it.

People Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.

Celebrant The Spirit is here.


People The promise of God.

Celebrant
All

Let us pray:

Almighty God, you bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadow of our hearts: cleanse and renew us by your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify your name, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.

Hymn of Praise H 400 (vs 1 & 7) *All creatures of our God and King*



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
7 Let ll things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -

1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the

1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain
O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Collect of the Day

Celebrant

God be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

First Lesson

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Reader

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

Reader

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 89:1-4,15-18

The reader leads off, and congregation responds with the bold verses.

- 1 Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; *
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- 2 **For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; *
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**
- 3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; *
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- 4 **'I will establish your line for ever, *
and preserve your throne for all generations.'"**
- 15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout! *
they walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.
- 16 **They rejoice daily in your Name; *
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**
- 17 For you are the glory of their strength, *
and by your favor our might is exalted.
- 18 **Truly, the Lord is our ruler; *
the Holy One of Israel is our King.**

Second Lesson

Romans 6:12-23

Reader A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn WOV 713 *Lord, let my heart be good soil*

Sing once before the gospel & once after.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your
 Word. Lord, let my heart be good soil, where
 love can grow and peace is un-der - stood. When my heart is hard,
 break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
 When my heart is lost, lead me on your way. Lord, let my heart,
 Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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

Sermon

The Rev. Jonathan Sams

Nicene Creed *Please stand as you are able.*

**We believe in one God, the Creator, 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 Creator,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Creator; 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 Creator.
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 Creator,
who with the Creator 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.**

Prayers of the People (adapted from the Anglican Church in Australia)

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

For the community and world we live in, and for the ministry of Holy Cross,
We pray in the Spirit, O God.

For our search committee. Grant them wisdom, discernment and patience as they move through this process.

We pray in the Spirit, O God

For the pastor who will be joining us. Lead the right priest to our Church and guide us as we move forward together.

We pray in the Spirit, O God

For the least, the last and the outsiders to find belonging in love,

We pray in the Spirit, O God.

For the wise, the gifted and the strong to offer their talents in Christ's service,

We pray in the Spirit, O God.

For all who seek faith to discover the Good News here in their own way,

We pray in the Spirit, O God.

For all who are broken or discouraged to find healing and peace, in the grace of Christ,

We pray in the Spirit, O God.

For those who have gone before us.

May we be one in the resurrection to God's life.

Give us such trust in you, our generous God,

that our own generosity may be expressed in your service.

Give us the grace to live our unfolding story with you,

and to be changed by your Spirit as we live in hope.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions aloud in the room.

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution (Episcopal Book of Common Prayer)

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

Silence may be kept.

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 Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

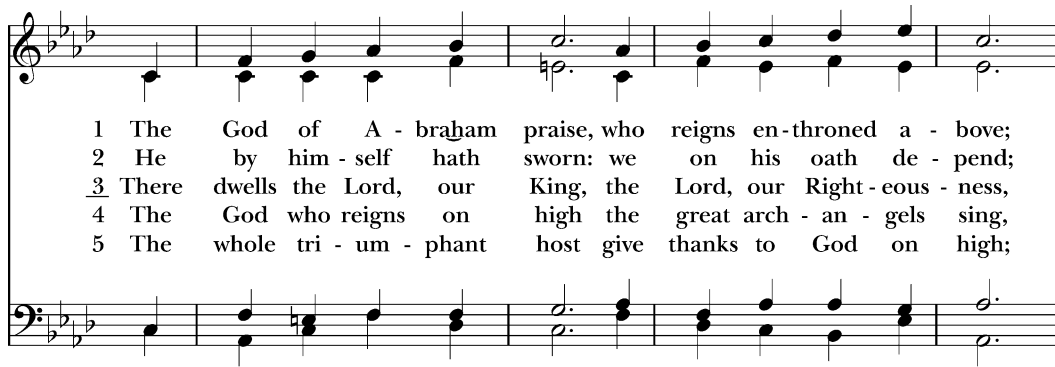
God's Peace is exchanged with one another.

Liturgy of the Table

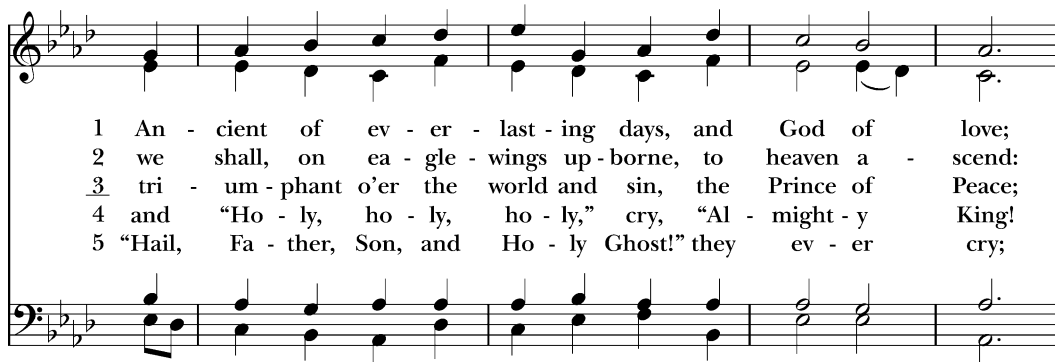
Offertory Sentence

Offertory Music H 401 God of Abraham praise

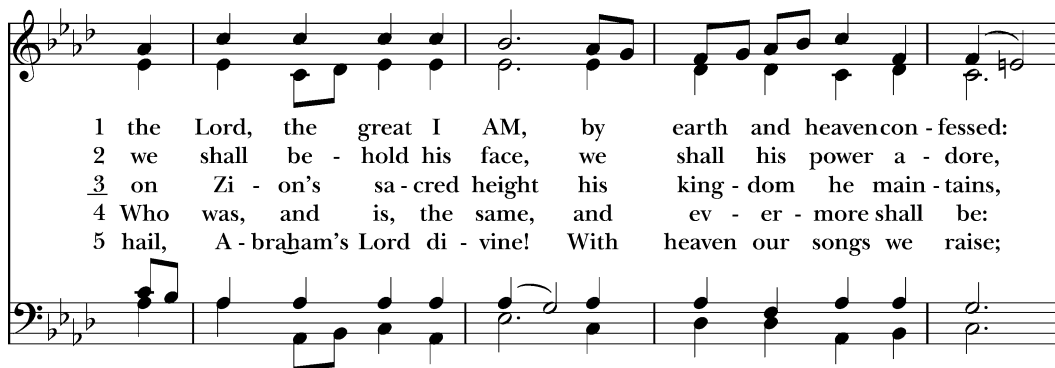
The Offertory is performed while the Celebrant sets the table.



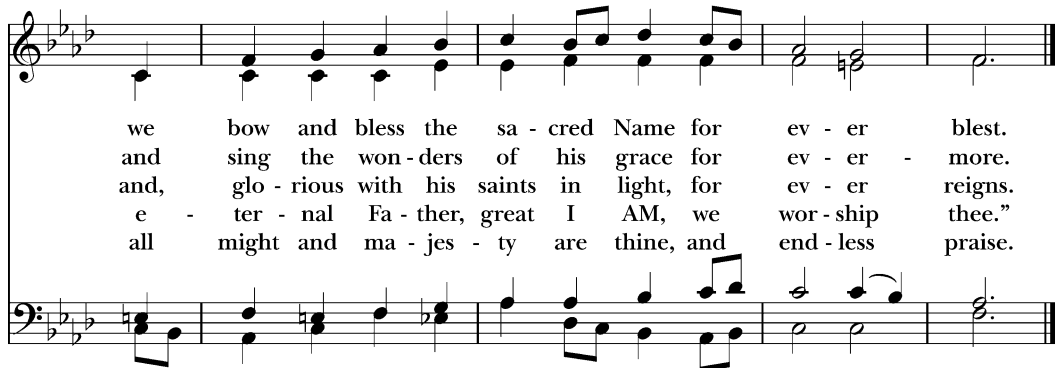
1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;



1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!
5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;



1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;



we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."
all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

Communion Prayer (Church of Ireland, Holy Communion Two, Prayer 3)

Celebrant God 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.**

Creator, Lord of all creation, we praise you for your goodness and your love.
When we turned away you did not reject us.

You came to meet us in your Son, welcomed us as your children
and prepared a table where we might feast with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.
**He opened wide his arms upon the cross and, with love stronger than death,
he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

Lord Jesus Christ, our redeemer, on the night before you died
you came to table with your friends.
Taking bread, you gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying,
Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Lord Jesus, we bless you: **you are the bread of life.**

At the end of supper you took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said,
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

Lord Jesus, we bless you: **you are the true vine.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ: **dying, you destroyed our death, rising, you restored
our life; Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life, come upon us now; may this bread and wine be to us
the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.
**As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us, who know our need of grace,
one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, Blessed Trinity:
with your whole Church throughout the world we offer you
this sacrifice of thanks and praise and lift our voice to join the song of heaven,
for ever praising you and saying:

Sanctus S 124 *Holy, holy, holy*

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.

Music: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950). Copyright © 1981 GIA Publications, Inc.

Celebrant Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words.
People **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer (New Zealand Prayer Book/He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa)

As Jesus taught us, we now pray,

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread (*Celebrant takes and breaks the bread.*)

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy Gifts for Holy People.

Fraction EOM1 38 *Lamb of God*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of

God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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The Communion of the People

No one who comes to the bread and wine seeking Christ is turned away. The words of distribution are:

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. Amen.

The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation. Amen.

Communion Music *Instrumental*

Announcements & Blessings of Life Events

Post Communion Prayer (Anglican Church of Kenya)

**Almighty God, eternal Creator,
we have sat at your feet, learned from your word, and eaten from your table.
We give you thanks and praise for accepting us into your family.
Send us out with your blessing, to live and to witness for you in the power of your
Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead. Amen.**

Sending Hymn WLP 778 *We all are one in mission*

1. We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,
2. We all are called for ser - vice to wit-ness in God's name.
3. We all be - hold one vi - sion, a stark re - al - i - ty;
4. Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent, our pur - pose is the same:
the stew - ard of sal - va - tion was nailed up - on a tree.
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
Yet res - ur - rect - ed Jus - tice gives rise that we may share
We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so peo - ple of all na - tions may feel God's warm em - brace.
 free re - con - cil - i - a - tion and hope a - mid de - spair.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Words: Rusty Edwards (b. 1955). Music: *Nyland*, Finnish folk melody; adapt. and harm. David Evans (1874-1948).

Going into the World

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, ALLELUIA!**

Postlude

*This brings the worship to a close.
 All are invited for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall following the service.*

Ministers of Today's Service

Reader 1: Silvia Huth
 Reader 2: Bev Siirila
 Greeter/Usher: Zean Smartt
 Zoom Host: Bruce Hinkle
 Counters: Silvia Huth & Bev Siriila
 Altar Guild: Katherine Housman & Kathie Kirby

Clergy

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