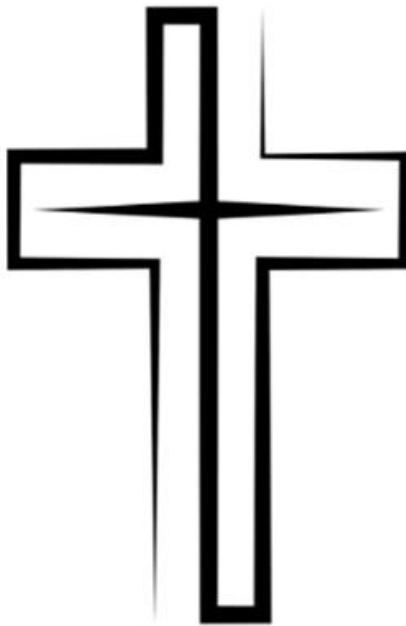


Church of the Holy Cross

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



July 12, 2026
10 a.m.
Holy Communion

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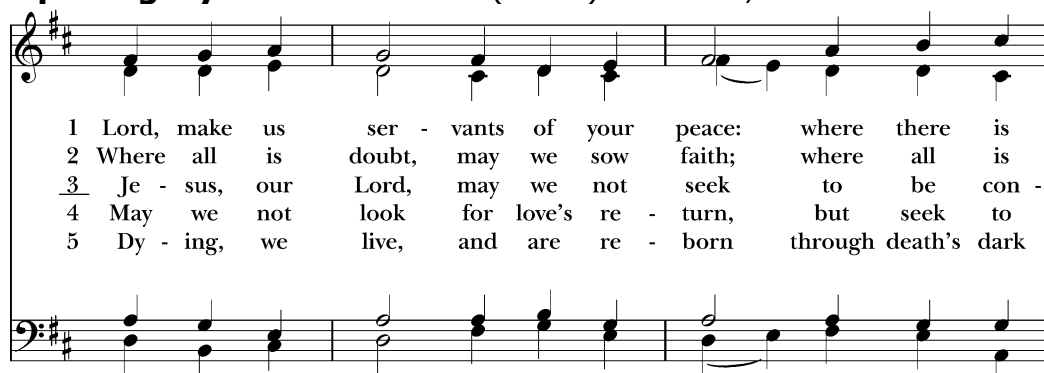
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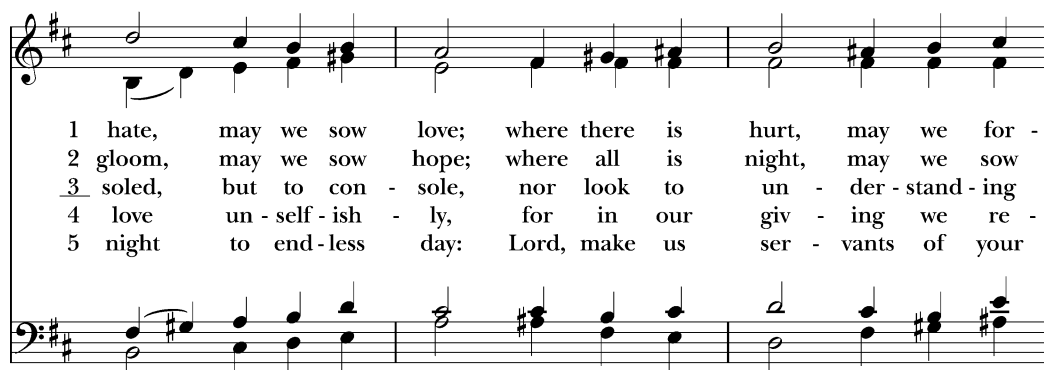
Opening Hymn

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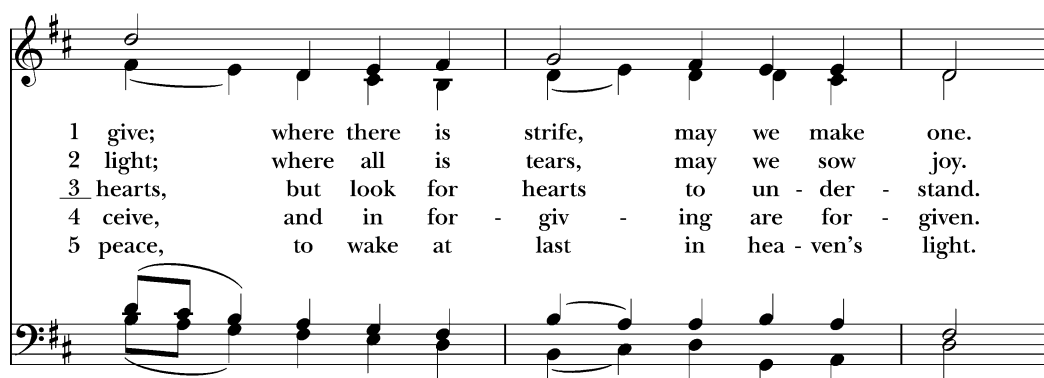
Lord, make us servants of your peace



1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark



1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your



1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

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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

Let us pray:

All

**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 MHSO 3

Come into His presence

1 2

Come in - to God's pres - ence sing - ing, "Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia."

This musical score is written for a single voice part in 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody starts on a whole note G4, followed by a half note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. This is followed by a half note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The second staff continues the melody with a half note F#4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4. The lyrics are: "Come in - to God's pres - ence sing - ing, "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The score includes measure numbers 1 and 2 above the first two measures of the first staff.

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

First Lesson

Isaiah 55:10-13

Reader A Reading from the book of Isaiah.

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 65: (1-8), 9-14

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

- [1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 **To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, *
because of their transgressions.**
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we are, *
but you will blot them out.
- 4 **Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there! *
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.**
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.

6 You make fast the mountains by your power; *
they are girded about with might.

7 You still the roaring of the seas, *
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.]

9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.

10 You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.

11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

12 You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.

13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.

14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

Second Lesson

Romans 8:1-11

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

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn H 536 *Open your ears, o faithful people*

Sing vs1 before the gospel & v2 after.

1 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,
2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage,
o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O
they who have ears, then let them hear. They who would learn the

roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.
way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.

God has spo - ken to his peo - ple, Hal - le - lu - jah!

And his words are words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah! God has spo - ken to his peo - ple,
To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra,

Hal - le - lu - jah! And his words are
To - rah o - ra,

words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu - jah!
To - rah o - ra, Hal - le - lu - jah!

Da Capo

"Torah ora" is Hebrew for, "The Law is our Light."

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

Deacon

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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

The Offertory is performed while the Celebrant sets the table.

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, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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GOOD SOIL
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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 LEVAS 256 *Holy, holy, holy*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow'r_ and might, heav - en 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.____

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.*)

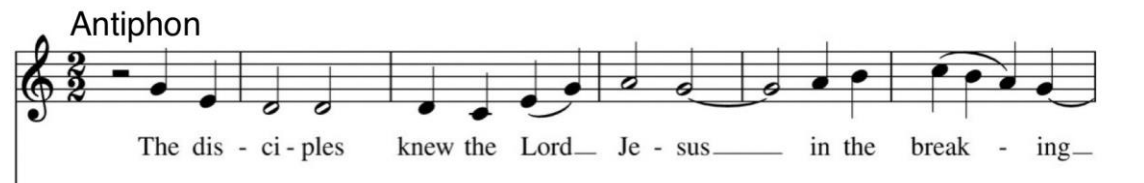
Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

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

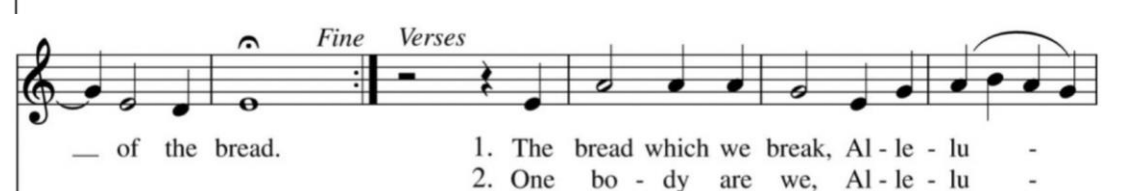
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Antiphon



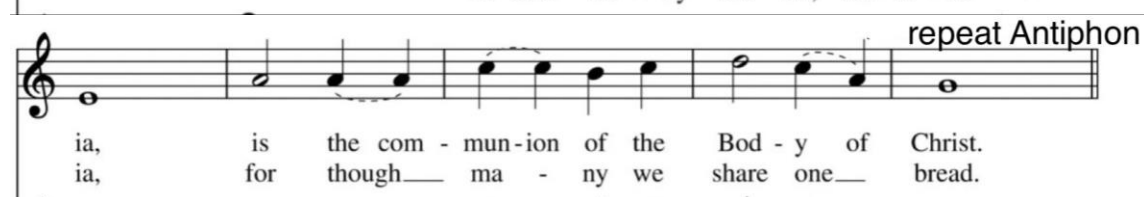
The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing -

Fine Verses



— of the bread. 1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -
2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu -

repeat Antiphon



ia, is the com - mun - ion of the Bod - y of Christ.
ia, for though ma - ny we share one bread.

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 H 594

God of grace and God of glory

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of music. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves. The first system contains four lines of lyrics. The second system contains two lines. The third system contains four lines. The fourth system contains two lines. The fifth system contains two lines. The music is a hymn tune with a simple, hymn-like melody.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
days, for the liv - ing of these days.
goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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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

1st Reading & Psalm: Pam Janson

2nd Reading & Prayers: Ann Maher

Greeter/Usher: Bruce Hinkle

Zoom Host: Shirley Chen

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