

**November 26, 2023  
10:00 AM**

**The Last Sunday  
after Pentecost**

**Christ the King  
Holy Eucharist**



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seek to know Christ, to share Christ, and to serve Christ,  
recognizing his presence in all people,  
and reaching out in love to each other and to the world around us.



# WORD OF GOD

## Opening Hymn:

### Hail to the Lord's Anointed

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Psalm 72 paraphrase  
James Montgomery (1771-1854)

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German folk song

$\text{♩} = 54$

1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed  
2. He comes with succor speed  
3. He shall come down like

in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!  
help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:  
He to be -

comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;  
give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,  
fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald go;  
to whose and

take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in - eq - ui - ty.  
souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.  
right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.

## *Opening Acclamation*

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

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

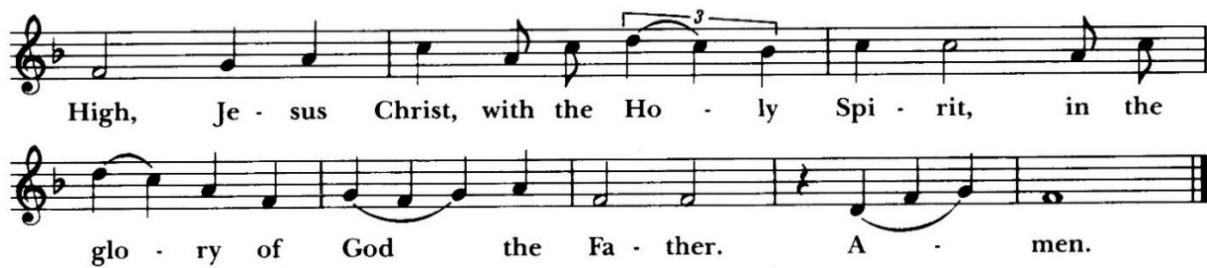
## *Collect for Purity*

*All*

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*

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



## *Collect of the Day*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Destitute king, one with the hungry, the naked and the scorned: may our faith be proved not in dogma and piety but in serving you in the last and the least; through Jesus Christ, the stranger's Lord. **Amen.**

## *The Lessons*

### *First Reading*

*Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24*

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

**All:      Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm:**

**Psalm 100**

- 1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; \*  
    serve the LORD with gladness  
    and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 Know this: The LORD himself is God; \*  
    he himself has made us, and we are his;  
    we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
    go into his courts with praise; \*  
    give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
- 4 For the LORD is good;  
    his mercy is everlasting; \*  
    and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

**Second Reading**

**Ephesians 1:15-23**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name

that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**Gospel Gradual:**

**O Jesus, We Have Tried to Make You King**

Michael Hudson (2004)

Songs for the Cycle, p. 59

TOULON

*fr. Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551*

1. O Je - sus, we have tried to make you King  
2. We wait the day when "Christ" ones, to the make you King de - scends  
3. At - tend ne - glect - ed the lost, the least;  
  
and hoped for crowns on earth and thrones a - bove,  
and all saints rise on to greet you with a bow.  
the poor, you say, ap - proach on bend - ing knee.  
  
but you re - sist tri - um - phal - is - tic dreams  
You wait the day saints the ma - phal - is - tic dreams  
In these you find tri - um - phal - is - tic dreams  
you find the ma - phal - is - tic dreams  
  
and bring in - stead a ma - jes - ty of love.  
that we may greet and serve you here do and for  
and all you do for them you do and for  
now. me.

**Gospel Reading**

**Matthew 25:31-46**

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

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

Jesus said, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

***The Rev. Karen Cuffie***

## *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*

**Leader:** Serve the Lord with gladness and come before God's presence with a song. Let us pray together, saying,  
We give you thanks, O Lord;

**People:** And call upon your Name.

*Leader:* Christ the King, you have been made head over all things for the Church: may we worthily live as your body in our world. Work your great power in and through us. In the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for the entire diocesan community; that we may walk the Way of Love faithfully with one another and serve the Risen Christ in every aspect of our living.

*Silence*

We give you thanks, O Lord;

**People:** **And call upon your Name.**

*Leader:* Christ the King, you gather all the nations of the world to yourself: bless the world's suffering with your everlasting mercy. May the oppressed be fed with your justice.

*Silence*

We give you thanks, O Lord;

**People:** **And call upon your Name.**

*Leader:* Christ the King, it is from your hand that all are fed: inspire righteousness in all people that the hungry may be fed and the thirsty given clean water to drink.

*Silence*

We give you thanks, O Lord;

**People:** **And call upon your Name.**

*Leader:* Christ the King, you care for those in prison: give us hearts for all those who are incarcerated. Where there is crime and violence in our city, offer your peace.

*Silence*

We give you thanks, O Lord;

**People:** **And call upon your Name.**

*Leader:* Christ the King, you are good: we pray you seek the lost, bind up the injured, and strengthen the weak.

*(Please add your own petitions and thanksgivings either silently or aloud.)*

*Silence*

We give you thanks, O Lord;

**People:** **And call upon your Name.**

*Leader:* Christ the King, your faithfulness endures from age to age: may all your saints, at work and at rest, know the hope to which you have called us and the riches of your glorious inheritance.

*Silence*

We give you thanks, O Lord;

**People:** **And call upon your Name.**

*Celebrant:* Creator God, you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit through loving your creation and all people. Open our hearts in compassion and receive these petitions on behalf of the needs of the church and the world.

**People:** **Amen.**

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

*(There will be a moment of silence)*

**People:** **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**

## ***Absolution***

*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.**

*Exchange peace.*

## Offertory:

### Lead On, O King Eternal

Ernest Warburton Shurtleff (1862-1917)

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LANCASHIRE  
Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)

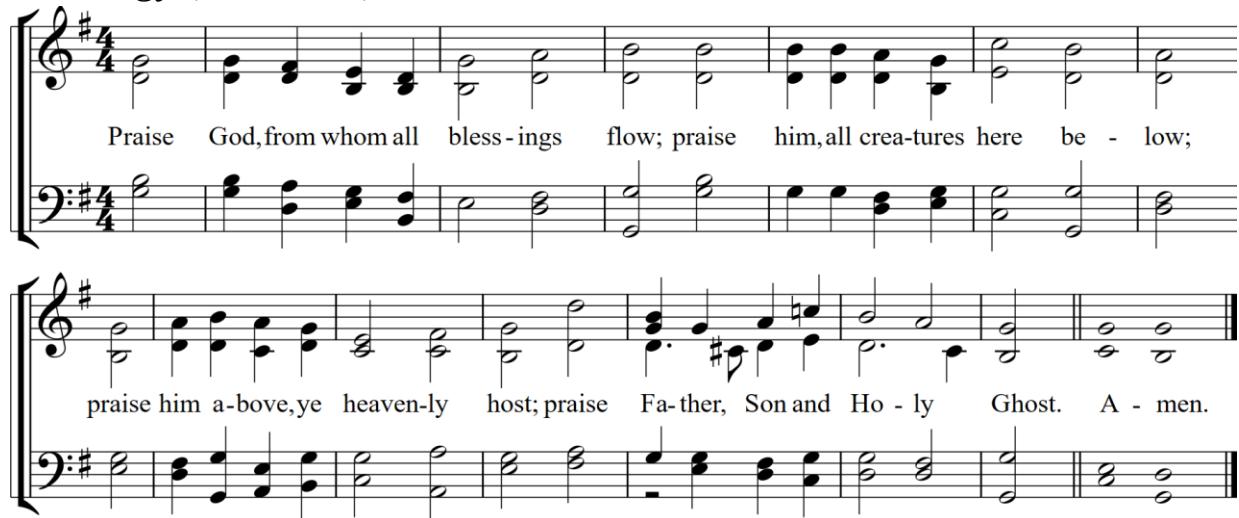
1. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, the day of march has come;  
2. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
3. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears;

hence - forth in fields of con - quest thy tents shall be our home:  
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;  
for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er thy face ap - pears.

through days of pre - par - a - tion thy grace has made us strong,  
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,  
Thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light:

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.  
but deeds of love and mer - cy, the heaven - ly king - dom come.  
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might.

### *Doxology (Old 100<sup>th</sup>):*



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*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:* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**People:** *Glory to you for ever and ever.*

*Celebrant:* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**People:** *By your will they were created and have their being.*

*Celebrant:* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**People:** *Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

*Celebrant:* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**People:** *By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.*

*Celebrant:* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy Lord   *Sanctus*

S130

Setting from *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert, arr. Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, he 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*People*

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord God of our fathers and mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rachael, Jacob and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*People*

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

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

*People and Celebrant*

**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***

*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.

### ***Communion Hymns:***

#### **Lamb of God**

Renew! #214

Words and Music by Twila Paris

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**Words and Music by Twila Paris**

1. Your on - ly Son, no sin to hid, but you have sent him from your  
2. Your gift of love, they cru - ci - fied, they laughed and scorned him as He  
3. I was so lost, I should have died, but You have brought me to your

side, to walk up - on this guilt - y sod, and to be - come a man of God.  
died, the hum-ble King they named a fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
side, to be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of

God! O wash me in his pre-riousblood; my Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

# He Is Lord

Based on Philippians 2:10-11

Renew! #29

Words and tune: Anonymous

A musical score for two voices (soprano and bass) and piano. The score consists of two staves of music with lyrics. The top staff is in G clef, 4/4 time, and the bottom staff is in F clef, 4/4 time. The piano part is on the left, and the vocal parts are on the right. The lyrics are as follows:

1. He is Lord, he is Lord! He is ris-en from the dead and he is Lord!  
2. He is King, he is King! He will draw all na-tions to him, he is King;  
3. He is Love, he is Love! He has shownus by his life that he is Love;  
4. He is Life, he is Life! He has died to set us free and he is Life;

Ev-ery knee shall bow, ev-ery tongue con-fess that Je-susChrist is Lord!  
and the time shall be when the world shall sing that Je-susChrist is King!  
all his peo-ple sing with one voice of joy that Je-susChrist is Love!  
and he calls us all to live ev-er-more, for Je-susChrist is Life!

## *Post Communion Prayer*

*Please stand*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,**  
**you have graciously accepted us as living members**  
**of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,**  
**and you have fed us with spiritual food**  
**in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**  
**Send us now into the world in peace,**  
**and grant us strength and courage**  
**to love and serve you**  
**with gladness and singleness of heart;**  
**through Christ our Lord. Amen**

## *Announcements*

## *Birthday and Anniversary Blessings*

**Birthday Blessing:** Watch over your birthday *children*, O Lord; as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Anniversary Blessing:** O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## *Blessing*

### *Mission Song:*

### **Moved by the Gospel, Let Us Move**

Dancing in the Universe #15

Ruth Duck, 1992

FOREST GREEN, English melody  
adapt. by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The musical score consists of two staves of music in 4/4 time, B-flat major. The top staff is for the treble clef and the bottom staff is for the bass clef. The music features a steady eighth-note pattern throughout. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Moved by the Gos - pel, let us move with ev - 'ry gift and art.  
2. Let wea - vers form from bro - ken strands a tap - es - try of prayer.  
3. O Spi - rit, breathe a - mong us here; in - spire the work we do.

The im - age of cre - a - tive love in - dwells each hu - man heart.  
Let ar - tists paint with skill - ful hands their joy, la - ment, and care.  
May hands and voic - es, eye and ear at - test to life made new.

The Ma - ker calls\_ cre - a - tion good, so let us now ex -  
 Then mime the sto - ry: Christ has come, with rev -'rence dance the  
 In wor - ship and\_ in dai - ly strife cre - ate a - mong us

press with sound and co - lor, stone and wood, the shape of ho - li - ness.  
 Word. With flute and or - gan, ching and drum God's praise be ev - er - heard.  
 still. Great Art - ist, form our com - mon life ac - cord - ing to your will.

## *The Dismissal*

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**



## **Mark your calendar**

- Wednesday Book Group, every Wednesday morning at St. John's, 11am
- Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Diocesan Advent Retreat at St. Francis in Willow Glen, 3-4pm
- Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> – Labyrinth walk with cookies and carols at St. Stephen's, 7pm
- Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Lessons and Carols at St. John's, 10am
- Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist and Pageant at St. Stephen's, 4:30pm

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