

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Holy Eucharist | February 23, 2025

WELCOME!

You are invited to be a part of this community whether you're arriving for the first time or returning. This bulletin is intended to encourage and enable your enthusiastic participation.

The staffed Nursery is available for little ones during and following the 9:30 service.

St. David's Welcomes You

St. David's Episcopal Church is committed to following Jesus' example of practicing radical hospitality, seeking to find God in all people because they are of sacred worth. We welcome all persons, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, age, physical or mental capacity, education, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic or marital status. All are invited as full participants in the life and ministries of our community of faith.

St. David's Mission Statement

We at St. David's Episcopal Church are devoted to loving and serving God, one another and the world. Honoring the dignity and freedom of all to seek God at their own pace, we connect our life stories with the teachings of Jesus. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we believe our actions transform the world and ourselves.

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The revised version of the Nicene Creed is part of the liturgy in the Expansive Language versions of the Eucharistic liturgies in the Book of Common Prayer that were approved at General Convention in 2018.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hymnal #657

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Song of Praise

Children ages 3 - 6 are invited to process out for Godly Play, returning at the time of communion distribution.



Glo-ry, glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your ho - ly name.____



Glor-y to God in the high-est and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, We



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for__ your glor-y.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



Glo-ry, glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your ho - ly name.____

You take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. You are

seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, rec - eive our__ prayer. For

you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are__ the Lord. You a-lone are the

Most High, Je-sus Christ, With the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of the Fa - ther.

Glo-ry, glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your ho - ly name.__

praise your ho - ly name. A - - - men.

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We Hear and Respond to God's Word

First Reading

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'"

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

St. Helena Psalter

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.
- 3 Put your trust in God and do good; *
dwelt in the land and feed on its riches.

- 4 Take delight in God, *
who shall give you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way to God and put your trust in God, *
who will bring it to pass.
- 6 God will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before God; *
for God wait patiently.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself, it leads only to evil.
- 10 For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon God shall possess the land.
- 11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
- 12 But the lowly shall possess the land; *
they will delight in abundance of peace.
- 41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from God *
who is their stronghold in time of trouble.
- 42 God will help them and rescue them; *
**the Holy One will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek refuge in God.**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a

physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn

Ubi Caritas

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Hymn and reading of the Gospel.

Where there is charity and love,

U - bi ca - ri - tas, et a - - - mor,

The first system of the musical score is for the hymn 'Ubi Caritas'. It consists of two staves, treble and bass, in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef. The lyrics 'U - bi ca - ri - tas, et a - - - mor,' are written below the notes. The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some notes beamed together. There are rests in the bass line corresponding to the lyrics.

God is there. 3

U - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est.

The second system of the musical score continues the hymn. It also consists of two staves, treble and bass, in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The melody continues from the first system. The lyrics 'U - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est.' are written below the notes. The system ends with a double bar line. There is a '3' above the final measure, indicating a triplet.

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The Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

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

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

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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

The Sermon

The Very Rev. Katherine Lewis

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able.

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, 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 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, who with the Father 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

The Leader and People pray responsively. Please join in reading the bold text.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For the people of Ukraine, Israel and Gaza, for immigrants and refugees, for this community, the nation, and the world.

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

We pray for... and for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

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

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Craig, our Bishop; and for all clergy and lay ministers;
For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
(Please offer your own petitions, silently or aloud.)

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for the myriad gifts offered by people of color as we celebrate Black History Month, and for all the blessings of this life.
(Please offer your own thanksgivings, silently or aloud.)

We will exalt you, O God our Creator;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for ... and all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
(Please offer your own petitions, silently or aloud.)

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

Celebrant O God, who embraced us with perfect love and made us your people when we were yet strangers to you: be present with all refugees, immigrants, and displaced people throughout the world; may they know the consolation of your presence, and the liberating power of your love. Then give us grace, we pray, to extend ever wider your embrace in a world of exclusion, until all your children are knit together as beloved family in the perfect love that is your very heart, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was displaced among us, and who now lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Confession

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence

You are invited to be seated, to kneel or to remain standing.

All **God of all mercy,
 we confess that we have sinned against you,
 opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
 in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
 the evil we have done,
 and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
 through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Absolution

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the
 grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power
 of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We Share in Holy Communion

*Please stand, as you are able, while the offerings of bread and wine are presented. You may be
seated until the singing of the Doxology, when we ask that you stand once more.*

Offertory

Holy Is the Refugee



1. Ho - ly is the re - fu - gee, ho - ly is the guest,



Ho - ly those who wan - der far from home, Ho - ly are the bod - ies seek - ing



safe - ty, warmth and rest: be - lov - ed, find a wel - come as you roam.



2. Ho - ly are the ques - tion - ing, — ho - ly are the queer,

3. Ho - ly are the dis - pos - sessed, ho - ly are the spurned,

4. Ho - ly is the en - e - my, — ho - ly is the friend,



Ho - ly those who chal - lenge, dance and dare. Ho - ly are the bod - ies choos - ing

Ho - ly are the pro - filed and pa - trolled. Ho - ly are the bod - ies harmed by

Ho - ly ev - 'ry spir - it as it flames, Ho - ly is each bo - dy, held by



joy in - stead of fear: be - lov - ed, claim a free - dom all can share.

hat - red taught and learned. be - lov - ed, now be shield - ed and con - soled.

love un - til the end. be - lov - ed, may we know what God pro - claims.



sing - ing, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God who made us in their like - ness;

Last time to Coda Θ

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ho - ly ev - 'ry bo - dy, breath and soul.

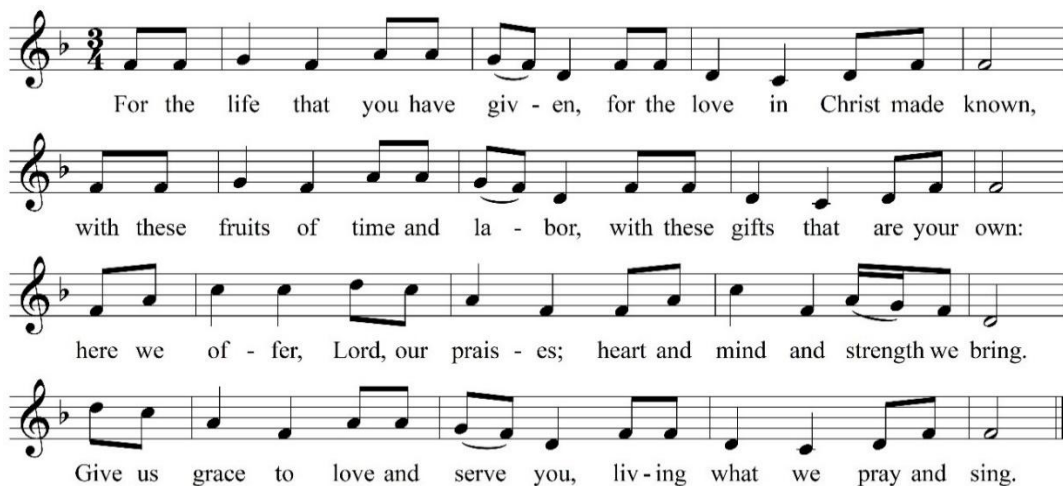
⦿ Coda



soul. sing-ing, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God who made us in their like-ness;
 ho - ly ev - 'ry bo - dy, breath and soul, breath and soul, ev - 'ry
 bo-dy,___ breath and soul, breath and soul, ev - 'ry bo-dy,___ breath and soul.

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Doxology



For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in Christ made known,
 with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:
 here we of - fer, Lord, our prais - es; heart and mind and strength we bring.
 Give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

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Great Thanksgiving

Remain standing as you are able.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.____

9 Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.____ Ho - san - na in the high-est.____

17 ____ Bles - sed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.____ Ho -

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

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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.

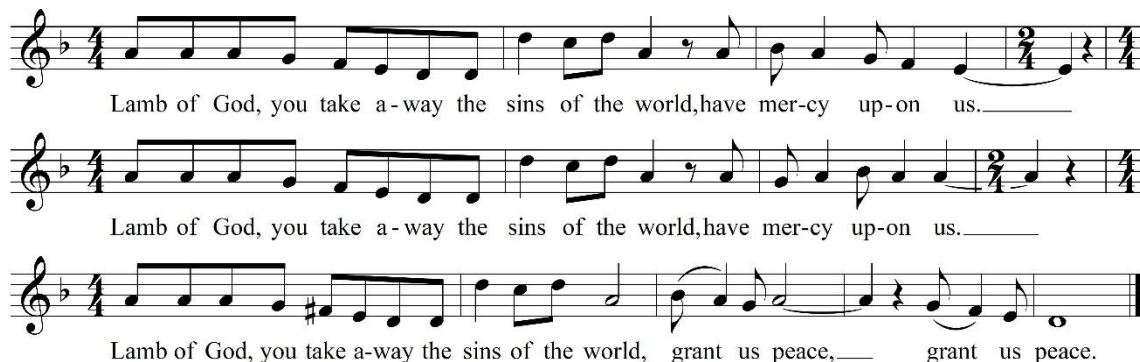
In the fullness of time bring us, with David and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. _____

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. _____

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

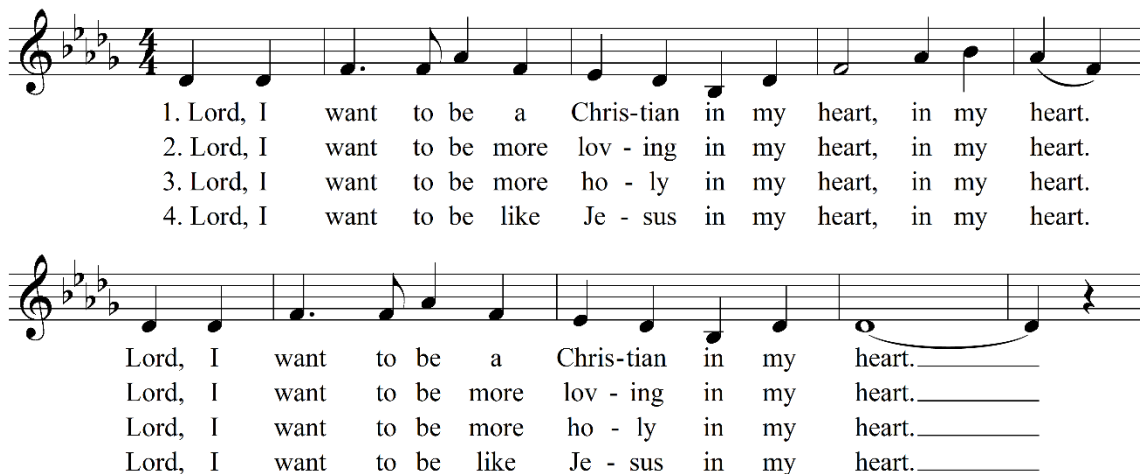
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The Communion

We invite all people regardless of age or denomination to share in the Holy Communion at the Lord's table. Please come forward to receive the bread and wine. When receiving from the common cup, please do not intinct (dip the bread in the wine). If you wish to receive only the bread, you may remain in place at the rail, crossing your arms across your chest when the chalice bearer presents the cup, or return to your seat after receiving the bread. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you will not be receiving communion you are invited to receive a blessing. Please indicate this desire by crossing your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you.

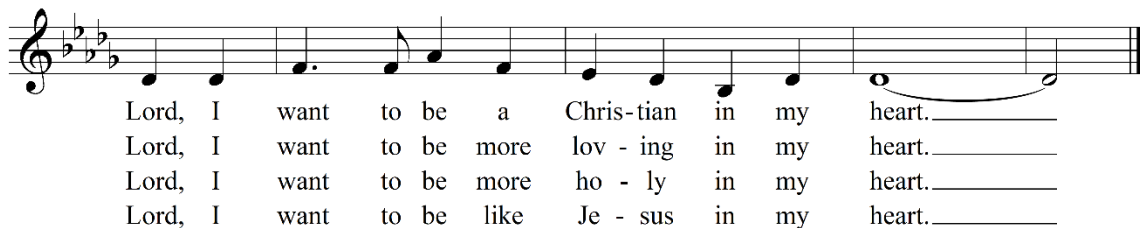
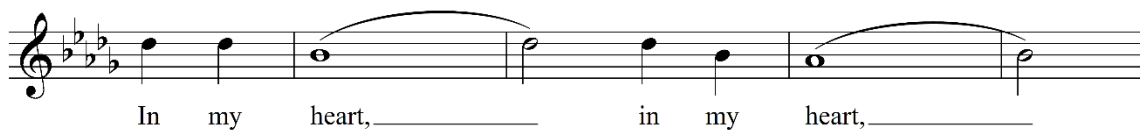
Communion Hymns

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian



1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart.
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart.
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart.
 4. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart. _____
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart. _____
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart. _____
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart. _____



African-American Spiritual

Take, O Take Me As I Am

Take, O take me as I am. _____ Sum - mon out what I shall
 be. _____ Set your seal up-on my heart and live in me. _____

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Sending Forth of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

On those days when the parish sends out Lay Eucharistic Visitors to those who cannot attend the liturgy, the Bread is presented to the Visitors at the altar, using this form.

Deacon In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we share the one bread and the one cup.**

Prayer after Communion

All **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

We Go into the World in God's Name

Announcements

The Blessing

Departing

Down By the Riverside

1,4. Gon-na lay down my bur - den, Down by the riv-er-side,
2. Gon - na lay down my sword and shield,
3. Gon - na walk with the Prince of Peace,

Down by the riv-er - side, Down by the riv - er - side,

Gon-na lay down my bur - den, Down by the riv-er-side, And
Gon-na lay down my sword and shield,
Gon-na walk with the Prince of Peace,

stu-dy war no more. I ain't gon-na stu-dy war no more, I ain't gon-na
stu-dy war no more, Ain't gon-na stu-dy war no more,
I ain't gon-na stu - dy war no more, I ain't gon-na
stu-dy war no more, Ain't gon-na stu-dy war no more.

African-American Spiritual, arr. Roger Stratton

Dismissal

Deacon
People

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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