



**ST. THOMAS**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**LEAD  
WITH  
LOVE**

**The Seventh Sunday After Epiphany  
Holy Eucharist**

February 23, 2025  
2201 Dexter St., Denver, CO  
[saintthomasdenver.org](http://saintthomasdenver.org)

## **Welcoming Statement**

St Thomas Episcopal Church offers sanctuary and spiritual renewal to everyone regardless of age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious background, social or economic circumstance, political affiliation or where you are on your spiritual journey. We welcome all who desire deep relationships and value our relationships with others over the differences that separate us.

## **Our Commitment**

We believe all people are beloved of God and we strive to live and proclaim God's love through all our actions and words. As a community and as individuals, we **Lead With Love**, shine light in the darkness, create safe spaces and offer hope, courage, peace and strength for the journey. We are here for each other and for those in need of any kind. St. Thomas is a place of refuge for those who are wearied by the world and desire nourishment for the spirit and the soul. We welcome you to come as you are and to join us in the sacred task of loving a new world into being.

## **The Meaning of the Conch Shell**

The resonant sound of the conch shell is considered a sacred call, symbolizing the start of a ritual and invoking divine presence. Our parishioner, Tana Knopf, gifted St. Thomas with a conch shell and introduced this practice as a call to worship. This is one of the ways that we incorporate a diversity of cultures and traditions into our liturgy and, of course, the children love it.

## **Learn More About St. Thomas**

If you would like to learn more about St. Thomas, we invite you to visit our website ([www.saintthomasdenver.org](http://www.saintthomasdenver.org)), subscribe to our weekly newsletter (link is on website), or schedule a conversation with our priest by emailing her at [terri@saintthomasdenver.org](mailto:terri@saintthomasdenver.org).

## **Inclusive Language:**

At St. Thomas, we support and encourage the use of inclusive language. Towards that end we often choose more contemporary prayers and hymns for our worship service. However, we recognize that many parishioners also appreciate and love our traditional prayers and hymns that employ more patriarchal language. When such prayers or hymns are included in our worship, we encourage you to substitute the word or pronoun that most resonates with you when you pray or sing.

## **Preaching and Presiding this Week:** The Rev. Terri Hobart

### **Music Leaders**

Kari Miles  
Angela Pleasants  
Geoff Wodell  
Brandon Bennett

### **Godly Play and Nursery**

Maria Perez

### **Seminarian:** Cate Colburn-Smith

### **Contact Us:**

Office  
Angela Pleasants, Senior Warden  
Karmen Carter, Senior Warden  
Brian Casey, Treasurer  
Samantha Church, Children's Program  
The Rev. Terri Hobart

[office@saintthomasdenver.org](mailto:office@saintthomasdenver.org)  
[srwarden@saintthomasdenver.org](mailto:srwarden@saintthomasdenver.org)  
[srwarden@saintthomasdenver.org](mailto:srwarden@saintthomasdenver.org)  
[treasury@saintthomasdenver.org](mailto:treasury@saintthomasdenver.org)  
[samantha@saintthomasdenver.org](mailto:samantha@saintthomasdenver.org)  
[terri@saintthomasdenver.org](mailto:terri@saintthomasdenver.org)

## Opening Hymn

## All Hail the Power of Jesus' Names

Hymnal 1982 #450

Please stand in body or spirit.

6 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros-trate  
 2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar  
 3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did  
 \* 4 Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the  
 \* 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm-wood and the

ball, to him a - scribe, and

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and  
 2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and  
 3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and  
 4 fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and  
 5 gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and

crown him Lord of all! to him a -

1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al  
 2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of  
 3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,  
 4 crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you  
 5 crown him Lord of all! go, spread your tro - phies

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,  
on this terrestrial ball,  
to him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all!

Words: Edward Perronet (1726-1792), alt. Music: *Coronation*, Oliver Holden (1765-1844), alt.; desc. Michael E. Young (b. 1939). Descant, Copyright © 1979, G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

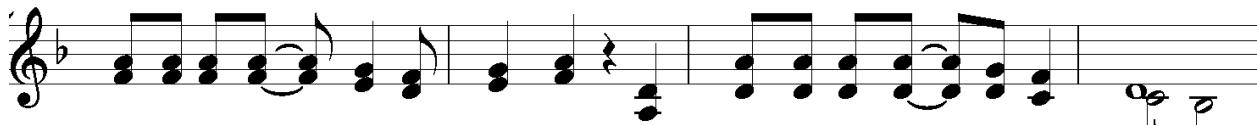
### Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. *1 John 4:7,8*  
Blessed are you, our beloved God.  
*People* In you is glory and love forever.

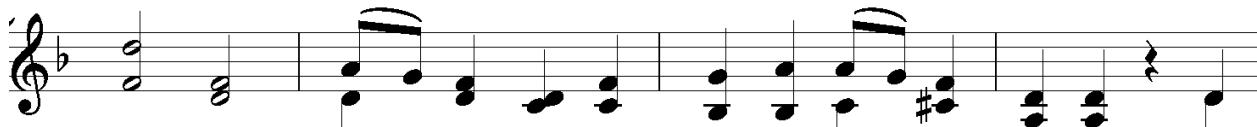
### Hymn of Praise

*Glory to God*

LEVAS #243



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



2. 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 glo-ry.



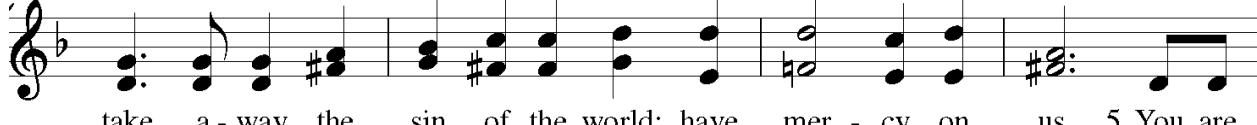
3. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, Glo-ry,



Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, Glo-ry,



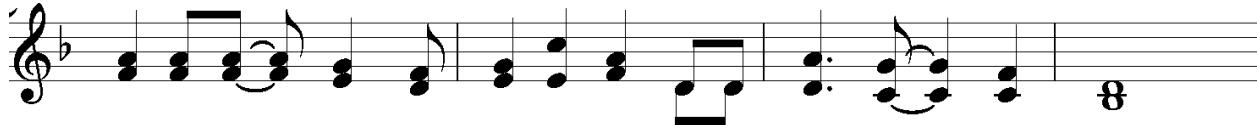
Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. 4. You



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us, 5. You are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. 6. For



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



7. You a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly 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, Glo-ry, Glo-ry hal-le - lu - jah, Lord we

*Women*

Praise your Ho - ly name.

*Men*

Praise your Ho - ly name.

A - - - men.

### The Collect of the Day

*Presider* May God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

O God 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. 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.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please sit as you are able.*

A Reading from Genesis

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.

### The Response

*After the Reading:*

**Reader**      Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
**People**    **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; \*  
**do not be jealous of those who do wrong.**

For they shall soon wither like the grass, \*  
**and like the green grass fade away.**

Put your trust in God and do good; \*  
**dwell in the land and feed on its riches.**

Take delight in God, \*  
**who shall give you your heart's desire.**

Commit your way to the Holy One and put your trust in God, \*  
**who will bring it to pass.**

So that your righteousness may be clear as the light \*  
**and your just dealing as the noonday.**

Be still before God; \*  
**for God wait patiently.**

Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, \*  
**the one who succeeds in evil schemes.**

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; \*  
**do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.**

For evildoers shall be cut off, \*  
**but those who wait upon God shall possess the land.**

In a little while the wicked shall be no more; \*  
**you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.**

But the lowly shall possess the land; \*  
**they will delight in abundance of peace.**

But the deliverance of the righteous comes from God, \*  
**their stronghold in time of trouble.**

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.**

### A Reading from First Corinthians

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.

## The Response

*After the Reading:*

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

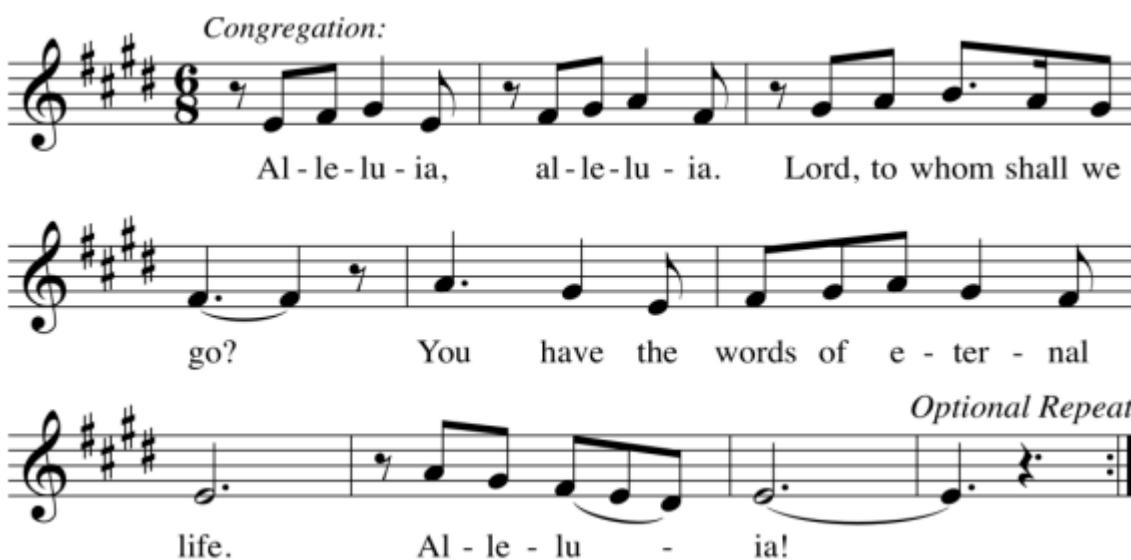
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence Hymn

*"Alleluia, Alleluia"*

*Please stand.*

*Congregation:*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Optional Repeat*

## The Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

*Presider* 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."

*After the Gospel:*

*Presider*      The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Dismissal Of Children for Godly Play Story**

*Sung after final gradual verse as children leave the church.*

Go on your way in joy, my friends!  
Go on your way in joy, my friends!  
Go on your way in joy, my friends!  
Let your left foot say 'Glory!'  
and your right say, 'Amen!'

## **Homily**

*Please sit.*

## **Affirmation of Faith**

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

We believe in the God of Life,  
who creates and loves people,  
who acts in history  
and who promises never to leave us alone.

We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,  
who is our brother,  
who wants not to be idolized but to be followed.

We believe that we dwell in the presence of the Holy Spirit;  
without her we are nothing;  
filled with her we are able to become creative,  
lively, and free.

We believe in the Church of Jesus Christ,  
a community where we find companions and  
courage for the struggles of life,  
where we grow in our understanding of the faith,  
through worship, prayer, nurture, and service.

We believe that God has a use for us in this time and place, that though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we are called to be instruments of God's peace.

We believe in living, hoping, laughing, and enjoying the good of the earth;

We believe that people can change, and God keeps pulling us to life and to a new world of joy and peace. ~ *Women's Uncommon Prayers*

## **The Prayers of The People**

*Please stand or kneel in body or spirit.*

*During the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

*Leader* Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always.

Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal the earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the planet.

God, Giver of life,

**Hear our prayer.**

Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all who dwell in it, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it.

God, Giver of life,

**Hear our prayer.**

Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed.

God, Giver of life,

**Hear our prayer.**

Author of the book of nature, receive our gratitude for places of restoration and healing, and continue to bless those places that feed our lives and spirits.

God, Giver of life,

**Hear our prayer.**

Wise Creator, whose works are full of mystery, give us wonder and appreciation for your creatures with whom we find ourselves in conflict.

God, Giver of life,

**Hear our prayer.**

Divine Physician, heal our communities, especially those where neglect, greed, or violence inflicts suffering upon people and other creatures.  
God, Giver of life,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help especially ...  
God, Giver of life,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died.  
God, Giver of life,  
**Hear our prayer.**

## The Collect

Eternal God, the light of all who know you, come and fill our hearts with your love. Help us stand for what is right when many sit in indifference. Increase our faith and charity, until your kingdom comes and heaven and earth rejoice in everlasting glory; through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## The Confession

*Please kneel as you are able.*

*All*        Most merciful God,  
          we confess that we have sinned against you  
          in thought, word, and deed,  
          by what we have done,  
          and by what we have left undone.  
          We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
          we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
          We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
          For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
          have mercy on us and forgive us;  
          that we may delight in your will,  
          and walk in your ways,  
          to the glory of your Name. Amen.

## The Absolution

### The Peace

*Presider*    May the peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of Christ. Please remain at your seat and greet the people adjacent to you.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Presider Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

*Each week we gather to proclaim God's love for all and to offer strength and courage for the journey. We are convinced that the hope, love and good news that we offer are exactly what people need to navigate these challenging times in which we live. If you share our conviction and values, we invite you to generously support St. Thomas and help us to continue to make a difference in our community and the lives of people that we serve.*

*If you give electronically, please place a giving card from the pew in the offering plate in lieu of your gift. Scan to donate:*



**venmo**

@StThomasDenver



Credit Card

## Offertory Anthem

## Oh, Freedom!

LEVAS 225

1. Oh, free - dom! Oh,  
2. No mo' moan - in', no mo'

1. free - dom, Oh, free - dom o - ver me!  
2. moan - in', no mo' moan - in' o - ver me!

1. — An' be fo' I'd be a slave I'll be bur - ied in my  
2. — An' be fo' I'd be a slave I'll be bur - ied in my

1. grave, An' go home to my Lord an' be free.  
2. grave, An' go home to my Lord an' be free.

3. No mo' weepin' ... 5. There'll be shoutin' ...  
4. There'll be singin' ... 6. There'll be prayin' ...

**Presentation Hymn**  
*Please stand as you are able.*

*Doxology*

Hymn #380 v3

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

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Presider*      The Lord be with you.

***People***      **And also with you.**

*Presider*      Lift up your hearts.

***People***      **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

*Presider*      All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

## Sanctus

## LEVAS #255

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est

Ho - san - na in the high - est

*Presider continues*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

*All*

*Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with [blessed \_\_\_\_\_, and] all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

*All*

*Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.*

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

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**

## Fraction Hymn

## *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises*

## WLP #784

Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es! All our  
 Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -

hearts are filled with glad - ness! Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your  
 bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa

**Fine**

prai - ses! All our hearts are filled with glad - ness!  
 ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.

Christ the Lord to us said: "I am wine, I am bread, I am  
 Je - sus says to us still: "All who do the Lord's will, all who

wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - - ger!"  
 do the Lord's will are my sis - ters and my bro - - thers." **D.C.**

## The Invitation to The Table

## The Communion of the People

*All who love God and seek Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table. To receive the bread, please place one hand over the other. If you choose not to receive communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicating your desire by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten free communion wafers and chalice are available. Simply, indicate your desire to the clergy. If you need to have communion brought to you, please alert an usher and the clergy will come to you. Please note: For reason of sanitation, we do not allow intinction.*

## Communion Hymn

## Is Your All on the Altar

LEVAS #135

1. You have longed for sweet peace and for faith to in -  
 2. Would you walk with the Lord in the light of His  
 3. O we nev - er can know what the Lord will be -  
 4. Who can tell all the love He will send from a -

1. crease, And have ear - nest - ly, fer - vent - ly prayed; \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. word, And have peace and con - tent - ment al - way? \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. stow Of the bless - ings for which we have prayed. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. bove. And how hap - py our hearts will be made; \_\_\_\_\_

1. But you can - not have rest or be per - fect - ly blest  
 2. You must do His sweet will to be free from all ill,  
 3. Till our bod - y and soul He doth ful - ly con - trol,  
 4. Of the char - i - ty sweet we shall share at His feet

1. Un - til all on the al - tar is laid. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. On the al - tar your all you must lay. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. And our all on the al - tar is laid. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. When our all on the al - tar is laid. \_\_\_\_\_

Is your all on the al - tar of sac - ri - fice laid?

Your heart does the Spir - it con - trol?

You can on - ly be blest and have peace and sweet rest

As you yield Him your bod - y and soul.

Words: Elisha A. Hoffman (1839-1929). Music: Elisha A. Hoffman.

### Post-Communion Prayer

*Please stand or kneel.*

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.**

### GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

**Birthdays, Anniversaries, Blessings**

**Welcoming Visitors**

**Announcements**

[Read Our Weekly Newsletter:](#)



### Final Blessing

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

## Recessional Hymn

*There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in this Place*

LEVAS #120

1. There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, \_\_\_\_\_ and I  
 (2. There are) bless - ings you can-not re - ceive \_\_\_\_\_ till you  
 (3. If you) say he savedyou from your sin, \_\_\_\_\_ now you're

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ There are  
 know him in his full - ness, and be - lieve. \_\_\_\_\_ You're the  
 weak, you're bound, and can - not en - ter in, \_\_\_\_\_ you can

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, \_\_\_\_\_ and I  
 one to pro - fit when you say, \_\_\_\_\_ "I am  
 make it right if you will yield; \_\_\_\_\_ you'll en -

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_  
 going to walk with Je - sus all the way." \_\_\_\_\_  
 joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that we feel. \_\_\_\_\_

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet Heav - en-ly Dove,

Stay right here with us, fill-ing us with your love.

And for these bless-ings we lift our hearts in

praise; with-out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place. 2. There are  
 3. If you place.

## The Dismissal

*Presider* Let us go forth in the name of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God!

## Postlude

## COMMUNICATION COVENANT

1. If we have a concern or issue that involves someone, we will discuss it with that person privately.
2. If someone has a concern or issue with another person and comes to us, we will send them to that person.
3. If someone is reluctant to speak to the person with whom they have a concern, we will offer to accompany him or her to see that person.
4. We will not interpret what others say or mean. (We will ask them if we are unclear of their intentions.)
5. If something is confidential, we will not share it with anyone. Exception: If you are aware that a) someone is going to physically harm someone else; b) someone is going to harm herself/himself; c) a child has been physically or sexually abused, please consult with the clergy.
6. We will not read or react to unsigned letters or notes.
7. We will not act on anonymous complaints brought by others.
8. We will not manipulate; We will not be manipulated. We will not let others try to manipulate others through us.
9. When in doubt, we will just say what is on our minds. The only dumb questions are the ones that are not asked.
10. When in disagreement, we will say it. We cannot resolve issues that are left unspoken. We cannot work together without mutual understanding and trust.
11. Our relationships with each other are the most important asset in our community. So, if we have a concern, we will pray and then, if led, speak up.



## OUR WHY: To Lead With Love

We lead with love by:

- Being an inclusive, welcoming space for all.
- Seeking the holy in ourselves, each other, and the world
- Making a difference in our community

LEAD  
WITH  
LOVE

## CORE VALUES

### • ATTEND TO OUR SPIRITUAL LIVES

Through prayer, spiritual practices and formation, we weave our relationship with the Holy into the fabric of our daily lives. Prayer and discernment guide ministries and worship. (Foundational)

### • CHOOSE LOVE

We act from love not fear; build bridges not walls. (Foundational)

### • CREATE AND SUSTAIN COMMUNITY

We gather and care for each other. We cultivate deep relationships. We will prioritize our relationships with each other over the differences that separate us. (Foundational)

### • WELCOME ALL

All means all and all are welcome. We promote an inclusive culture by 1) fostering the skills to shift our cultural perspectives and appropriately adapt our behavior to bridge cultural differences; 2) cultivating the self-awareness and empathy needed to value difference in working toward equity. (Missional)

### • HONOR DIVERSITY

All are welcome. Our leadership, worship, music and ministry initiatives will reflect our diversity. (Missional)

### • PROMOTE THE DIGNITY OF ALL

Through formation, lobbying and other initiatives we prayerfully engage in social justice activities that promote and protect the dignity of all people. (Missional)

### • CARE FOR CREATION

We value our interdependence with creation and recognize our role as stewards. We incorporate practices that protect, sustain, and nourish our fragile earth and her inhabitants.

### • ENGAGE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

We open our hearts and doors to our individual and church neighbors, strive to understand their needs and support them.

(Missional)

### • NURTURE THE NEXT GENERATION

We offer, support and staff worship and formation opportunities for families and children. (Missional)

### • CULTIVATE BEAUTY

We tend to the beauty of our space, worship and music that evokes a sacred sense of awe, stillness and joy. (Missional)

## THANK YOU!

None of this would be possible without your financial support.

[www.saintthomasdenver.org](http://www.saintthomasdenver.org)

Believe OUTLOUD™