

**St. Luke's Episcopal Church**  
Chester Vermont  
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
And Indigenous People's Day  
October 12, 2025

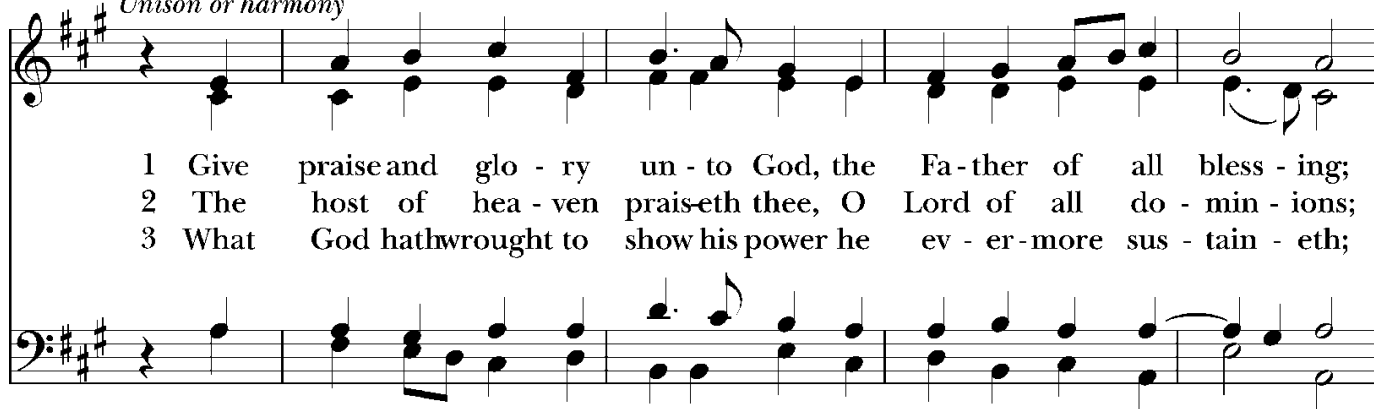


Musical prelude      Selected and played by Karlaine Livingston

*Following the prelude, the bell is rung ten times, summoning all within range to come join us for worship.  
Then a moment of silence is observed.*

Entrance Hymn 375 *The Hymnal* 1982

*Unison or harmony*



1 Give praise and glo - ry un - to God, the Fa - ther of all bless - ing;  
2 The host of hea - ven prais - eth thee, O Lord of all do - min - ions;  
3 What God hath wrought to show his power he ev - er - more sus - tain - eth;



his might - y won - ders tell a - broad, his gra - cious - ness con -  
and mor - tals then, on land and sea, be - neath thy sha - dowing  
he watch - es o'er us ev - ery hour, his mer - cy nev - er



fess - ing. With balm my in - most heart he fills, his  
pin - ions, ex - ult in thy cre - a - tive might that  
wan - eth. Through all his king - dom's wide do - main, his



com - fort all my an - guish stills. To God be praise and glo - ry.  
do - eth all things well and right. To God be praise and glo - ry.  
right - eous - ness and jus - tice reign. To God be praise and glo - ry.

*Presider* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* Glory to God for ever and ever.

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Presider and people*

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.

**Song of Praise S-280 The Hymnal 1982 Service Music**



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



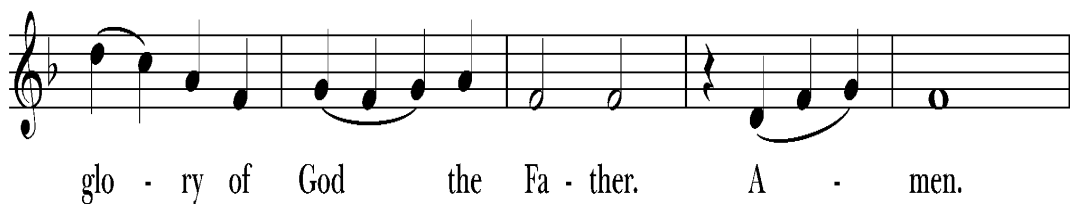
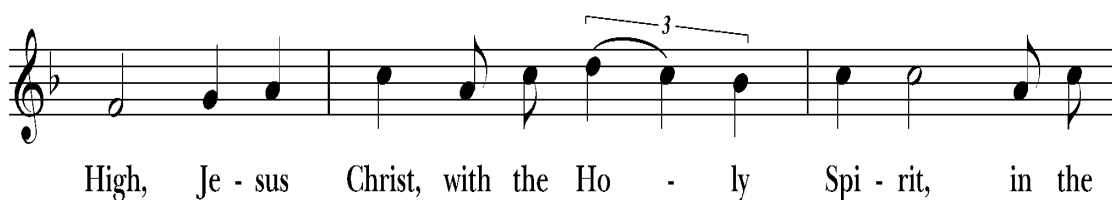
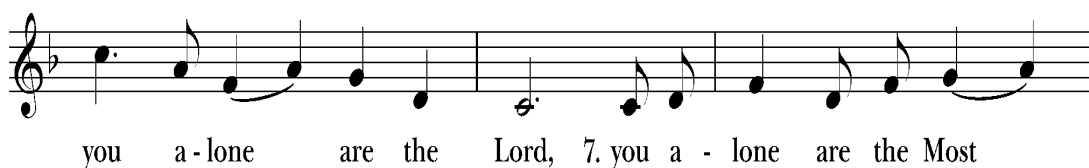
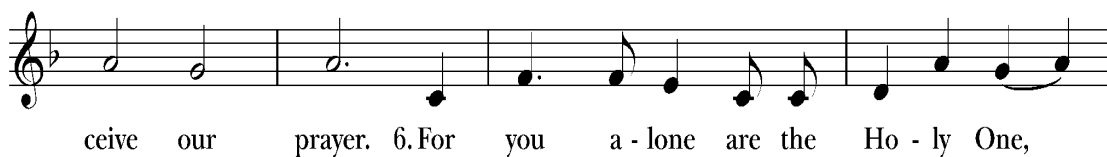
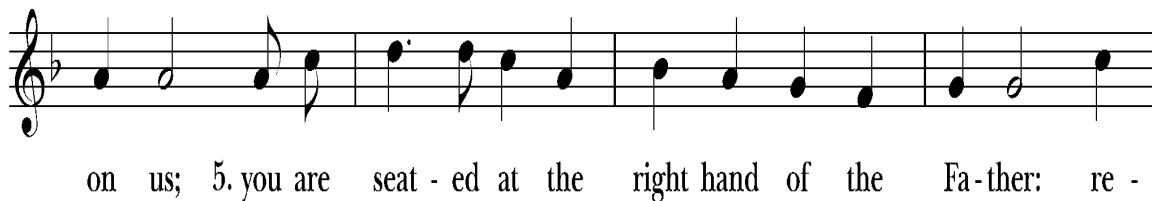
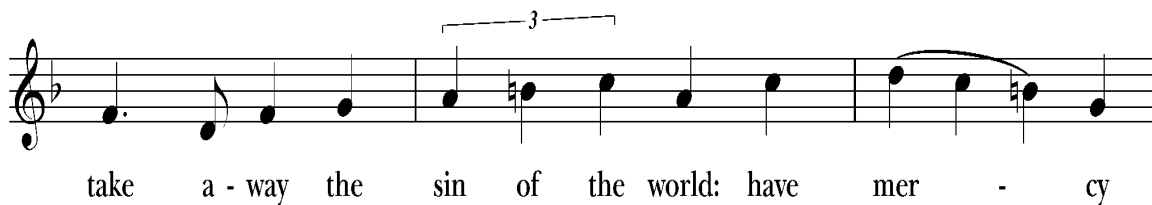
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



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



***The Collect for the Eighteen Sunday after Pentecost***

*Presider* God be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Presider and People:* Wholeness of the sick and Home of the exile, give us grace to seek the well-being of those among whom we live, so that all people may come to know the healing of your love and new voices join to give you thanks in Jesus Christ. (Revised Common Lectionary Prayers)

**The First Reading     Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7**

*Reader*    A Reading from Jeremiah

<sup>1</sup>These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. <sup>4</sup>Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: <sup>5</sup>Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. <sup>6</sup>Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. <sup>7</sup>But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

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

*People:*    Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 66:1-11**

1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; \* sing the glory of God's Name;  
sing the glory of God's praise.

2 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds; \* because of your great  
strength your enemies cringe before you.

3 All the earth bows down before you, \*sings to you, sings out your Name."

4 Come now and see the works of God, \*  
how wonderful are these doings toward all people.

5 God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on  
foot, \* and there we rejoiced in God,

6 Whose might rules for ever, whose eyes keep watch over the nations; \*  
let not the rebellious lift up their heads.

7 Bless our God, you peoples; \* let the sound of praise be heard;  
8 God holds our souls in life \* and will not allow our feet to slip.  
9 For you, O God, have proved us; \* you have tried us just as silver is tried.  
10 You brought us into the snare \* and laid heavy burdens upon our backs.  
11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, \*  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

## **SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 2:8-15**

*Reader* A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy

<sup>8</sup>Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, <sup>9</sup>for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup>The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; <sup>12</sup>if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; <sup>13</sup>if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

<sup>14</sup>Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. <sup>15</sup>Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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

*People:* Thanks be to God.

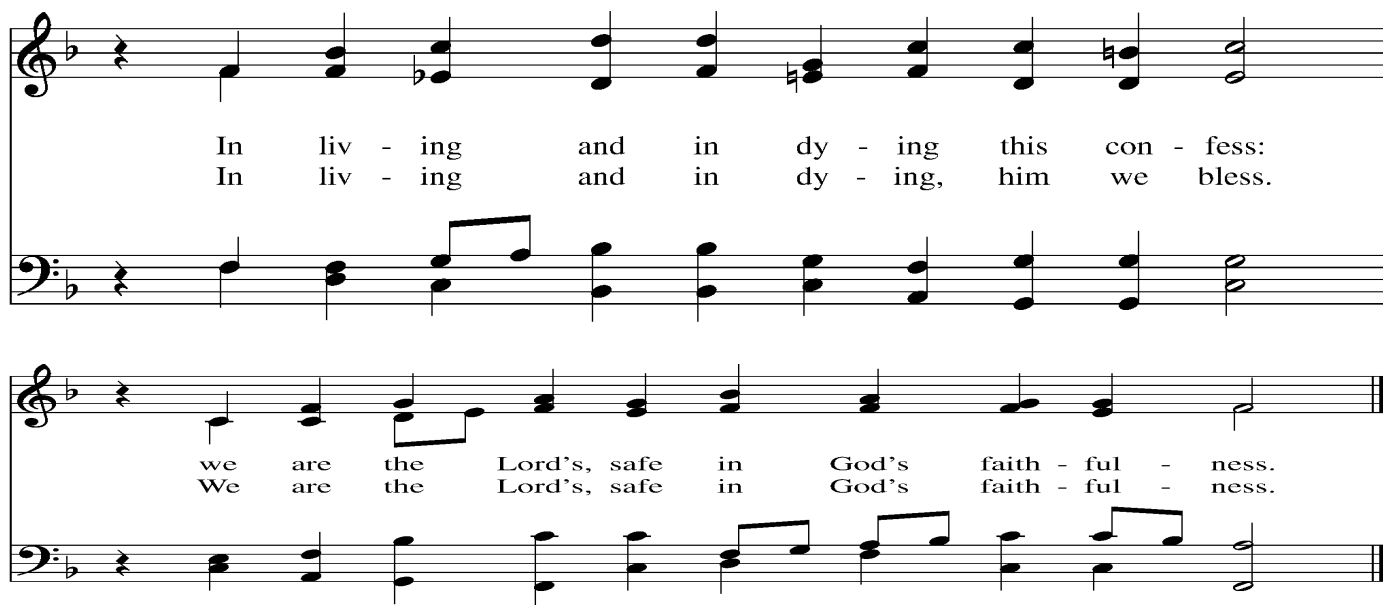
**Sequence Hymn 776      *Wonder, Love, and Praise***

1. No saint on earth lives our life to self a - lone  
 2. For to this end our Lord by death was slain,

or dies a - lone, for we with Christ are one.  
 that to new life he might a - rise a - gain.

So if we live, for Christ a - lone we live,  
 Through sor - row on to tri - umph Christ has led,

and if we die, to Christ our dy - ing give.  
 and reigns o'er all: the liv - ing and the dead.



## **The Holy Gospel    Luke 17:11-19**

### **Reader    A Reading from the Gospel of Luke**

11 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. 12 As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, 13 they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" 14 When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. 15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. 16 He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. 17 Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? 18 Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" 19 Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Reader    The Gospel of the Lord.

People    Praise to you, O Christ.

## **The Sermon    Rev. Dr. Bruce L. MacDuffie**

### **Nicene Creed    Presider and people**

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**

Great are the deeds of the Lord! Sisters and brothers, let us pray, saying, "Christ, hear our prayer! Jesus, have mercy on us!"

May your Church be faithful, even as you are faithful. May we and your whole Church unashamedly work to further the gospel. May we overcome whatever apathy or distraction might threaten our witness.

*Silence*

Christ, hear our prayer!

**Jesus, have mercy on us!**

May the nations of the world seek wisdom and truth. May people, rich and poor, powerful and weak, find in you the source of healing and wholeness.

*Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence*

Christ, hear our prayer!

**Jesus, have mercy on us!**

May we protect and guard the created order. May we recognize the majesty and splendor of all you have made. May we remember that healthy waters, sky, and land make us healthier people.

*Silence*

Christ, hear our prayer!

**Jesus, have mercy on us!**

May we be ever compassionate toward those who are pushed into the margins of our society. Give us open hearts that welcome and open hands that touch. Teach us a love that crosses boundaries and borders. Let us learn from our indigenous neighbors and those who we pushed out of the way of our colonizing possessiveness.

*Silence*

Christ, hear our prayer!

**Jesus, have mercy on us!**

May the sick and suffering know in their bodies and minds your healing power. You desire to make men and women clean of disease and stigma; make your grace known.

*Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence*

Christ, hear our prayer!

**Jesus, have mercy on us!**

May those who have died know the salvation found in you, Christ Jesus. Preserve the living in the enduring hope that, just as we are baptized into your death, so will we also live with you forever. We name today Francis Adams who we buried yesterday in Chester's Pleasant View Cemetery.

*Silence*

Christ, hear our prayer!

**Jesus, have mercy on us!**

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**Confession of Sin**

*Presider* Let us confess our sins to God. *Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People* 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** 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. Amen.

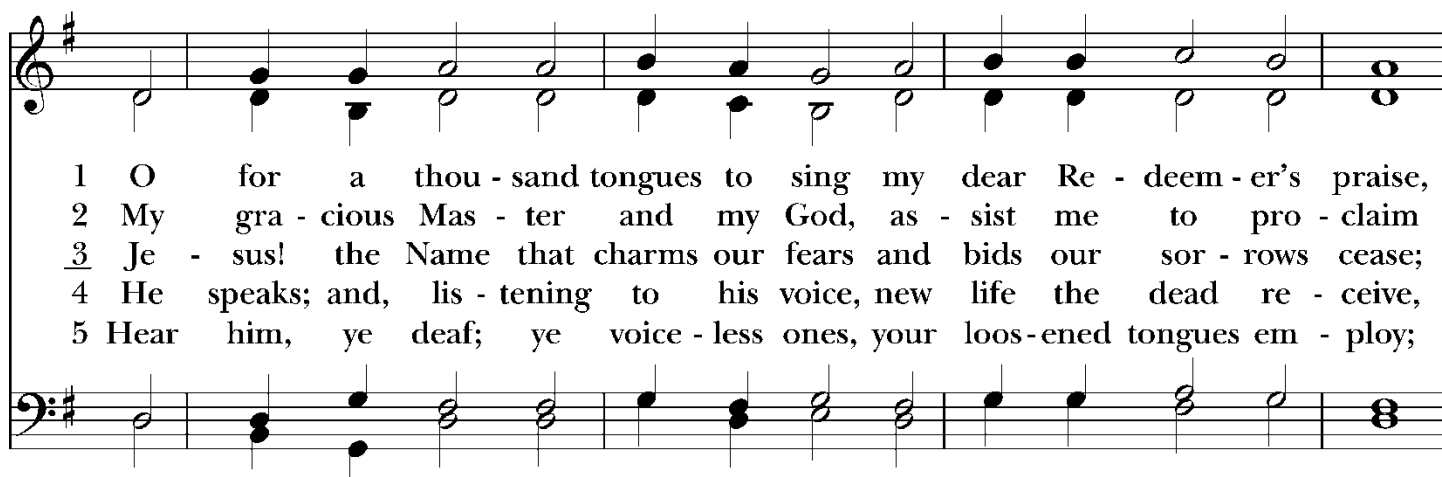
**The Peace** *Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

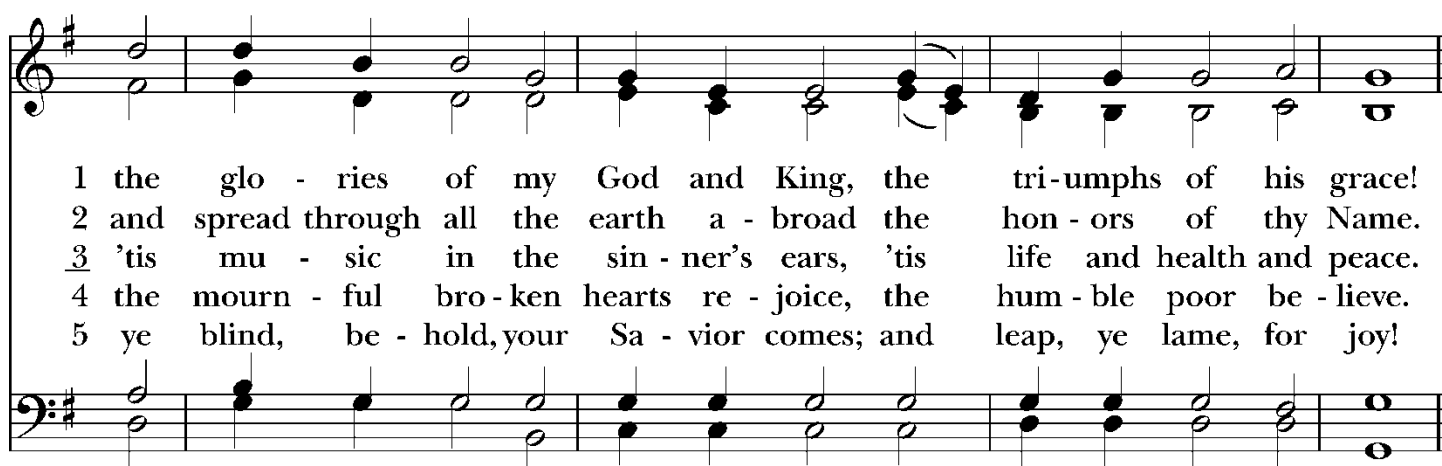
## Offertory Sentence

"Come now and see the works of God. How wonderful he is in his doing toward all people." (Psalm 66)

### Offertory Hymn 493 *The Hymnal 1982*



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim  
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;  
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,  
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;



1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.  
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love  
be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above,  
the Church in earth and heaven.

## Presentation of the offering *"The Doxology", vs. 3, #380 Hymnal 1982*

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.

## Eucharistic Prayer 3

*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; through Jesus Christ our Lord; For  
 you, O Father, are the source of light and life; you made us in your image ,  
 and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. And so as the stars sing  
 your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with  
 joy:

(S -125 Service Music, The Hymnal 1982)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel, or sit if that is most comfortable for you.*

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:

*Presider and people*

**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 Luke, the patron of this congregation, 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.

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

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

*Presider and people*

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**

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

### S-164 Agnus Dei

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:



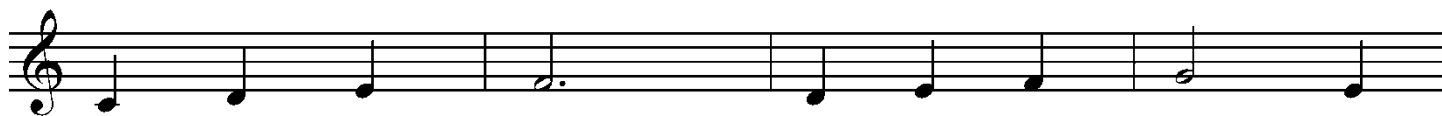
**Presider** The Holy Gifts of God for the Holy People of God.

*This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. It is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here. All are welcome to receive communion. (Special COVID precautions may be voiced here.)*

## **Communion Hymn 129 *My Heart Sings Out***



1 God of the spar - row  
 2 God of the earth - quake  
 3 God of the rain - bow  
 4 God of the hun - gry  
 5 God of the neigh - bor  
 6 God of the a - ges



God of the whale God of the swirl - ing  
 God of the storm God of the trum - pet  
 God of the cross God of the emp - ty  
 God of the sick God of the prod - i -  
 God of the foe God of the prun - ing  
 God near at hand God of the lov - ing



stars \_\_\_\_\_ How does the crea - ture say  
 blast \_\_\_\_\_ How does the crea - ture cry  
 grave \_\_\_\_\_ How does the crea - ture say  
 gal \_\_\_\_\_ How does the crea - ture say  
 hook \_\_\_\_\_ How does the crea - ture say  
 heart \_\_\_\_\_ How do your chil - dren say



Awe \_\_\_\_\_ How does the crea - ture say Praise. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Woe \_\_\_\_\_ How does the crea - ture cry Save. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grace \_\_\_\_\_ How does the crea - ture say Thanks. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Care \_\_\_\_\_ How does the crea - ture say Life. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Love \_\_\_\_\_ How does the crea - ture say Peace. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Joy \_\_\_\_\_ How do your chil - dren say Home. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Post-communion Prayer

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

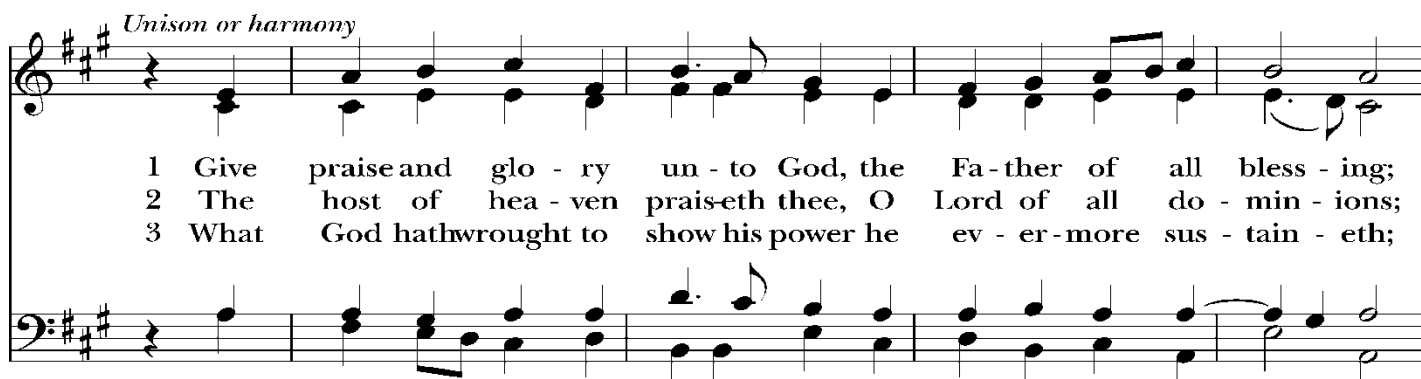
Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and  
 nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and



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.

**Closing Hymn 375 *The Hymnal 1982***

*Unison or harmony*



1 Give praise and glo - ry un - to God, the Fa - ther of all bless - ing;  
 2 The host of hea - ven prais - eth thee, O Lord of all do - min - ions;  
 3 What God hath wrought to show his power he ev - er - more sus - tain - eth;



his might - y won - ders tell a - broad, his gra - cious - ness con -  
 and mor - tals then, on land and sea, be - neath thy sha - dowing  
 he watch - es o'er us ev - ery hour, his mer - cy nev - er



fess - ing. With balm my in - most heart he fills, his  
 pin - ions, ex - ult in thy cre - a - tive might that  
 wan - eth. Through all his king - dom's wide do - main, his



com - fort all my an - guish stills. To God be praise and glo - ry.  
 do - eth all things well and right. To God be praise and glo - ry.  
 right - eous - ness and jus - tice reign. To God be praise and glo - ry.

## **Closing Blessing**

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. The Lord God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the holy and undivided Trinity, guard you, save you, and bring you to that heavenly City, where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **Postlude    Selected and played by Karlaine Livingston**

### **Announcements**

### **Dismissal**

*Presider*     Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*       Thanks be to God.

**PLEASE!! Take this service leaflet with you. Read the scriptures again. Learn a hymn or two. Use the prayers of the people all this coming week. Blessings!**

## **Next Sunday, October 12, the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost and Indigenous Peoples Day**

Prepare to more fully participate in worship by carefully reading the scripture lessons for next Sunday. Try reading them aloud even if to yourself. Write down or record what thoughts or questions come to you and send Fr. Bruce an email about them. On a personal level, I, Bruce, will try to respond, as will others, and we can get a conversation going. The scripture lessons for next Sunday include: Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8.

### **Worship Schedule**

**Midweek Evening Prayer    October 15    5:30-6:00 PM**

**Sunday, October 19    Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Liturgy of the Word.    James Martin Officiating and Preaching**

**Wednesday, October 22    Midweek Eucharist    5:30-6:00 PM**

**Sunday October 26    Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Holy Eucharist    10-11:15 AM**

**Wednesday October 29    Midweek Eucharist    5:30-6PM**

**Sunday, November 2    All Saints Sunday**

**Guest Preacher, Rev. Adwowa Wilson and Presider**

### **Other Events**

**Reading Group after Coffee Hour    approximately 11:30-12:30 Sept 21, 28, October 26, and on Nov. 2, Rev. Adwoa Wilson as preacher and presider and reading group leader.**

**Continuing to share in the exploration of Julian of Norwich**

**Vestry Meeting October 15 6:30 AM to 8:00PM**

**October 18, Saturday Requiem Eucharist/Memorial Service for Bishop Thomas Ely at St. Paul's Cathedral in Burlington, Vermont**

**David Willis Memorial Saturday, October 25**

**Memory Café November 6 Thursday 11AM-1PM in Willard Hall**