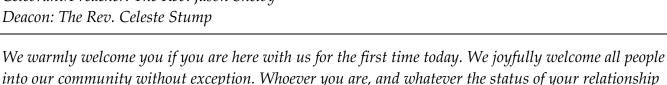
# Fourth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day

Sunday, May 11, 2025 \* 10:00 am

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby



St. Francis Episcopal Church welcomes all people to receive Holy Communion. If you have not been baptized but would like to be, please talk to Father Jason after the service.

with God, you will find fellow travelers here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Mark and Mead Duley in loving memory of their wonderful mother, Pauline Hazarian Duley.

*Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.* 

#### Coming Events

#### Sunday, May 11 — Mother's Day

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
- 11:30 am Antiques Show Planning Meeting

#### Monday, May 12

• 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

#### Wednesday, May 14

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II, Chapel)
- 10:00 am Blue Bin Sorting
- 11:00 am Good Grief Group Meeting
- 6:00 pm Men's Corner

#### Thursday, May 15

- 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group
- 7:00 pm Adult Christian Education: Screwtape Letter class led by Dale Westervelt

#### Friday, May 16

• 4:00 pm St. Luke's Breakfast Prep

#### Saturday, May 17

• 7:15 am St. Luke's Breakfast

#### Sunday, May 18

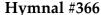
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- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)



# The Word of God

Please stand as able and join in singing.







Words: Para. of 'Te Deum'; sts. 1-4, Ignaz Franz (1719-1790); tr. Clarence Walworth (1820-1900); Music: "Grosser Gott," melody from "Katholisches Gesangbuch," 1686, alt. "Cantate," 1851; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after Conrad Kocher (1786-1872).

# The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

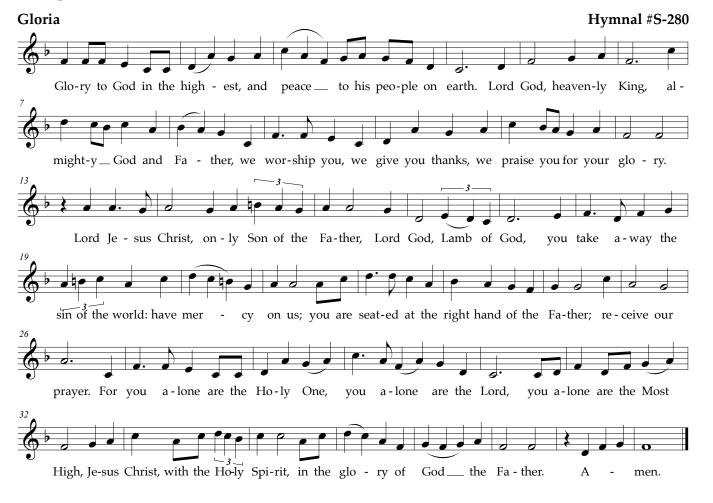
# The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Almighty God,

People 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.

#### The Gloria



Setting by Robert Powell, S-280 The Hymnal 1982

# The Collect of the Day

CelebrantPeopleAnd also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

Please be seated.

The First Lesson: Acts 9:36-43

Reader A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>36</sup>Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup>At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup>Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup>So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup>Peter put all of them outside,

and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup>He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup>This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup>Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Reader The Word of the Lord People Thanks be to God.

The Response: Psalm 23

Reader Let us read from Psalm 23 responsively (the People reading the text in bold).



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The LORD is my shepherd; \*

I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures \*

and leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup>He revives my soul \*

<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; \*

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*

The Second Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17

Reader A Reading from the Revelation of John.

<sup>9</sup>I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honor

and power and might

be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me,

"These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader The Word of the Lord People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able and join in singing.





Words: Clement of Alexandria (170?-220?); para. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.

Music: "Monk's Gate," Sussex folk melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958);

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Please remain standing as able.

The Gospel: John 10:22-30

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>22</sup>At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>The Father and I are one."

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

Please be seated.

The Sermon The Rev. Jason Shelby

There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.

Please stand as able and join in saying the Nicene Creed.

#### The Nicene Creed

All

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, 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.

Please remain standing as able.

The Prayers of the People (the People read the responses in **bold**)

*Deacon* Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Deacon Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Deacon We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Deacon We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth. Deacon Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Deacon Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Deacon Give to the departed eternal rest; People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Deacon We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom. Deacon

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The people may add their petitions and thanksgivings, in silence or aloud.

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only

> what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Please kneel or sit as able.

#### The Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

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.

Please stand as able.

#### The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Ministers and People exchange signs of peace in the name of the Lord.

Please be seated.

#### The Welcome and Announcements

Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:

All

Watch over your child(ren), 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 the peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Walk in lo

Walk in love as Christ loves us, bring offerings of praise and thanksgiving to his

The Offertory Anthem

### "A New Song" by Craig Courtney

Sing a new song, sing a new song.

Sing to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord a new song.

For the word of the Lord is right and true and His work is done in faithfulness.

The Lord loves righteousness and justice. The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

Sing to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord a new song.

Our soul waits for the Lord, our help and our shield.

For our heart rejoices in Him because we trust in His holy name.

May your unfailing kindness be upon us, O Lord even as we put our hope in You. Amen.

St. Francis Choir

# The Offertory Hymn

#### Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Hymnal #708



Sa - vior, like a \_\_\_ shep-herd lead us; much we need thy ten - der care; Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us learn thy will;



in thy plea-sant pas-tures feed us; for our use thy folds pre-pare. do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior, with thy love our bo - soms fill.



Words: "Hymns for the Young," ca. 1830, alt. Music: "Sicilian Mariners," Sicilian melody, from "The European Magazine and London Review," 1792.

Please stand as able.

#### The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)

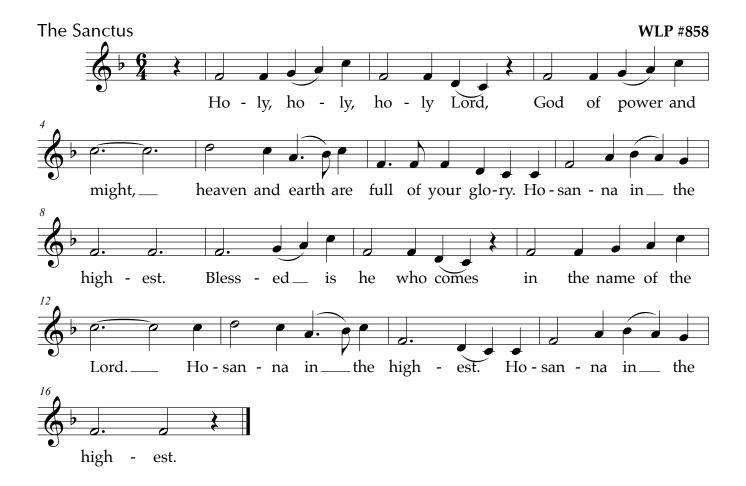
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.

CelebrantPeopleLet us give thanks to the Lord our God.It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Music: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner; harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983) Copryright © Church Pension Fund

Please kneel or stand as able as the Celebrant continues.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Francis and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

#### The Lord's Prayer

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

All 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

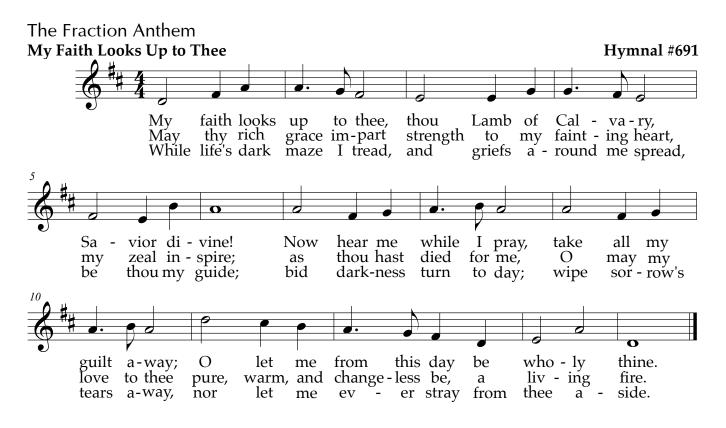
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.



Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887). Music: "Olivet," Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

#### The Invitation

*Celebrant* Remember that Christ died for you, and feed on him on your hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

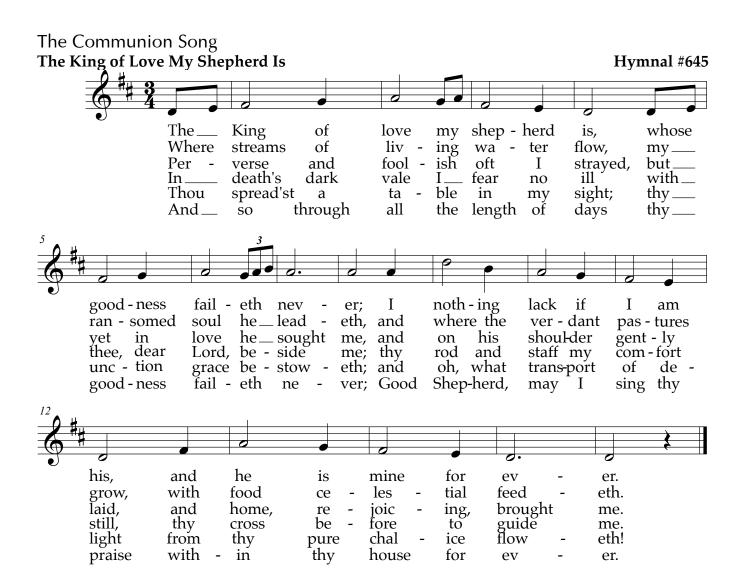
For our online community: an invitation to pray together the spiritual communion prayer from the National Cathedral. A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

If you have come with a particular prayer concern today, after receiving Communion you may come to the Nason Prayer Chapel to the right of the altar rail where you may light a candle and, if you wish, someone will be available to pray with you.

# The Communion of the People

All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. If you do not wish to receive, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish Communion to be brought to you. Gluten-free Communion wafers are available. If you require one of these, simply ask.



Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. of Psalm 23. Music: "St. Columba," Irish melody; harm. "Hymnal, 1982."

Please kneel or stand as able.

# The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

#### The Prayer of St. Francis

Celebrant Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

People Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where

there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal

life. Amen.

#### The Blessing

*Celebrant* And, the blessing of God Almighty, **+** The Father, The Son, and

The Holy Spirit be with you always.

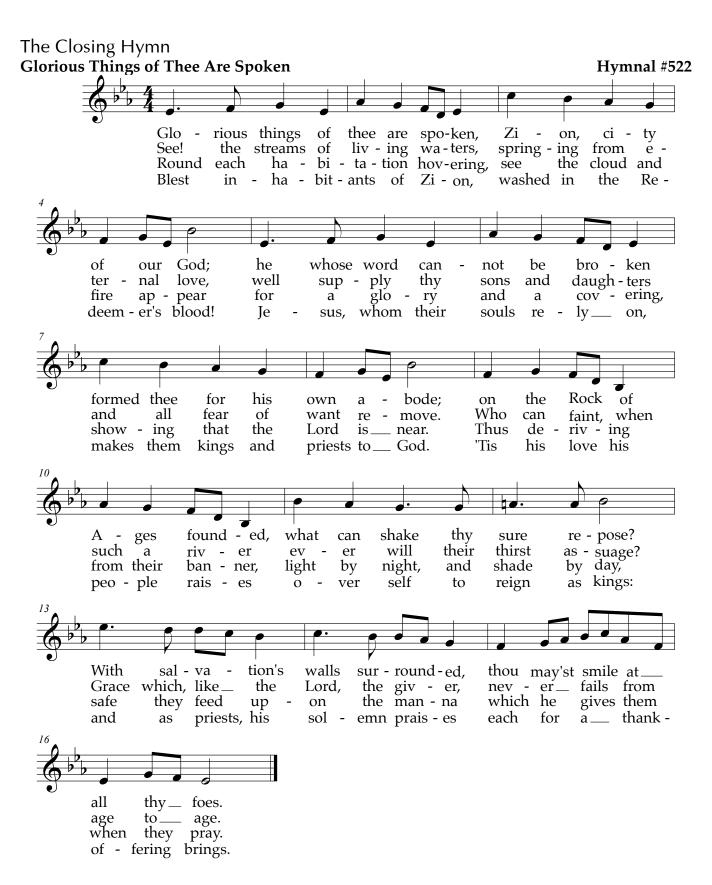
All Amen.

The Sending Forth

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Please stand as able and join in singing.



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## Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Alyssa Capellino Baxter, Barry Witt, Drew Deley, Jonathan Zimmerman, Joseph Leahy, Mark Kappelmann, Michael Heredia, Michael Strong, Scott Ruston, Steve, Thomas Dawson, TJ Malzahn, and Will Piepenbring.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Andrea, Barbara Shelby, Billy Whelan, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Ceri Falk, Charlotte Baker, Chris, Colette Furbush, Daniel Drayling. Erica, Gail Winters, George Ginis, Hector Gutierrez, Jane Sharp, Judy Morgan, Kathy Falk, Kristen, Krystal, Loren, Miguel Diaz, Patt Parker, Richard Cantine, Roxanne Wall, Roz Hadley, Sally Hill, Tommy, Tony Deley, the people of the Middle East, victims of violence everywhere, and for all those who have been impacted by the wildfires, especially the people of St. Matthew's and St. Mark's.

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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