

# Ascension Sunday

Sunday, June 1, 2025 ❖ 10:00 am

*Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby*

*Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump*



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*We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome all people into our community without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.*

*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.*

*Flowers on the altar are given by Val & Holly Valiquette in celebration of the birthday of Michael Valiquette.*

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

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## Coming Events

### **Sunday, June 1**

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

### **Monday, June 2**

- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### **Wednesday, June 4**

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II, Chapel)
- 10:00 am Blue Bin Sorting
- 5:00 pm Good Grief Meeting
- 6:00 pm Nurture Group Meeting

### **Thursday, June 5**

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

### **Friday, June 6**

- 9:00 am Beaders and Quilters Group Meeting

### **Sunday, June 8 - Pentecost**

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

# The Word of God

Please stand as able and join in singing.

## The Processional Hymn

### Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

Hymnal #214

Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia! glo - rious to his  
There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia! lift your heads, e -  
See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia! See! he shows the  
Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia! raise our hearts to

na - tive skies, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, a while to mor - tals giv'n,  
ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia! Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene;  
prints of love: Al - le - lu - ia! Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow,  
reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia! there thy face un - cloud - ed see,

Al - le - lu - ia! en - ters now the high - est heav'n! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! bless - ings on his Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! find our heav'n of heav'ns in thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: "Llanfair," Robert Williams (1781-1821)

## The Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;  
*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*People* **One God and Father of all.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

*Please be seated.*

## The First Lesson: Acts 1:1-11

*Reader*          A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

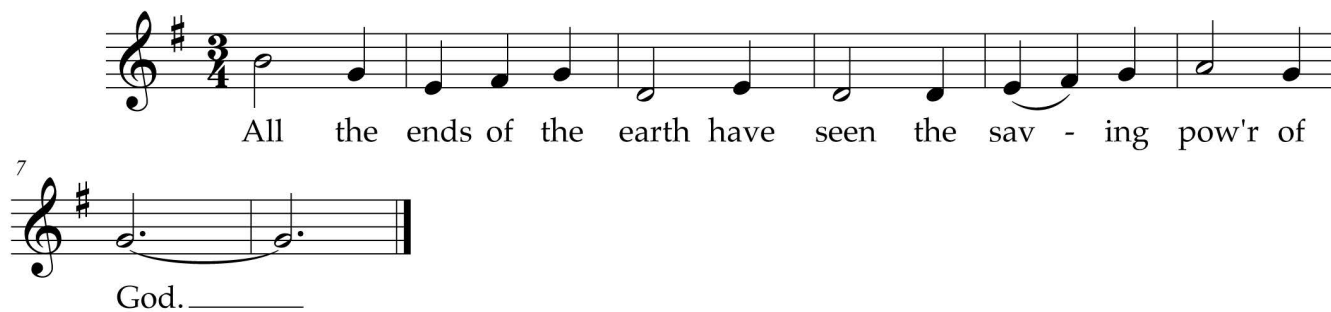
<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

*Reader*          The Word of the Lord

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

## The Response: Psalm 47

*Reader* Let us read from Psalm 47 responsively (the People reading the text in bold).



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- <sup>1</sup>Clap your hands, all you peoples; \*  
**shout to God with a cry of joy.**
- <sup>2</sup>For the LORD Most High is to be feared; \*  
**he is the great King over all the earth.**
- <sup>3</sup>He subdues the peoples under us, \*  
**and the nations under our feet.**
- <sup>4</sup>He chooses our inheritance for us, \*  
**the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**
- <sup>5</sup>God has gone up with a shout, \*  
**the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn..... Refrain**
- <sup>6</sup>Sing praises to God, sing praises; \*  
**sing praises to our King, sing praises.**
- <sup>7</sup>For God is King of all the earth; \*  
**sing praises with all your skill.**
- <sup>8</sup>God reigns over the nations; \*  
**God sits upon his holy throne.**
- <sup>9</sup>The nobles of the peoples have gathered together \*  
**with the people of the God of Abraham.**
- <sup>10</sup>The rulers of the earth belong to God, \*  
**and he is highly exalted..... Refrain**

## The Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23

*Reader*            A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus.

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord

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

*Please stand as able and join in singing.*

# The Sequence Hymn

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!

Hymnal #495



Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -  
Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on  
Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er  
Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; thou didst free sal -  
thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed, thou hast full a -  
to a - bid; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee, seat - ed at thy  
to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, right it is for



va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal Sa - vior, bear - er of our  
tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for - giv - en through the vir - tue  
Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art plead - ing: there thou dost our  
us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic spi - rits, all your no - blest



sin and shame! By thy mer - it we find fa - vor: life is giv - en  
of thy blood: o - pened is the gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are  
place pre - pare; ev - er for us in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry  
an - thems raise; help to sing our Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em -



through thy Name.  
we with God.  
we ap - pear.  
man - uel's praise!

Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt.

Music: "In Babilone," melody from "Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradanseu," 1710;  
harm. Roy F. Kehl (b. 1935).

*Please remain standing as able.*

## The Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

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

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

<sup>44</sup>Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup>and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

*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.*

## The Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

*Celebrant* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and Godparents*

I present Grace to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Celebrant* Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Parents and Godparents*

I renounce them.

*Celebrant* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Parents and Godparents*

I renounce them.

*Celebrant* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Parents and Godparents*  
I renounce them.

*Celebrant* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Parents and Godparents*  
I do.

*Celebrant* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Parents and Godparents*  
I do.

*Celebrant* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Parents and Godparents*  
I do.

*After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying*

*Celebrant* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in their life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

*Celebrant* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## The Baptismal Covenant

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**



*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Please remain standing as able.*

**The Prayers for the Candidates** (the People read the responses in **bold**)

*Celebrant* Let us now pray for she who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*A Person appointed leads the following petitions*

*Leader* Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open her heart to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send her into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

**The Thanksgiving over the Water**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

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

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

*Celebrant* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

*Celebrant* Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Baptism

*Celebrant* Grace, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

*When this action has been completed, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

*Then the Bishop or Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying*

*Celebrant* Grace, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

## Welcome the Newly Baptized

*Celebrant* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*All* **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

*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 love as Christ loves us, bring offerings of praise and thanksgiving to his table.

## The Offertory Anthem

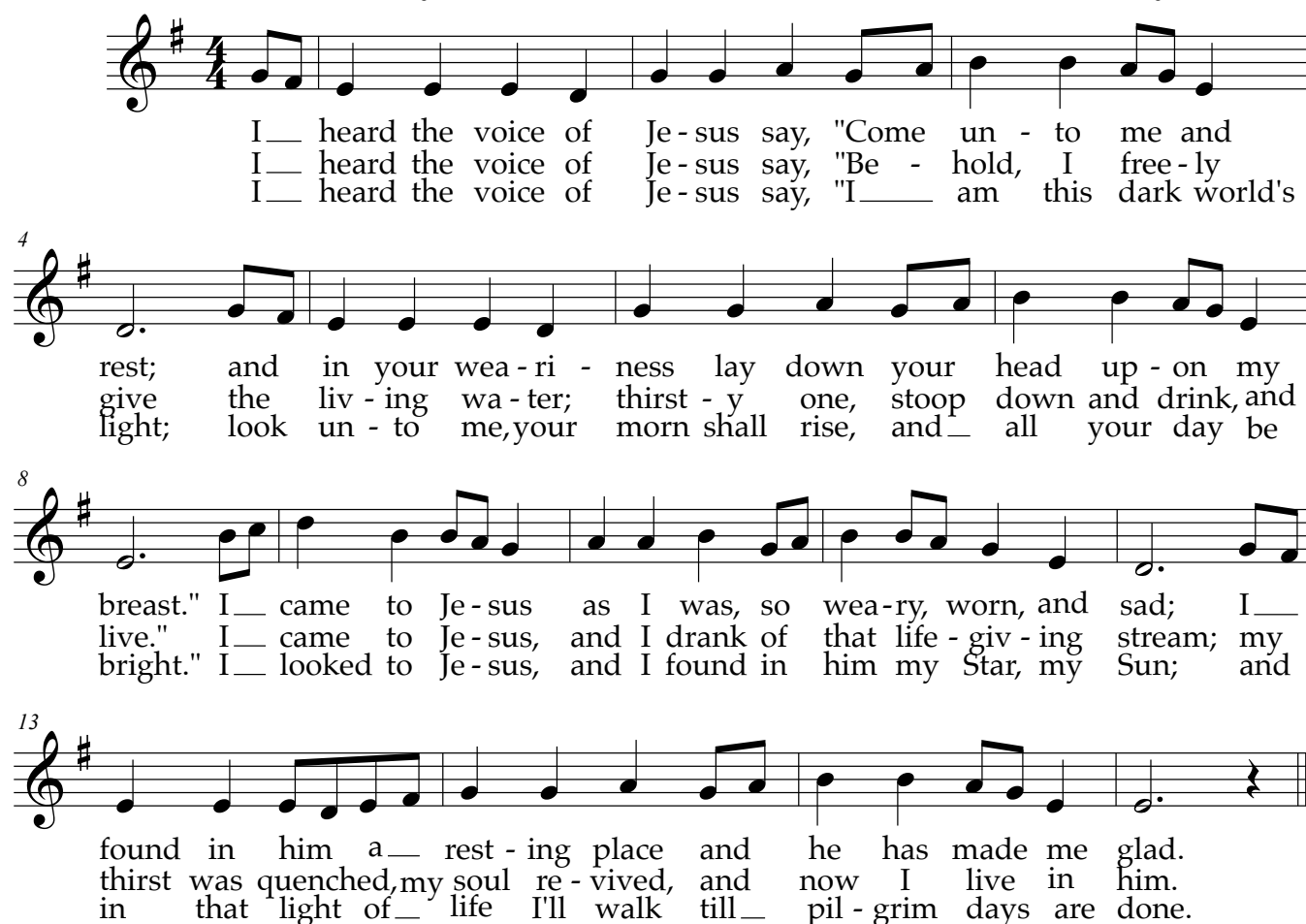
### **“Have You Not Heard” by Craig Courtney**

*Who tends to His children like a shepherd and who gently gathers them as Lambs?  
Whose breath blew the stars across the heavens from the palm of His almighty hand?  
Whose wisdom defies our understanding? Whose mind knows our secret thoughts and plans?  
Who is and will ever be eternal, and who was before all time began?  
Do you not know? Have you not heard who spoke you into being with a word?  
That Word endures forevermore: the Everlasting God, He is the Lord!  
Like grass, you will wither and fade. Without Him, you will stumble, fall and faint.  
But all those who wait upon the Lord, will be renewed, their strength will be restored.  
We will run and we will not grow weary. We hope in the Sovereign God of all.  
He who watches will not sleep or slumber. He steadies our feet against the fall.  
It was told to us in the beginning: One day we will rise to meet the Lord.  
He will lift us on His wings like eagles. We will walk, we will run, we will soar.  
Amen, amen, amen.*

*St. Francis Choir*

The Offertory Hymn  
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Hymnal #692



I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and  
I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly  
I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's  
rest; and in your wea - ri - ness lay down your head up - on my  
give the liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, stoop down and drink, and  
light; look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be  
breast." I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I  
live." I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my  
bright." I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun; and  
found in him a rest - ing place and he has made me glad.  
thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
in that light of life I'll walk till pil - grim days are done.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808). Music: James Montgomery (1771-1854). Music: "Kingsfold,"  
English folk melody, adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958);  
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*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.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **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.

Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

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:

### The Sanctus

WLP #858

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

4  
might, — heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in — the

8  
high - est. Bless - ed — is he who comes in the name of the

12  
Lord. — Ho - san - na in — the high - est. Ho - san - na in — the

16  
high - est.

Music: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner; harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)  
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*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.**

## The Fraction Anthem

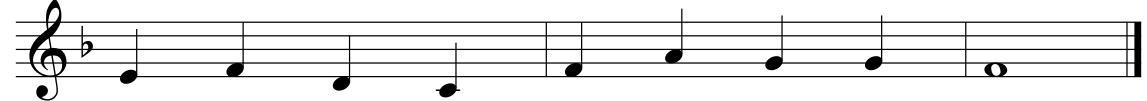
### Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord

Hymnal #328



Draw nigh and take the Bo - dy of the Lord, and  
 Saved by that Bo - dy and that ho - ly Blood, with  
 Sal - va - tion's giv - er, Christ, the on - ly Son, by  
 Of - fered was he for great - est and for least, him -  
 Ap - proach ye then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere, and

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drink the ho - ly Blood for you out - poured.  
 souls re - freshed, we ren - der thanks to God.  
 his dear cross and blood the vic - tory won.  
 self the Vic - tim, and him - self the Priest.  
 take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.

Words: "Bangor Antiphoner," ca. 690; tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: "Song 46," melody and bass Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625); harm. "The English Hymnal," 1906.

## 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.*

## The Communion Song

### Lord of All Hopefulness

Hymnal #482

Lord of all hope-ful-ness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ev - er child - like, no  
 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the  
 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace, your — hands swift to wel - come, your  
 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose

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 cares could des - troy, be there at — our wak - ing, and give us, we pray, your  
 plane and the lathe, be there at — our la - bors, and give us, we pray, your  
 arms to em - brace, be there at — our hom - ing, and give us, we pray, your  
 pres - ence is balm, be there at — our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray, your

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 bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
 strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
 love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
 peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Words: Jan Struther (1901-1953). Music: "Slane," Irish ballad melody; adapt. "The Church Hymnody," 1927; harm. "Hymnal 1982."

*Please kneel or stand as able.*

## The Post-Communion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **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.*


## The Closing Hymn

### All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine

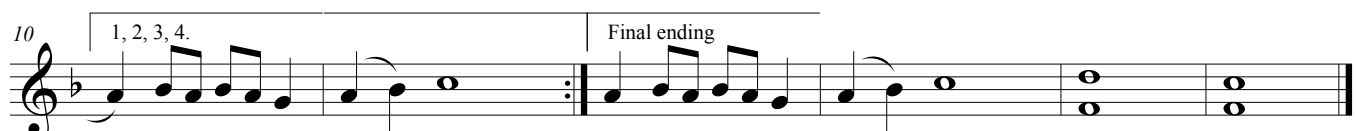
Hymnal #477



All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine, \_\_\_\_\_ didst yield the glo - ry that of  
Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought; \_\_\_\_\_ by thee the out - cast and the  
Let this mind be in us which was in thee, \_\_\_\_\_ who wast a ser - vant that we  
Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou \_\_\_\_\_ art high ex - alt - ed o'er all  
Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven and earth that Je - sus



right was thine, \_\_\_\_\_ that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine. \_\_\_\_\_  
poor were sought; \_\_\_\_\_ and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought. \_\_\_\_\_  
might be free, \_\_\_\_\_ hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry. \_\_\_\_\_  
crea - tures now, \_\_\_\_\_ and given the Name to which all knees shall bow. \_\_\_\_\_  
Christ is Lord; \_\_\_\_\_ and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored. \_\_\_\_\_



10 1, 2, 3, 4. Final ending  
— Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le lu - ia! A - men.  
— Al - le - lu - ia!  
— Al - le - lu - ia!  
— Al - le - lu - ia!

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*The Postlude*

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

*Johnson/Johnson*

## 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, Brad, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Celeste Stump, 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, especially Rosina "Joni" McIntyre, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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