PALM SUNDAY

hosanna to the king

April 10, 2022 10:30AM

The Liturgy of the Palms

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the lord.

People: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Celebrant: Let us pray. Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord god of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Luke 19:28-40

Deacon: After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it." So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.".

- Celebrant: The Lord be with you,
- People: and also with you.

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

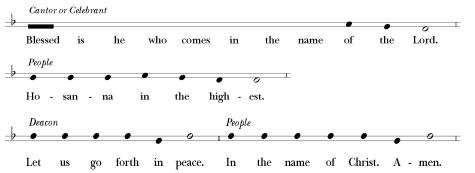
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise

Blessing Over the Branches

Celebrant: It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day He entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along His way. Let these branches be for us signs of His victory, and grant that we who bear them in His name may ever hail Him as our King, and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

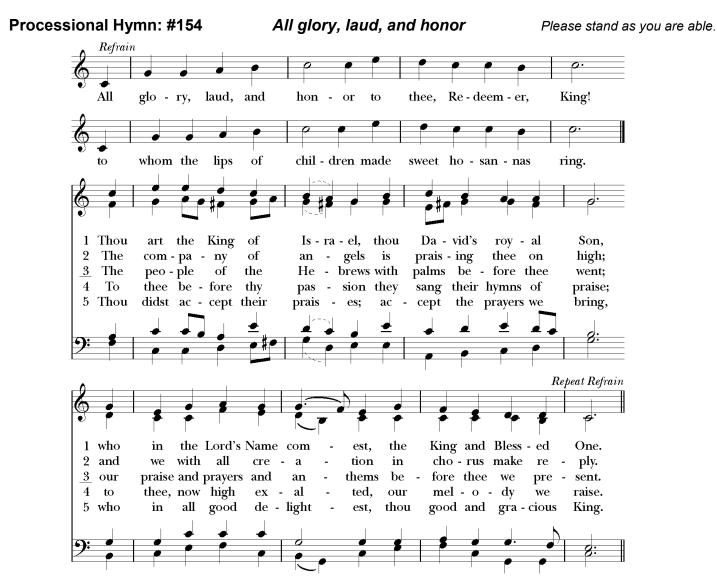
Palms are distributed; please stand as you are able.

Procession of the Palms:



Hymnal #153

Weather permitting, the congregation will process around the outside of the church singing the following hymn. Bells will free ring in procession and stop upon entrance to the church. In the middle of the procession (after verse 3 of the hymn) we will stop and say the following prayer. After entering the church we will return to our seats.



Celebrant & People: Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Collect of the Day

- *Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.
- People: And also with you.
- *Celebrant:* Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Reader: A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:9-16

Reader: Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;

People: my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

- *Reader:* For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
- *People:* my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.
- *Reader:* I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance;
- People: when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- *Reader:* I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind;
- People: I am as useless as a broken pot.
- *Reader:* For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
- People: they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.
- *Reader:* But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.
- People: I have said, "You are my God.
- *Reader:* My times are in your hand;
- *People:* rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- *Reader:* Make your face to shine upon your servant,
- People: and in your loving-kindness save me."

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Reader: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader:The word of the Lord.People:Thanks be to God.

Gradual:

Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

| Narrator: | The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke. |
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| Narrator: | When the hour for the Passover meal came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, |
| Jesus: | "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." |
| Narrator: | Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, |
| Jesus: | "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." |
| Narrator: | Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, |
| Jesus: | "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." |
| Narrator: | And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, |
| Jesus: | "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" |
| Narrator: | Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this. |
| | A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, |
| Jesus: | "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. |
| | "You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. |
| | "Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." |
| Narrator: | And he said to him, |
| Peter: | "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!" |
| Narrator: | Jesus said, |
| Jesus: | "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me." |
| Narrator: | He said to them, |
| Jesus: | "When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?" |
| Narrator: | They said, |
| Disciples: | "No, not a thing." |
| Narrator: | He said to them, |
| Jesus: | "But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, `And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled." |
| Narrator [.] | They said |

Narrator: They said,

Disciples: "Lord, look, here are two swords."

Narrator: He replied,

Jesus: "It is enough."

- *Narrator:* He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,
- Jesus: "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial."
- *Narrator:* Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,
- Jesus: "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done."
- *Narrator:* Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,
- Jesus: "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."
- *Narrator:* While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,
- Jesus: "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?"
- *Narrator:* When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,
- Disciples: "Lord, should we strike with the sword?"
- *Narrator:* Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,
- Jesus: "No more of this!"
- *Narrator:* And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,
- *Jesus:* "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"
- *Narrator:* Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,
- Servant: "This man also was with him."
- *Narrator:* But he denied it, saying,
- Peter: "Woman, I do not know him."
- Narrator: A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,
- Accuser: "You also are one of them."
- Narrator: But Peter said,
- Peter: "Man, I am not!"
- *Narrator:* Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,
- Accuser: "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean."
- Narrator: But Peter said,
- Peter: "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!"
- *Narrator:* At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

- *Narrator:* Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,
- Soldiers: "Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?"

Narrator: They kept heaping many other insults on him.

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

Assembly: "If you are the Messiah, tell us."

Narrator: He replied,

- *Jesus:* "If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."
- *Narrator:* All of them asked,
- Assembly: "Are you, then, the Son of God?"
- Narrator: He said to them,
- Jesus: "You say that I am."
- *Narrator:* Then they said,
- Assembly: "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"
- *Narrator:* Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,
- Assembly: "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king."
- Narrator: Then Pilate asked him,
- Pilate: "Are you the king of the Jews?"
- Narrator: He answered,
- Jesus: "You say so."
- *Narrator:* Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,
- *Pilate:* "I find no basis for an accusation against this man."
- *Narrator:* But they were insistent and said,
- Assembly: "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."
- *Narrator:* When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

- *Pilate:* "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."
- *Narrator:* Then they all shouted out together,

Assembly: "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"

Narrator: (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

Assembly: "Crucify, crucify him!"

Narrator: A third time he said to them,

- *Pilate:* "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him."
- *Narrator:* But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

Jesus: "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

At the mention of the place called the Skull, all should stand, as able.

- *Narrator:* Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,
- *Jesus:* "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."
- *Narrator:* And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,
- Assembly: "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"
- Narrator: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,
- Soldiers: "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"
- *Narrator:* There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

- Criminal 1: "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"
- Narrator: But the other rebuked him, saying,
- *Criminal 2:* "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."
- *Narrator:* Then he said,
- Criminal 2: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."
- Narrator: He replied,
- *Jesus:* "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."
- *Narrator:* It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

Jesus: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

Narrator: Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

Centurion: "Certainly this man was innocent."

Narrator: And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Homily: The Rev. Chris Cole

Silence for reflection after the sermon.

Prayers of the People

Please kneel, sit or stand.

Please be seated.

- *Reader:* Bound together in Christ in the communion of the Holy Spirit, let us pray with one heart and mind to God our Father.
- *Reader:* For peace from things that separate us from one another and for our salvation.
- People: Lord, have mercy.
- *Reader:* For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, especially...
- People: All Souls', Oklahoma City; Diocese of Southwestern Virginia; Diocese of Virginia; The Church in Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.
- *Reader:* For this holy gathering and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God. *People:* Lord, have mercy.

Reader: We pray for...

People: Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Poulson, our Bishop; Chris & Tom, our clergy; Alex & Pat, our wardens; vestry, delegates, all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. Lord, have mercy.

- *Reader:* For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people. We pray for our leaders, especially...
- *People:* Joe, our President; Kamala, our Vice-president; Markwayne, our Congressman; James & Jim, our Senators; Kevin, our Governor; and Marlon, our Mayor. Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For prisoners, the oppressed, all those in need or suffering, especially...

- People: Quinn & Nancy, Bill, Dennis C., Dennis C. Jr., James & Shirley, John & Sharon, Pat & Joe, Sakina, Eliso, Vitality & Natalia, Finley, Terra, Jeremy, Ronnie, those impacted by war—especially in Ukraine, all emergency responders, United States Military, and those whose suffering is known only to God.
- *Reader:* We pray for those who have died, *(especially...)*
- People: Lord, have mercy.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Reader: For ourselves, our families, and those we love. We pray for those in our parish, especially ...

People: Tad, Tish, Dorothy, Shelia, and Tom.

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Reader: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you. People:

Greet one another in the name of Christ. Please return to your seats when you hear the bell.

Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversary Blessings

Welcome to our guests today. If you are new to Grace for the first time or even if you have been here once or twice before, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the plate. We promise not to harass you, but we would like to include you on our weekly email broadcasts and other event notifications. Thank you for the blessing of your presence today.

Offertory Sentence

Peace

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Anthem: Open the Gates / Lord of the Wind and the Sea Choir

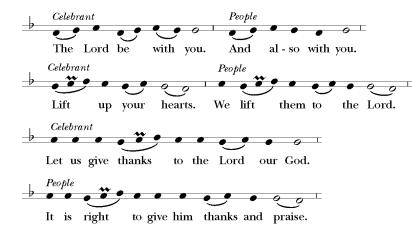
Doxology: Hymnal #380 v. 3

Please stand and sing as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Sursum Corda



Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

Please be seated.

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:

Sanctus: #S-124

The Celebrant continues:

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Celebrant: [†] 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,

Celebrant & People: We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.

Celebrant: 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 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*.

Lord's Prayer

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

Celebrant & 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.

Fraction Anthem: #S-164

At Grace Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please tell the usher if you need communion brought to you at your seat. IF you wish to receive the bread only, hold your palms upward, consume the bread, and cross your arms over your chest when the chalice bearer approaches. Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion are invited to come to the altar rail to receive a Blessing, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest when the priest approaches. *Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Anthem:

Come to the Table

Choir

We Go Out To Do Our Work

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Let us pray. Celebrant & People: 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.

Blessing

- *Celebrant:* May God bless you, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**
- Recessional Hymn: #436 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates (v. 1,4,5)

Please stand as you are able.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.



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