

PRELUDE: Cello Etude

F. Chopin

PENITENTIAL ORDER

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(The peoples' responses are in bold)

CALL TO WORSHIP: Kyrie Eleison

Hans Leo Hassler

Lord Have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have Mercy.

The people, standing as able, as the Altar party enters in silence

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People **His mercy endures forever. Amen.**

The people, kneeling as able

THE DECALOGUE: CONTEMPORARY

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Presider Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Presider **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider Honor your father and your mother.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider You shall not commit murder.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider You shall not commit adultery.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider You shall not steal.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider You shall not be a false witness.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

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Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

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.

ABSOLUTION

Presider 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.**

The people, standing as able

KYRIE, WLP 839: Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people, seated, as able, through the Second Reading

FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9-12

Reader A reading from Joshua.

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sung in unison, beginning after the asterisk in the first verse

RESPONSE: Psalm 32:1-6,11-12, *Beati quorum*

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1 Happy are they whose transgressions are for- / given, *
and whose sin is put a- / way!

- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no / guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no / guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered a- / way, *
because of my groaning all day / long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and / night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of / summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to / you, *
and did not conceal my / guilt.
- 6 I said, " I will confess my transgressions to the / LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my / sin. ...
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the / wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the / LORD.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the / LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of / heart.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Reader A reading from the second letter to the Corinthians.

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people, standing as able through the end of the Gospel Reading

HYMN 479 (vs. 1, 2, 3): Glory be to Jesus

1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, who in bit - ter pains
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal in that blood I find,
3 Blest through end - less a - ges be the pre - cious stream
4 Oft as earth ex - ult - ing wafts its praise on high,
5 Lift ye then your voic - es; swell the might - y flood;

1 poured for me the life - blood from his sa - cred veins!
2 blest be his com - pas - sion in - fi - nite - ly kind!
3 which from sin and sor - row doth the world re - deem!
4 an - gel hosts, re - joic - ing, make their glad re - ply.
5 loud - er still and loud - er praise the pre - cious blood.

Words: Italian, 18th cent.; tr. Edward Caswall (1814-1878), alt. Music: *Wem in Leidenstagen*, Friedrich Filitz (1804-1860).

THE GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and

traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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

The people, seated

THE SERMON: The Rev. E. Weston Mathews

The people, standing as able

THE NICENE CREED *(In unison)*

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**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, *[low bow]* 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 *[low bow]*:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man. *[Stand erect]*
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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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 *[Sign of the cross]* of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People *That we all may be one.*

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

People *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

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

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

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; especially Glenn our Governor, Gerry our Representative, Tim and Mark our Senators, Donald our President, the justices and judges of the federal courts, Richard our delegate, Jennifer our Senator to the state legislature, and the justices and judges of the commonwealth courts.

People *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Leader We pray for the St. Francis Creche School, the Scouts, the Recovery Community of St. Francis, and the Search Committee for a new Director of Family Ministries. We give thanks for the meal preparation event at St. Francis and for Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington. We pray also for Franciscans who are currently preparing for Holy Baptism, Confirmation, Reception into The Episcopal Church, and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

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

People *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest;

People *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. Open the hands of your people to reach out in love to those around the world who are in fear

for their lives, who face turbulent conditions caused by us and by nature, and whose daily lives are made difficult by their circumstances: people in the United States of America, people of Holy Family Church and Mills River, NC, people of the Ezo Diocese, Afghanistan, China, Gaza, Iran, Israel, Lebanon, the Palestinian Authority, Qatar, Russia, Ukraine, and the West Bank.

People *Hear our prayer.*

Leader We ask you to care for: James, Holly, Nan, Marlene, Betty, Dana, Luke, David, Barbara & Bill, Jeff Sr., Hugh Sr., Cathy, Lawrence, David, Jon, Jessica, Paula, Clara Sue, Grace, Debra, Taylor, Kelly & Alex, and Dut. We pray also for Mel Diaz & Lillian Moring as they prepare for Holy Matrimony.

People *Hear our prayer.*

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Presider O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people, standing as able

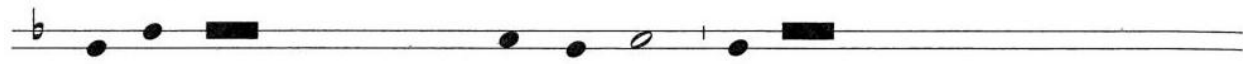
THE PEACE

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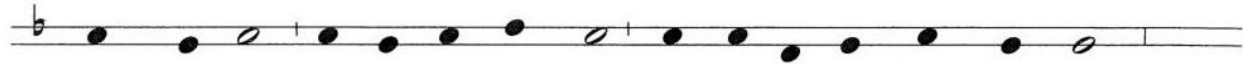
Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

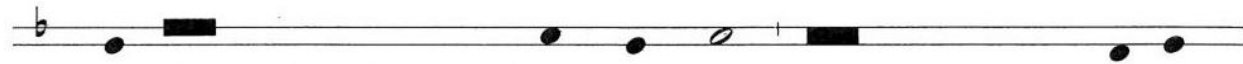
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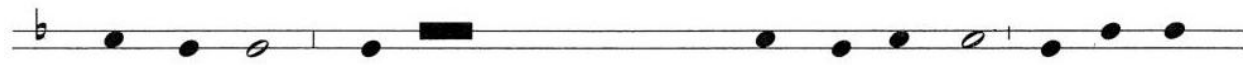
It is right and a good and joy - ful thing, al - ways and everywhere to give



thanks to you, Fa - ther Al - migh - ty, Cre - a - tor of heav'n and earth.



You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the



Pas - chal feast; that fervent in prayer and in works of mer - cy, and re - new'd



by your Word and Sac - ra - ments, they may come to the full - ness of grace



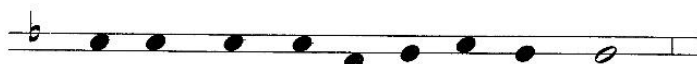
which you have prepar'd for those who love you.



There - fore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Arch - an - gels



and with all the compa - ny of hea - ven who for ev - er sing this hymn



to pro - claim the glo - ry of your Name:

SANCTUS, S 124

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

Presider Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

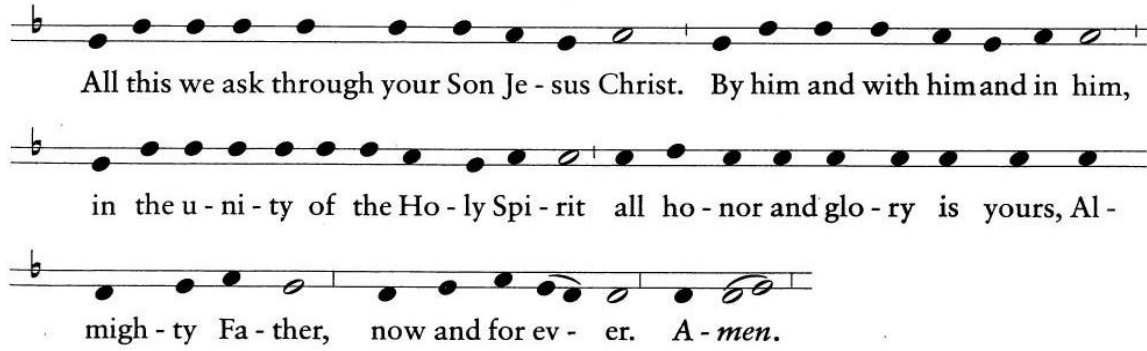
On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” After supper he took the cup of 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.



All this we ask through your Son Je - sus Christ. By him and with him and in him,
in the u - ni - ty of the Ho - ly Spi - rit all ho - nor and glo - ry is yours, Al -
migh - ty Fa - ther, now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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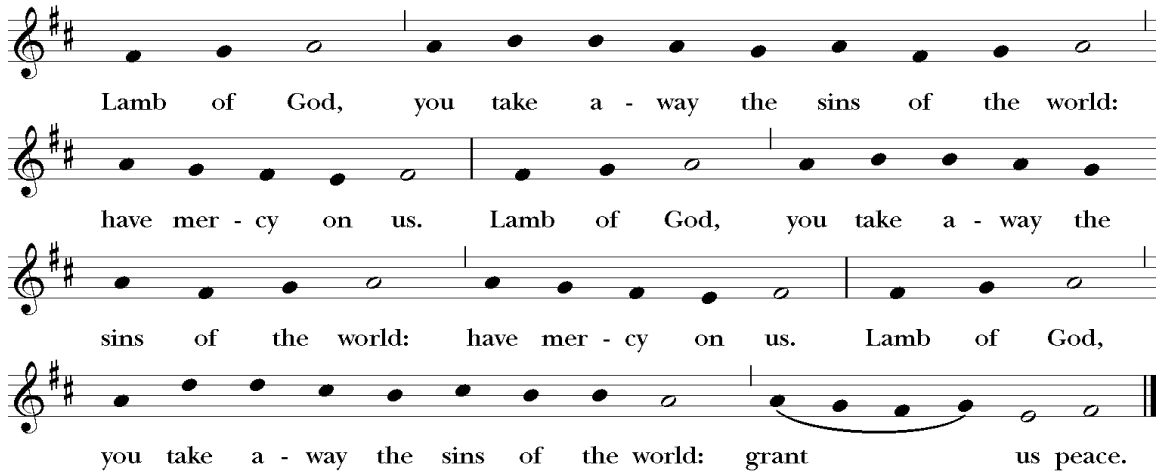
Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,



Our Father, who art in heaven, Hal-lowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heav-en
Give us this day our dai - ly bread, And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who tres-pass a-gainst us. And lead us not in - to
temp-tation, but de-liv - er us from e - vil. For thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glo - ry. For ev - er and ev - er, A - men.

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD, S 161 Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

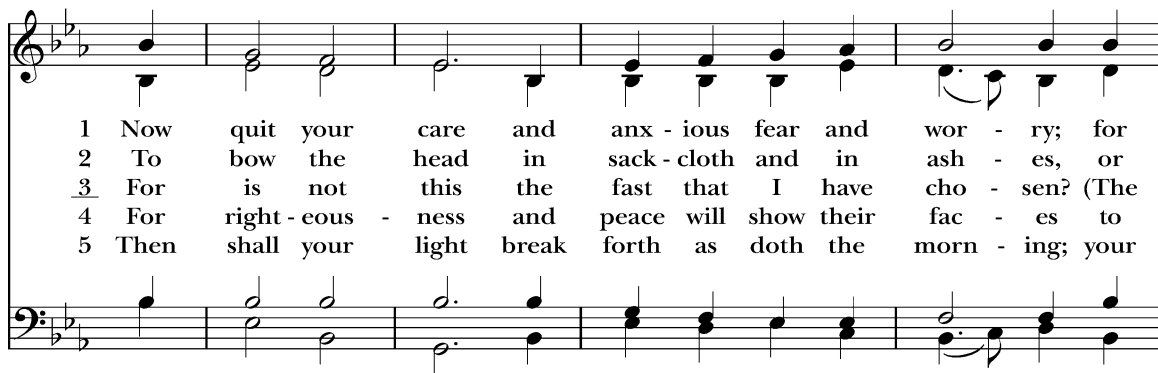
COMMUNION INVITATION

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Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Behold what you are. Become what you receive.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants.

HYMN 145: Now quit your care



1 Now quit your care and anx - ious fear and wor - ry; for
2 To bow the head in sack - cloth and in ash - es, or
3 For is not this the fast that I have cho - sen? (The
4 For right - eous - ness and peace will show their fac - es to
5 Then shall your light break forth as doth the morn - ing; your

The Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 30, 2025, 10:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite II

1 schemes are vain and fretting brings no gain. Lent calls to
 2 rend the soul, such grief is not Lent's goal; but to be
 3 pro - phet spoke) To shat - ter ev - ery yoke, of wick - ed -
 4 those who feed the hun - gry in their need, and wrongs re -
 5 health shall spring, the friends you make shall bring God's glo - ry

1 prayer, to trust and ded - i - ca - tion; God brings new beau - ty
 2 led to where God's glo - ry flash - es, his beau - ty to come
 3 ness the griev - ous bands to loos - en, op - pres - sion put to
 4 dress, who build the old waste plac - es, and in the dark - ness
 5 bright, your way through life a - dorn - ing; and love shall be the

Unison

Harmony

1 nigh; re - ply, re - ply, re - ply with love to love most high;
 2 near. Make clear, make clear, make clear where truth and light ap - pear;
 3 flight, to fight, to fight to fight till ev - ery wrong's set right.
 4 shine. Di - vine, di - vine, di - vine it is when all com - bine!
 5 prize. A - rise, a - rise, a - rise! and make a par - a - dise!

Unison

Harmony

1 re - ply, re - ply, re - ply with love to love most high.
 2 Make clear, make clear, make clear where truth and light ap - pear.
 3 to fight, to fight to fight till ev - ery wrong's set right.
 4 Di - vine, di - vine, di - vine it is when all com - bine!
 5 A - rise, a - rise, a - rise! and make a par - a - dise!

Words: Percy Dearmer (1867-1936), alt. Music: *Quittez, Pasteurs*, French carol; harm. Martin Fallas Shaw (1875-1958).

The people, standing as able.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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Presider Let us pray.

**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

Paraphrase of Henri-Frédéric Amiel

Presider Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who are traveling the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

POSTCOMMUNION, HYMN 474: When I survey the wondrous cross

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music: *Rockingham*, from *Second Supplement to Psalmsody in Miniature*, ca. 1970; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807).

DISMISSAL

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Presider Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

*During the season of Lent there is no postlude.
You are invited to depart worship in silence during this season.*

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