



# Grace Episcopal Church

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II - 10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* – R. Powell

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #290 *(In the Blue Hymnal)*

*Come, ye thankful people*



1 Come, ye thank - ful    peo - ple, come,    raise the song of    har - vest-home:  
2 All the world is    God's own field,    fruit un - to his    praise to yield;  
3 For the Lord our    God shall come,    and shall take his    har - vest home;  
4 E - ven so, Lord,    quick - ly come    to thy fi - nal    har - vest-home;



all is safe - ly    gath - ered in,    ere the win - ter    storms be - gin;  
wheat and tares to -    geth - er sown,    un - to joy or    sor - row grown:  
from his field shall    in that day    all of - fens - es    purge a - way;  
gath - er thou thy    peo - ple in,    free from sor-row,    free from sin;



1 God,    our Ma - ker,    doth pro - vide    for our wants to  
2 first    the blade, and    then the ear,    then    the full corn  
3 give    his an - gels    charge at last    in    the fire the  
4 there,    for ev - er    pur - i - fied,    in    thy pres - ence



be sup - plied;    come    to God's    own    tem - ple,  
shall ap - pear:    grant,    O har - vest    Lord,    that  
tares to cast,    but    the fruit - ful    ears    to  
to a - bid;    come,    with all    thine    an - gels,



come,    raise the song of    har - vest - home.  
we    whole - some grain and    pure may be.  
store    in his gar - ner    ev - er - more.  
come,    raise the glo - rious    har - vest - home.

## 355 OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** (*Hymnal S280, front section of hymnal, sung by all*)

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world;*

*have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### THE FIRST LESSON

*Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18*

*Lector* A reading from the Prophet Zephaniah.

Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is at hand;  
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,  
he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,  
and I will punish the people  
who rest complacently on their dregs,  
those who say in their hearts,  
"The LORD will not do good,  
nor will he do harm."

Their wealth shall be plundered,  
and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,

they shall not inhabit them;  
though they plant vineyards,  
they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the LORD is near,  
near and hastening fast;  
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,  
the warrior cries aloud there.

That day will be a day of wrath,  
a day of distress and anguish,  
a day of ruin and devastation,  
a day of darkness and gloom,

a day of clouds and thick darkness,  
 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry  
 against the fortified cities  
 and against the lofty battlements.  
 I will bring such distress upon people  
 that they shall walk like the blind;  
 because they have sinned against the LORD,  
 their blood shall be poured out like dust,  
 and their flesh like dung.  
 Neither their silver nor their gold  
 will be able to save them  
 on the day of the LORD's wrath;  
 in the fire of his passion  
 the whole earth shall be consumed;  
 for a full, a terrible end  
 he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

- The Word of the Lord      **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 90:1-12** (*Responsively, by whole verse*)

<sup>1</sup> Lord, you have been our refuge  
 from one generation to another.

<sup>2</sup> **Before the mountains were brought forth,  
 or the land and the earth were born,  
 from age to age you are God.**

<sup>3</sup> You turn us back to the dust and say,  
 "Go back, O child of earth."

<sup>4</sup> **For a thousand years in your sight are like  
 yesterday when it is past  
 and like a watch in the night.**

<sup>5</sup> You sweep us away like a dream;  
 we fade away suddenly like the grass.

<sup>6</sup> **In the morning it is green and flourishes;  
 in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

<sup>7</sup> For we consume away in your displeasure;  
 we are afraid because of your wrathful  
 indignation.

<sup>8</sup> **Our iniquities you have set before you,  
 and our secret sins in the light of your  
 countenance.**

<sup>9</sup> When you are angry, all our days are gone;  
 we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

<sup>10</sup> **The span of our life is seventy years,  
 perhaps in strength even eighty;  
 yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,  
 for they pass away quickly and we are gone.**

<sup>11</sup> Who regards the power of your wrath?  
 who rightly fears your indignation?

<sup>12</sup> **So teach us to number our days  
 that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

*Lector* A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

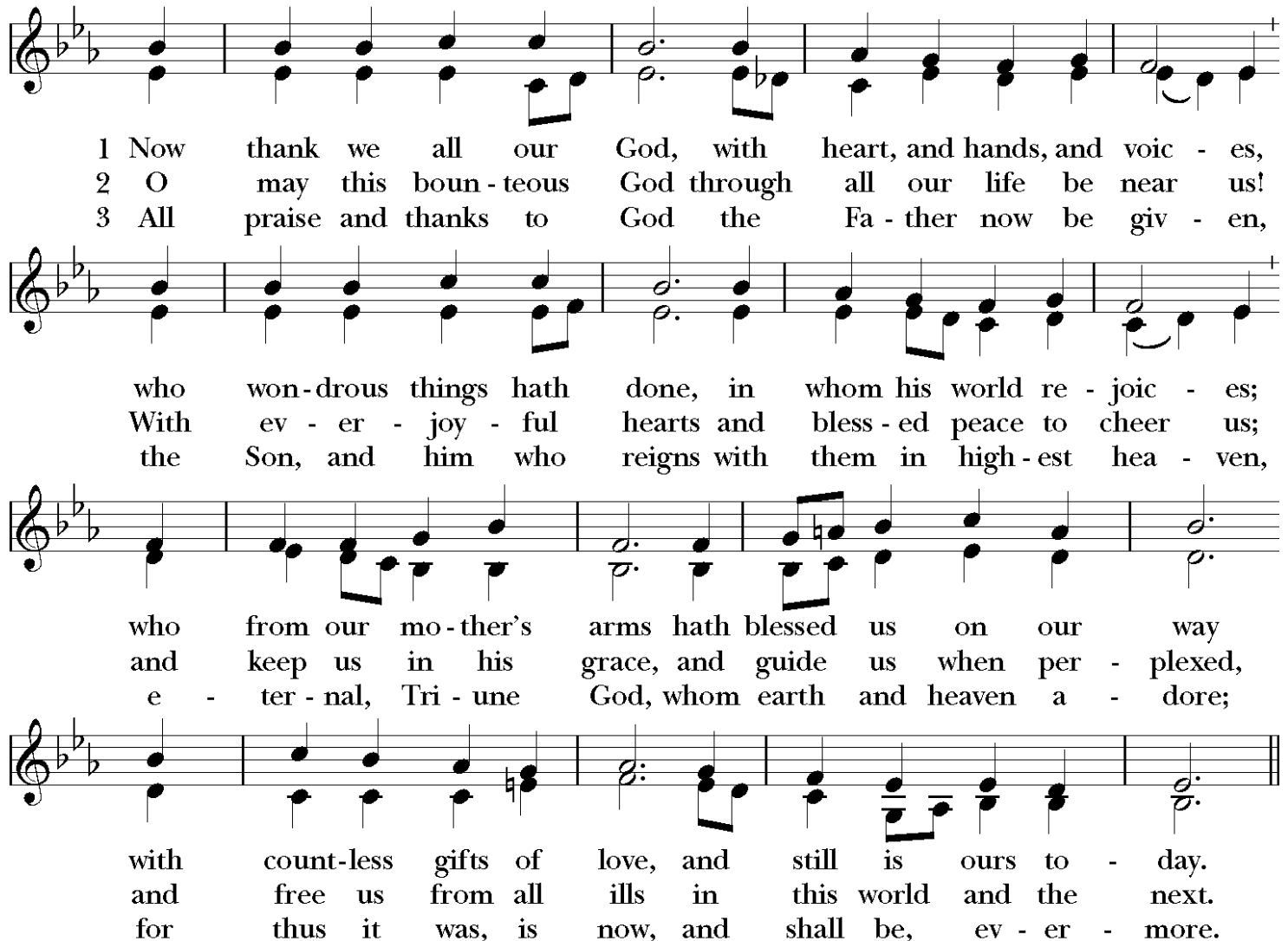
Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

- The Word of the Lord    **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

SEQUENCE HYMN #397 (vv. 1-2) *(In the Blue Hymnal)*

*Now thank we all our God*



1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,  
 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!  
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
 who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;  
 With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,  
 who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way  
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
 eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;  
 with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ever-more.

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

**SEQUENCE HYMN #397 (v. 3)** *(In the Blue Hymnal)*

*Now thank we all our God*

*(Please be seated)*

**THE HOMILY**

The Rev. Edward Kelaher

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 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 of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

388 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM IV AND CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence* Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence* Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence* Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence* Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence* Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence* Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

We pray for all who are traveling, especially **Cameron** Klass, **Julia** Klass, and **Josey** Parker and those with special needs:

**Julie** Dayvault, **Lou** Adkins, **Mark** Adkins, **Amanda** Amon, **Ella** Asebes, **David** Bankston, **Rhonda** Bralkowski, **Alice** Brandon & family, **Gayle** Burke, **Art** Burkhart, **Emily** Duquette Byers, **Serafina** Byers, **Lynne** Cleckley, **John** Clippard, **Joan** Clodfelter, **Linda** Clodfelter, **Morgan** Curia, **Tracy** Davis, **Susan** Dixon, **Renee** Ewbank, **Cathy** Farley, **Jenny** Gallen, **Shana** Garland, **Jane** Grimes, **George** Hanna, **Rob** Hare, **Kristen** Harris, **Nancy** Hinkle, **Lucy** Hodge, **Chris** Hodges, **Jon** Huff, **Jahiya** Huntley, **Greg** Hutchins, **Tanya** Johnson, **Chris** Kearley, **Lindsay** Layfield, **Cara** Lee, **Beattie** Logan, **Warren** MacKinstry, **Debbie** Mason, **Kate** McKenzie, **Roan** Mitchell, **Dan & Fran** Moore, **Ronnie** Moretz, **O'Lema** Morgan, **Chocolate** Myers, **Howard** Palmer, **Jerry** Peace, **Fred** Pfohl, **Gabby** Plott, **Pat** Plummer, **Libby** Robert, **Gail** Rogers, **Jacklyn** Rojas, **Lucas** Sanabria, **Suzy** Sheets, **Patty** Short, **Talmadge** Silversides, **Annabell** Smith, **Martha Ellen** Smith, **Jackie** Touchton, **Brenda** Tyndall, **Lou** Van Dyke, **Perry** Grimes Van Dyke, **Kathy** Watson, **Flynn** Williams, **Henry** Williams, **Mary & Jay** Williams, **Vickie** Wolfe, and **Charlotte** Young.

“Are there others?”

Hear us, Lord; *For your mercy is great.*

*Celebrant*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

*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 if you are able*

## 360 THE PEACE

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

#### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

#### OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS #288 (vv. 1&3)** *(The offering is brought forth while the hymn is being sung)*

*Praise to God, immortal praise, for the love that crowns our days;  
bounteous source of every joy, let thy praise our tongues employ:  
all to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our blessings flow.*

*As thy prospering hand hath blessed, may we give thee of our best;  
and by deeds of kindly love for thy mercies grateful prove;  
singing thus through all our days praise to God, immortal praise.*

## 361 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 him 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.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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** *(sung by all)**(From Wonder, Love, and Praise)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people may stand or kneel*

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,

**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 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.**

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

364 <b>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</b>	<b>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.</b>
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### 364 THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant*      Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

### INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation*

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.

*All baptized Christians of any denomination are invited to come forward for Holy Communion at the Lord's Table.  
You may receive both the bread and wine, or only the bread or only the wine.*

*Receiving Communion in one or both forms is sufficient sacramentally.*

*If you prefer neither bread nor wine, you also are invited to come forward and to simply  
cross your arms over your chest as a sign for the minister to provide you with a holy blessing of the Lord.*

### 366 POST-COMMUNION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant and People*

**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 BLESSING

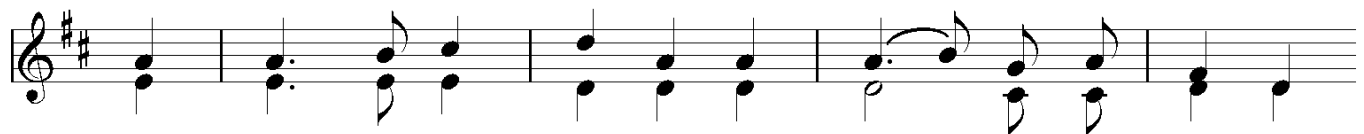
Lord of bounty and blessing, we have come to you this day in gratitude for all that we have been given. We are grateful for the blessings and for the opportunities to be of service to others in your holy Name. Bless each of us here, that we may become truly blessings to others. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. ✠ **Amen.**



1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;  
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,  
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,



he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;  
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;  
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.



the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing;  
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;  
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion:



sing prais - es to his Name; he for - gets not his own.  
 thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glo - ry be thine!  
 thy Name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

## THE DISMISSAL

*The Celebrant dismisses the people*

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

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

## POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Tune on "Let All Things Now Living" - D. Lasky*

*The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God  
 by Max & Peggy Walser  
 in loving memory of their grandson Nicholas Melomo.*

## WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

**Lector:** Mary Matthews  
**Intercessor:** Judie Reed  
**Lay Eucharistic Minister:** Tommy Black, Kathie Goodman  
**Ushers:** Wes Allred, Chandler Allred  
**Greeter:** Melissa and David Thayer  
**Acolytes:** Hadley Briggs, Tanner Sheets,  
Fisher Welborn

## WELCOME GUESTS AND NEWCOMERS!

We are delighted to have you worship with us today, and we would welcome the opportunity to get acquainted. Please sign the Guest Book in the narthex and join us immediately following the service in the courtyard (weather permitting) or in the Parish Hall (in the adjacent building) for refreshments and conversation. **Today our host is Lynn Meeks.**

Infants and young children are always welcome to worship with their families in the sanctuary. However, we also offer a nursery in our Undercroft downstairs (basement of the church). Children may remain there the entire service or will be walked up to the sanctuary during The Peace (please let the nursery attendant know your preference).

The restrooms are located in the rear hallway, and diaper-changing stations are provided in both rooms.

**During Holy Communion**, if you are unable to receive communion at the altar rail, please notify an usher so that communion can be brought to you.

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Vestry Person of the Month for November is Marilyn Taylor.