



# Grace Episcopal Church

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

*Communion* - Fracois-Clement-Theodore Dubois, ed. Wayne Leupold

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #292 (*In the Blue Hymnal*)

*O Jesus, crowned with renown*

1 O Je - sus, crowned with all re - nown, since thou the earth hast  
2 Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dew be  
3 that we may feed the poor a - right, and, gath - ering round thy  
trod, thou reign - est and by thee come down hence -  
given; all fos - tering power, all in - fluence sweet, breathe  
throne, here, in the ho - ly an - gels' sight, re -  
forth the gifts of God. Thine is the health and  
from the bount - eous heaven. At - tem - per fair with  
pay thee of thine own: That we may praise thee  
thine the wealth that in our halls a - bound, and  
gen - tle air the sun - shine and the rain, that  
all our days, and with the Fa - ther's Name, and  
thine the beau - ty and the joy with which the years are crowned.  
kind - ly earth with time - ly birth may yield her fruits a - gain:  
with the Ho - ly Spi - rit's gifts, the Sa - vior's love pro - claim.

## 355 OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen!

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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 (Sung by all)

*Organ* *Unison Voices*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King,  
al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
*slower* Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:  
have mer - cy up - on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand  
*a tempo* of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone  
are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,  
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Acts 10:44-48*

*Lector* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

## PSALM 98 *(responsively by whole verse)*

<sup>1</sup> Sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.

**<sup>2</sup> With his right hand and his holy arm  
has he won for himself the victory.**

<sup>3</sup> The LORD has made known his victory;  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the  
sight of the nations.

**<sup>4</sup> He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to  
the house of Israel,  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the  
victory of our God.**

<sup>5</sup> Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

**<sup>6</sup> Sing to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.**

<sup>7</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

**<sup>8</sup> Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,  
the lands and those who dwell therein.**

<sup>9</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before  
the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.

**<sup>10</sup> In righteousness shall he judge the world  
and the peoples with equity.**

*Lector* A reading from the first letter of John.

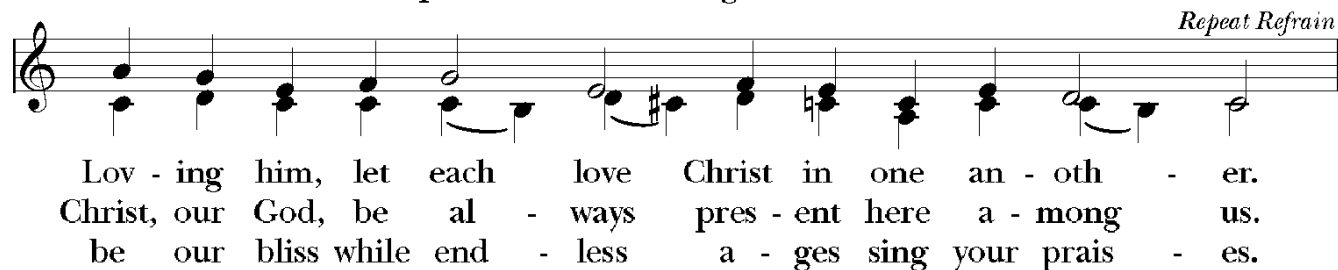
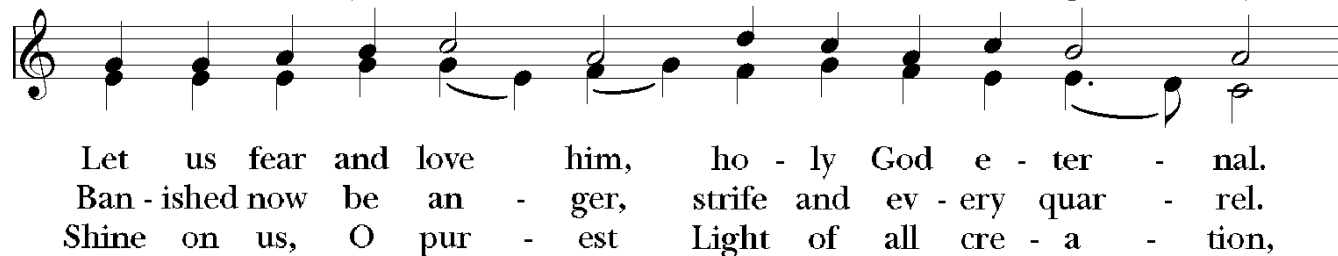
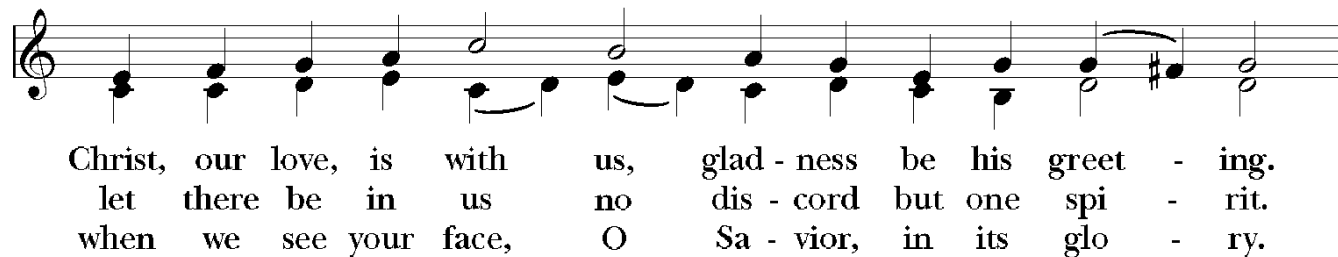
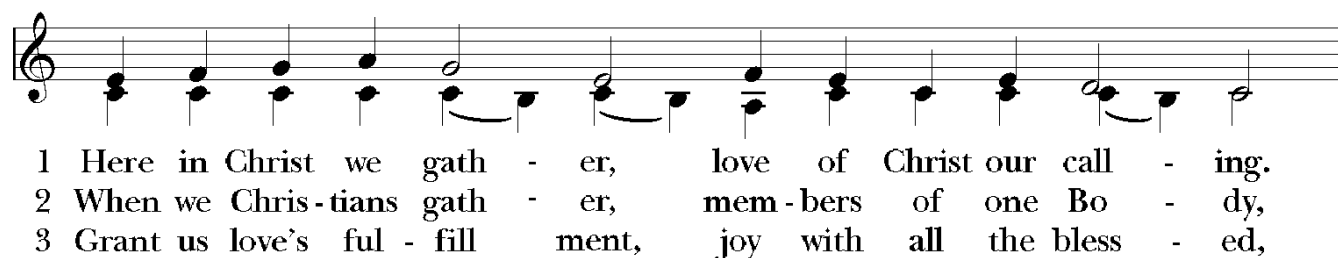
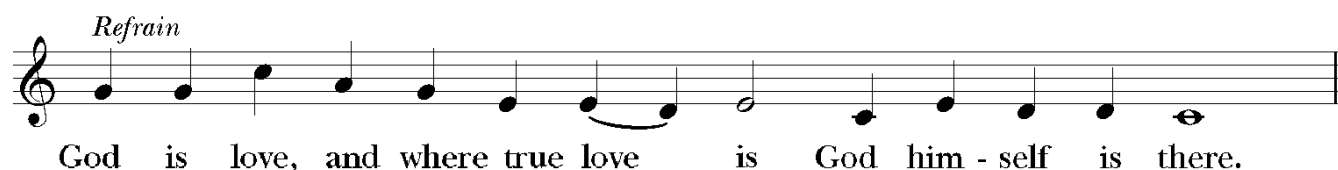
Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN #577 (vv. 1-2) (In the Blue Hymnal)

*Here in Christ we gather*



*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

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

SEQUENCE HYMN #577 (v. 3) *(In the Blue Hymnal)*

*Here in Christ we gather*

THE SERMON

The Reverend Ed Kelaher, Rector

### 358 THE NICENE CREED

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.

### 392 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM VI)

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world; we pray for Joe our President, Roy our Governor, Jason our Mayor, and John and Tommy our Councilmen;

*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;

*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Samuel and Jennifer our Bishops; and Ed our Priest; and all other bishops and ministers;

*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.      *Silence*

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

**Tom** King, **Lou** Adkins, **Mark** Adkins, **Amanda** Amon, **Ella** Asebes, **Alice** Brandon & family, **Susan** Branscomb, **Gayle** Burke, **Art** Burkhart, **Elizabeth** Byerly, **Seraphina** Byers, **Jean** Campbell, **Lynne** Cleckley, **Melissa** Clifton, **John** Clippard, **Joan** Clodfelter, **Linda** Clodfelter, **Morgan** Curia, **Dan** DiRenzo, **Susan** Dixon, **Kim** Dube, **Renee** Ewbank, **Cathy** Farley, **Jenny** Gallen, **Shana** Garland, **Jane** Grimes, **George** Hanna, **Rob** Hare, **Kristen** Harris, **Nancy** Hinkle, **Chris** Hodges, **Jahiya** Huntley, **Greg** Hutchins, **Alisa** Johnson, **Chris** Kearley, **Cara** Lee, **Warren** MacKinstry, **Liz** Marr, **Debbie** Mason, **Martha & Drew** Mayse, **Kate** McKenzie, **Roan** Mitchell, **Cathy** Mogge, **Dan & Fran** Moore, **Chocolate** Myers, **Howard** Palmer, **Gabby** Plott, **Jacklyn** Rojas, **Christine** Ryals, **Lucas** Sanabria, **Lynn** Santolla, **Suzy** Sheets, **Patty** Short, **Talmadge** Silversides, **Martha Ellen** Smith, **Debbie** Todd, **Jackie** Touchton, **Brenda** Tyndall, **Perry** Grimes Van Dyke, **Flynn** Williams, **Mary & Jay** Williams, **Paul** Wylie, and **Charlotte** Young.

“Are there others?”

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

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.      *Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;      *And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

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

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; *Who put their trust in you.*

*The celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: 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.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence*

*Celebrant and People*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY *(Choir only)*

*Come ye faithful* - R. G. Thatcher

### PRESENTATION OF GIFTS DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.*

*Praise Him, all creatures here below.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

### 361 THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Eucharistic Prayer A)*

*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.

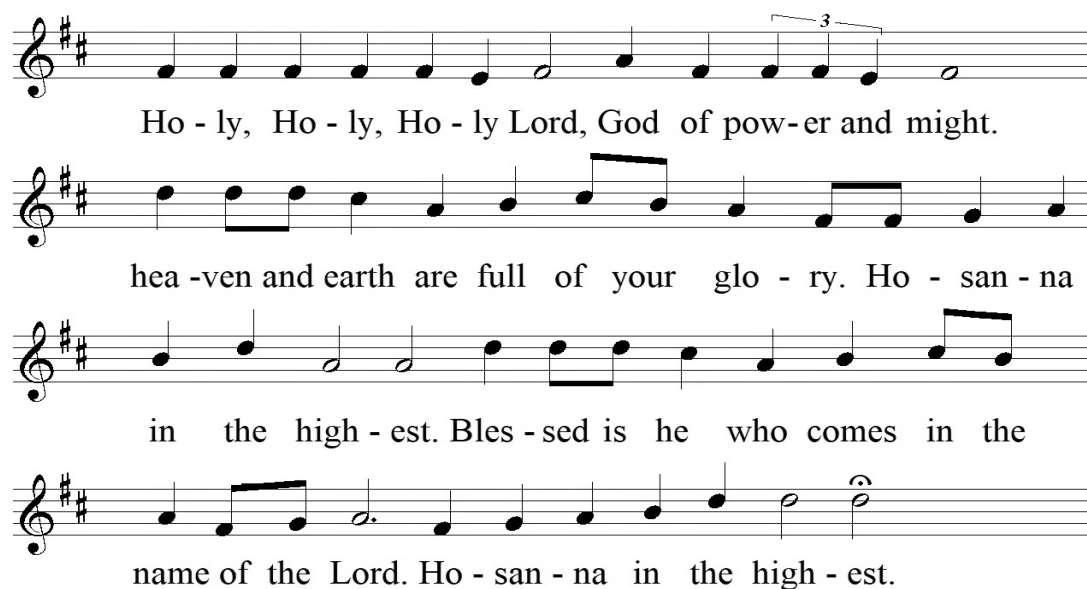
*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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

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

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

**SANCTUS** (*Sung by All*)



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. Bles - sed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*The people may stand or kneel*

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:

*Celebrant and People*    **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 Jesus Christ. 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,

**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.**

### 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 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.*

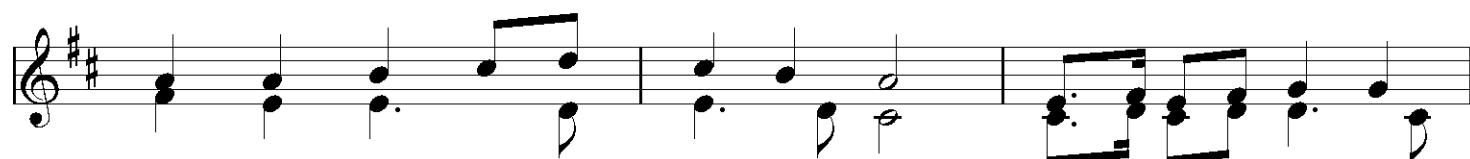
*During Holy Communion, if you are unable to receive communion at the altar rail, please notify an usher so that communion can be brought to you.*



1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
 2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's  
 3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the



joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,  
 joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion  
 world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,  
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,  
 glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
 ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;  
 may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

## 366 POST-COMMUNION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

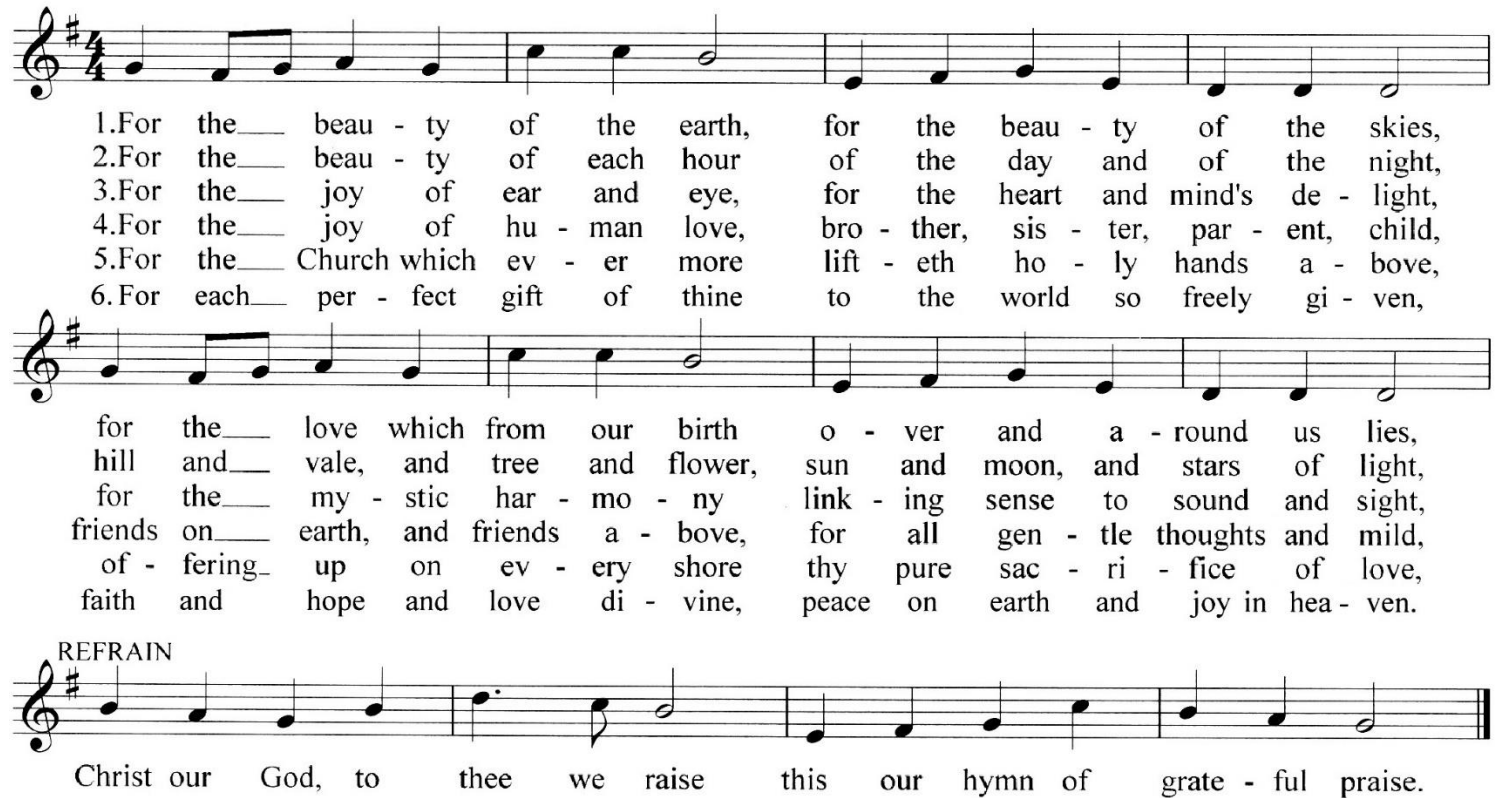
*Celebrant and People*

**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

*The Celebrant blesses the people*

Go now with the peace of God resting upon you. Go with the love of Christ dwelling within you. And depart with the presence of the Holy Spirit abiding in your heart, mind, and soul. ✠ **Amen.**



1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
 2. For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
 4. For the joy of hu - man love, bro - ther, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
 5. For the Church which ev - er more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,  
 6. For each per - fect gift of thine to the world so freely gi - ven,  
 for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,  
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
 for the my - stic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,  
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,  
 of - fering - up on ev - ery shore thy pure sac - ri - fice of love,  
 faith and hope and love di - vine, peace on earth and joy in hea - ven.

REFRAIN  
 Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

# THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
*People* Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!

# POSTLUDE

*Organ Voluntary in C Major - A. Kehrler, ed. Wayne Leupold*

*The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God  
 by Neil Shepherd  
 in loving memory of my parents, Stanley & Gloria Shepherd,  
 and the life they gave me 65 years ago.*

# WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

**Lector:** Jim Nance  
**Intercessor:** Elizabeth Purdy  
**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** Tommy Black, Staley Nance  
**Ushers:** Richard Wolfe, Bill Gilleland  
**Greeter:** Frances Garner  
**Acolytes:** Anderson Carter, Chandler Allred, Merritt Carter

## 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 Parish Hall (in the building next door) 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.

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

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The Right Reverend Samuel Rodman, Diocesan Bishop  
The Right Reverend Jennifer Brooke-Davidson, Assistant Bishop

The Reverend Edward T. Kelaher, Rector  
Bill Herndon, Organist and Choir Director  
Joan Clodfelter, Minister of Music Emerita  
Kathy Johnson, Christian Education Director  
Maureen Tincher, Parish Administrator  
John Taylor, Facilities Manager

### THE VESTRY

<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
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The Vestry Person of the Month for May is Sally Dodd.

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