

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist Rite II, Proper 18, Year A, Revised Common Lectionary
Sunday, September 6, 2026, 10:30 AM



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MINISTERS SERVING TODAY

Preacher:

The Rev. Dr. Dale Truscott

Celebrant:

The Rev. Dr. Dale Truscott

Subdeacon: Art Pini

Organist: Terry Yount

Cantor: Jevon Clarke

Readers: Arleen Mindis,

JoJo McHaney

LEM: JoJo McHaney

Crucifer: Warren Carlson

Flowers: Kin Xuxa

Entrance Rites

As the procession enters and the lights flash, please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE AND PROCESSION "Moderato" — EDWARD ELGAR

GREETINGS

OPENING HYMN 376 "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee" (*Ode to Joy*) *All sing.*

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

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Liturgy of the Word

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant 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.

All Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS S-280 "Glory to God" (Communion Service IV) ROBERT J. POWELL *All sing.*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. 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.

SALUTATION

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever
People **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING Ezekiel 33:7-11

Reader A reading from Ezekiel.

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

(Silence)

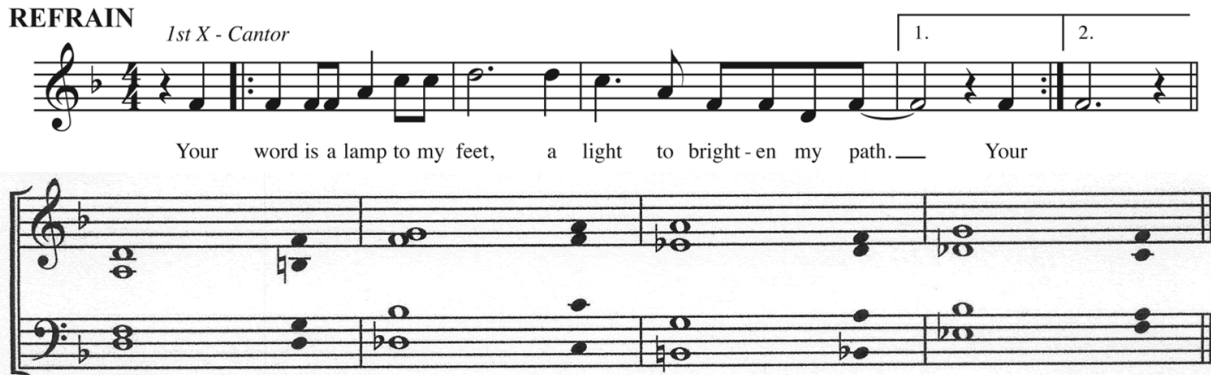
Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 119:33-40 Legem pone Music: CARL MAULTSBY

The cantor sings the "**Refrain.**" The congregation repeats the "**Refrain.**"
All chant the "**Verses.**" All sing the "**Refrain**" as indicated.

REFRAIN

1st X - Cantor



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Verses

- 33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your **statutes**, *
and I shall keep it to the **end**.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your **law**; *
I shall keep it with all my **heart**. (**Refrain**)
- 35 Make me go in the path of your com-**mandments**, *
for that is my de-**sire**.
- 36 Incline my heart to your de-**crees** *
and not to unjust **gain**. (**Refrain**)
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is **worthless**; *
give me life in your **ways**.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your **servant**, *
which you make to those who **fear you**. (**Refrain**)
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I **dread**, *
because your judgments are **good**.
- 40 Behold, I long for your com-**mandments**; *
in your righteousness preserve my **life**. (**Refrain, 2x**)

THE EPISTLE READING Romans 13:8-14

Reader A reading from Romans.

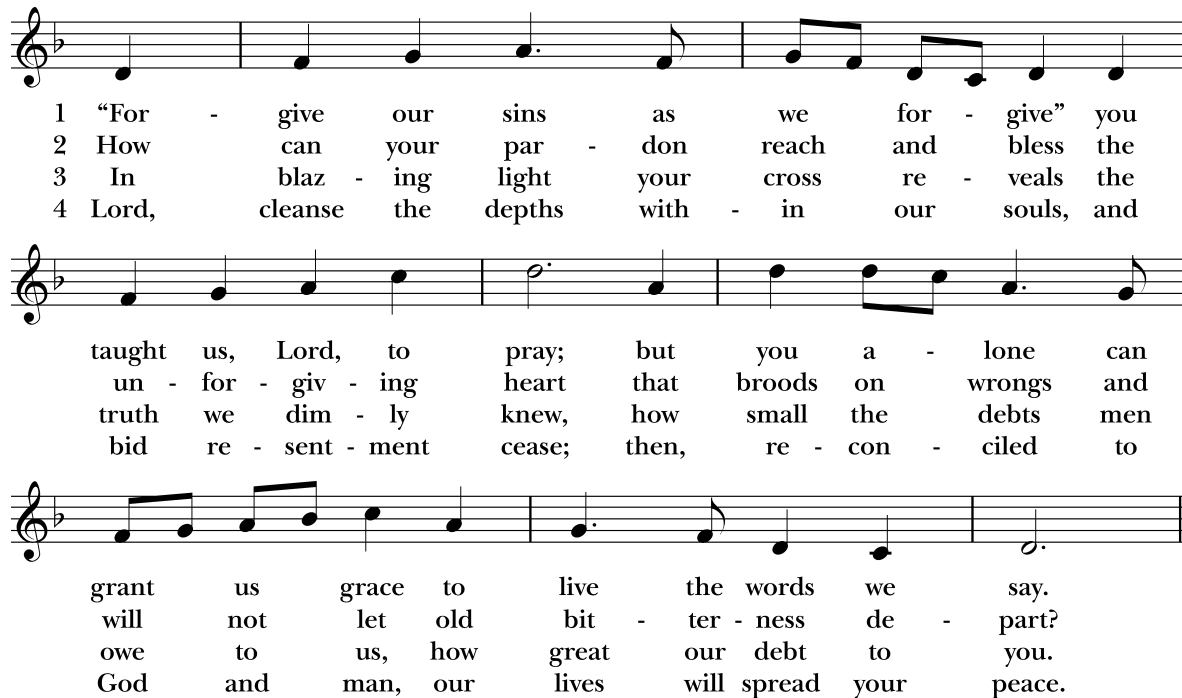
Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
 People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able and remain standing until the Sermon time.

SEQUENCE HYMN 674 "Forgive our sins as we forgive" (Detroit) All sing.



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give" you
 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the
 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and

taught us, Lord, to pray; but you a - lone can
 un - for - giv - ing heart that broods on wrongs and
 truth we dim - ly knew, how small the debts men
 bid re - sent - ment cease; then, re - con - ciled to

grant us grace to live the words we say.
 will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
 owe to us, how great our debt to you.
 God and man, our lives will spread your peace.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 18:15-20

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
 People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

The People sit.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

NICENE CREED

All

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.

The People stand or kneel.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader

Jesus crossed boundaries to bring healing, mercy, and love. Trusting in a God whose grace is always making the circle wider, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all who need our prayers.

Lord Jesus, make your Church look more like you. Where we have built walls, teach us to open doors. Where we have judged, teach us mercy. Where someone feels there is no place for them, help us say with our lives, "Come closer. There is room for you here."

People

Lord, make us instruments of your love.

Leader

God of all people, we pray for a world divided by fear, hatred, violence, and suspicion. Give wisdom to those who lead, courage to those who work for peace, and soften every heart that has forgotten how to see a neighbor instead of an enemy.

People

Lord, make us instruments of your love.

Leader

Healing God, we pray for all who are sick, grieving, anxious, exhausted, or afraid; for those carrying burdens no one else can see; and for those we now name before you, {LIST} Surround them with your presence, strengthen them with hope, and remind them that they are never beyond the reach of your love.

People

Lord, make us instruments of your love.

Leader

Gracious God, show us where our own circles have become too small. Free us from the labels we place on others and the judgments we carry in our hearts. Give us the courage to cross the street, cross the aisle, cross whatever boundary keeps us from loving another person as you have loved us.

People

Lord, make us instruments of your love.

Leader God of resurrection, we remember those we love but see no longer. {PAUSE}
Welcome them into that great communion where every wall has fallen, every wound
is healed, and all your children are finally home.

People **Lord, make us instruments of your love.**

Celebrant God of grace, your mercy is wider than our boundaries and your love is greater than
our fear. Make us a Church that welcomes like Jesus, forgives like Jesus, serves like
Jesus, and loves like Jesus, until the lonely know they belong, the wounded know
there is healing, and every outsider hears the good news: There is room for you
here. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

CONFESSION

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

All **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

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.

All **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *The People sit.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SOLO "Out of the Depths" ALAN HOVHANESS
Jevon Clarke, *cantor*

Please stand as you are able.

PRESENTATION HYMN "Doxology on Old 100th" *All sing.*

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low; praise

him a-bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

Please stand as you are able.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

SURSUM CORDA

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 God thanks and praise.**

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.

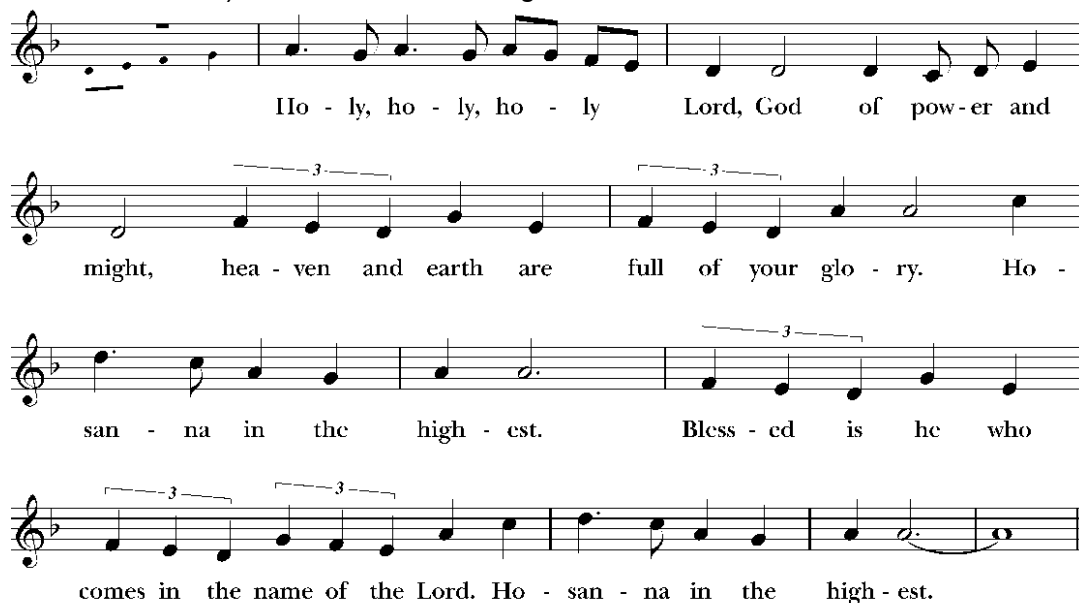
Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

The People remain standing.

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS S-129 “Holy, holy, holy Lord”

(Communion Service IV) ROBERT J. POWELL *All sing.*



The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. Trills are indicated by a '3' over a bracketed group of notes. The lyrics are printed below the staves, aligned with the corresponding notes.

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.

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The People stand or kneel.

Celebrant 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:

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

Celebrant 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 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.

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

AGNUS DEI S-163 "Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God"

(Communion Service IV) ROBERT J. POWELL *All sing.*

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.

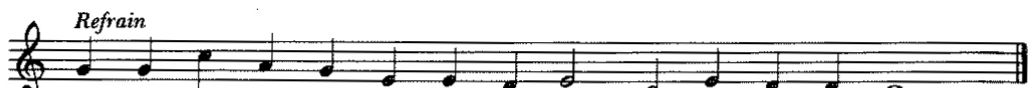
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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 HYMN 577 "God is love and where true love is" (*Ubi Caritas*) *All sing.*

Refrain



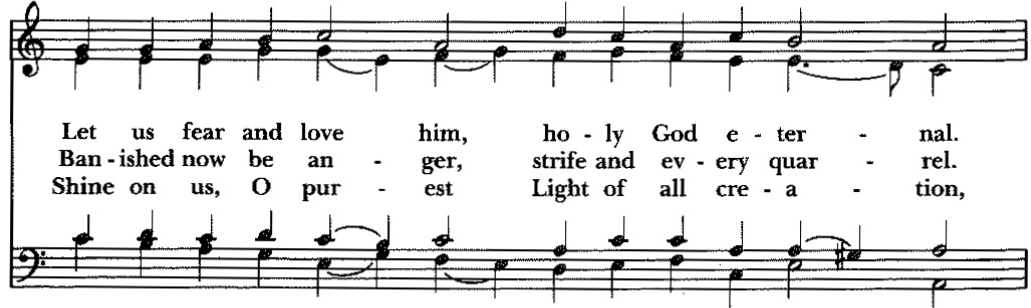
God is love, and where true love is God him - self is there.



1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.
 2 When we Chris-tians gath - er, mem-bers of one Bo - dy,
 3 Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,



Christ, our love, is with us, glad-ness be his greet - ing.
 let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.
 when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.



Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.
 Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.
 Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,

Repeat Refrain



Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.
 Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.
 be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant
All

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.

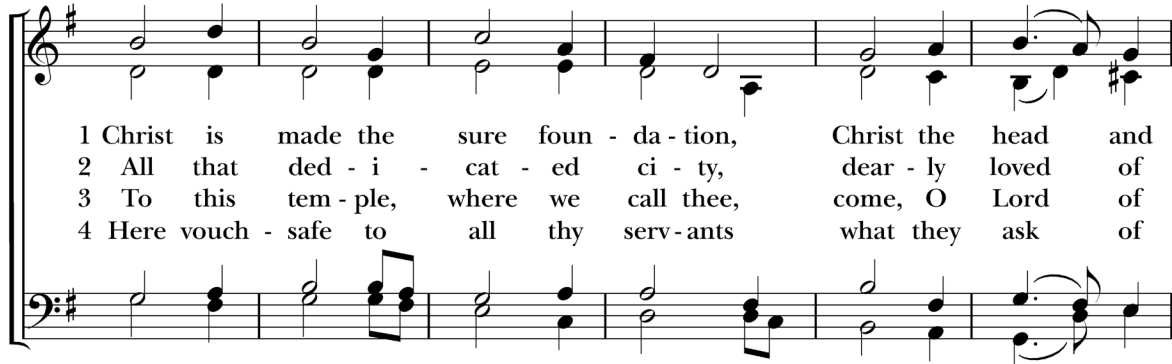
BLESSING

Celebrant The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

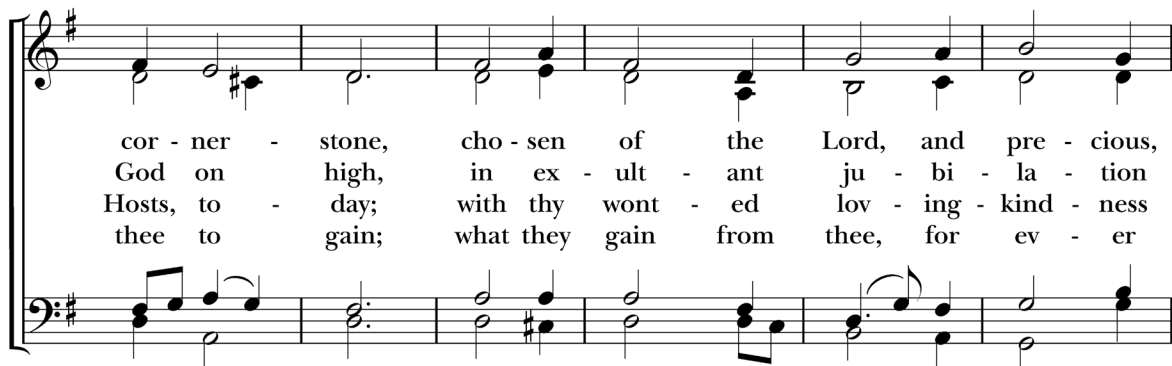
People Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

CLOSING HYMN 518 "Christ is made the sure foundation" (*Westminster Abbey*) All sing.



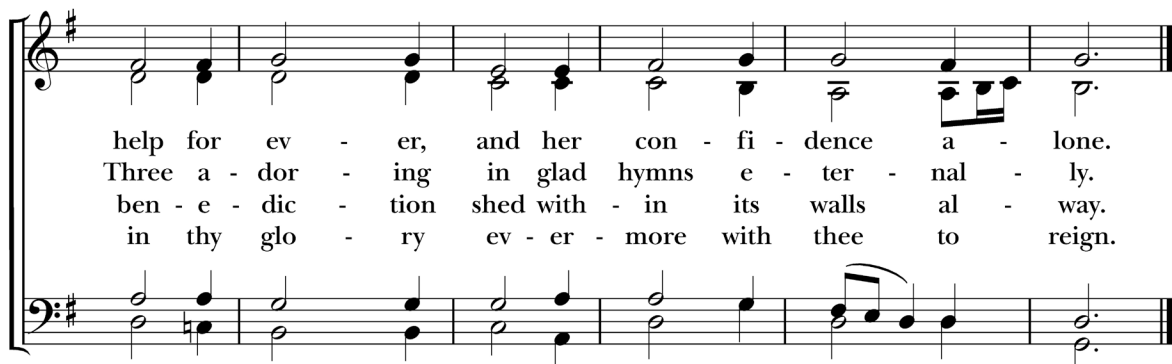
1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er



bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter



help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Variant on “Jesus Shall Reign” —ARR. T YOUNT

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“God is love and where true love is ” (*Ubi Caritas*)

Moderato — Edward Elgar

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“Joyful, joyful, we adore thee” (*Ode to Joy*)