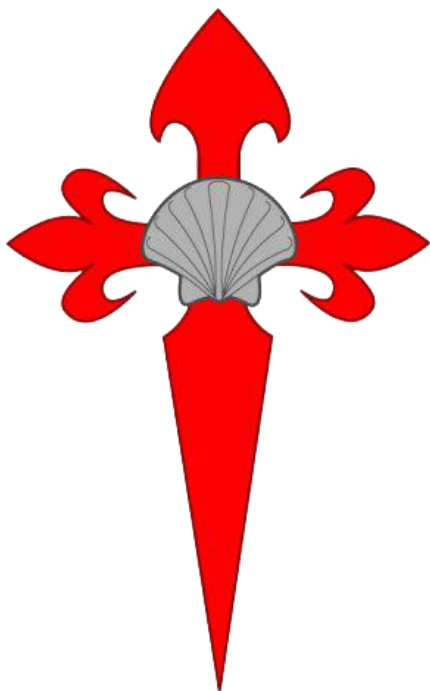




WE WELCOME OUR VISITORS WARMLY.

At St James;

- WE PROMISE to receive you in Christ's name. We will honor the gifts you bring. We will invite you into our common life, or wish you well if you choose another path.
- WE PROMISE we won't discourage your questions or insult your intelligence.
- WE PROMISE to make the life of faith joyful.
- WE PROMISE to nourish the hunger and hope for God that is in us all.

Proper 20
The Seventeenth Sunday after
Pentecost
September 20, 2026

Solemn Eucharist with Baptism at 10:00am

The Service begins on page 299 of the red Prayer Book in the pews.

Hymns are found in the blue hymnal in the pews.

Blue Hymnal

Prelude

Prelude in A Major BWV536

Red Prayer Book

J.S. Bach

The Church Gathers for Worship

637 Entrance Hymn

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord

LYONS

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2. 'Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3. 'When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4. 'When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5. 'The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake.'

The Celebrant greets the people, saying

BCP, p. 299

✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

2

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

Collect

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of God

Lesson

Jonah 3:10-4:11

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 145:1-8

Sung by the choir and congregation

ANTIPHON: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever. **[Ant.]**

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.
One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power. **[Ant.]**

I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness. **[Ant.]**

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness. **[Ant.]**

Epistle

Philippians 1:21-27

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel..

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God!**

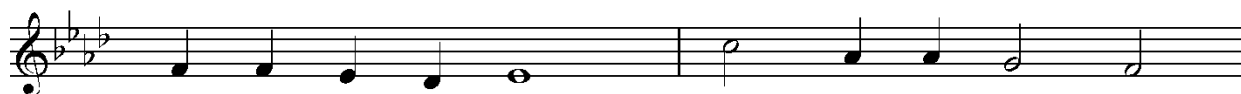
541 Sequence Hymn

Come labor on

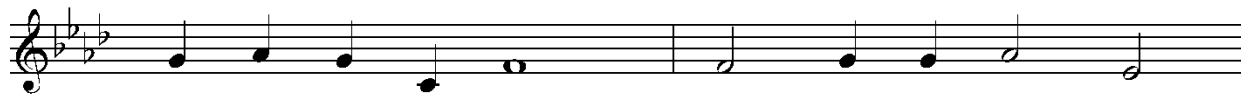
ORA LABORA



1	Come,	la - bor	on.	Who	dares	stand	i - dle
2	Come,	la - bor	on.	The	en - e - my	is	
3	Come,	la - bor	on.	A - way	with	gloom - y	
4	Come,	la - bor	on.	Claim	the	high	call - ing
5	Come,	la - bor	on.	No	time	for	rest, till



1	on	the	har - vest	plain,	while	all	a - round	us
2	watch - ing	night	and	day,	to	sow	the	tares, to
3	doubts	and	faith - less	fear!	No	arm	so	weak but
4	an - gels	can - not	share—		to	young	and	old the
5	glows	the	west - ern	sky,	till	the	long	sha - dows



1	waves	the	gold - en	grain?	And	to	each	ser - vant
2	snatch	the	seed	a - way;	while	we	in	sleep our
3	may	do	ser - vice	here:	by	feeb - lest	a - gents	
4	Gos - pel	glad - ness	bear:		re - deem	the	time;	its
5	o'er	our	path - way	lie,	and	a	glad	sound comes



1	does	the	Mas - ter	say,	“Go	work	to	- day.”
2	du - ty	have	for - got,	he	slum - bered—	not.		
3	may	our	God - ful - fill	his	right - eous—	will.		
4	hours	too	swift - ly	fly. The	night	draws—	nigh.	
5	with	the	set - ting	sun,——	“Ser - vants,	well	done.”	

The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
 The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

Homily

Hymn in Procession to the Font

Bunnessan

1. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:
Heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, Faithfully now God's praise we sing.
2. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:
One with his rising, freed and forgiven, Thankfully now God's praise we sing.
3. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, Marked with the sign of Christ our King:
Born of one Father, we are his children, Joyfully now God's praise we sing.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

BCP, p. 301

The Celebrant says

The Candidate(s) for Holy Baptism will now be presented

The candidates who are able to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Sponsors.

Sponsor I present *N.* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks each candidate when presented

Celebrant Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

Then candidates who are unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents

Parents and Godparents

I present *N.* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

When there are others to be presented, the Celebrant says

The other Candidate(s) will now be presented.

Presenters I present *these persons* for Confirmation.

The Celebrant asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate I do.

Celebrant Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

When all have been presented and examined, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

People Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these persons* in *their* life in Christ?
We will!

The Celebrant then says these or similar words

Let us join with *those* who *are* committing *themselves* to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,**
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

BCP, p. 305

The Celebrant says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Lector Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Baptism

The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then pours water upon the candidate, saying

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen!**

The Chrismation

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

People **Amen!**

The Illumination

Receive the Light of Christ. So let your light shine, that all may see your good works, and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer, first saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *these* your *servants* the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *them* to the new life of grace. Sustain *them*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *them*

an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

then says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People

**We receive you into the household of God.
Confess the faith of Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

Chant in Procession from the Font

Taizé Chant / RS 835

As the procession moves back from the Font, the Celebrant sprinkles the people as a reminder of their baptism.

Refrain. **There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, there is one God who is Father of all.**

1. Bear with one another in love and charity, be humble, be patient, be selfless, be as one. *Refrain.*
2. There is one body, there is one Spirit, there is one hope to which we are called. *Refrain.*
3. We are all to come to unity, in our faith and knowledge of the Son of God, until we are perfected in the fullness of Christ. *Refrain.*

The Peace

Announcements, Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

Offertory

The eyes of all wait upon thee
(based on Psalm 145)

William H. Harris

The Celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice

S-120 Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

Sanctus

The Sewanee Service—Malcolm Archer

Ho ly, Ho ly, Ho ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Ho ly, Ho ly, Ho ly Lord, God of pow'r 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, the name of the
Lord. Ho san na in the high est, ho san na in the high est.

S-119 Our Father

BCP, p. 364

Fraction

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

Agnus Dei

The Sewanee Service—Malcolm Archer

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have
mercy upon us. Lamb of God, you
take away the sins of the world; have mercy upon
us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the
world; grant us your peace.

First Communion Hymn

1. Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2. Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

3. Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

Take my life, and let it be

4. Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take my self, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

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Second Communion Hymn

1. I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.

Refrain

I need Thee, O I need Thee;
Every hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.

2. I need Thee every hour, stay Thou nearby;
Temptations lose their power when Thou art nigh. *Refrain*

3. I need Thee every hour, in joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide, or life is in vain. *Refrain*

4. I need Thee every hour; teach me Thy will;
And Thy rich promises in me fulfill. *Refrain.*

478 Third Communion Hymn (if needed)

Thanksgiving after Communion

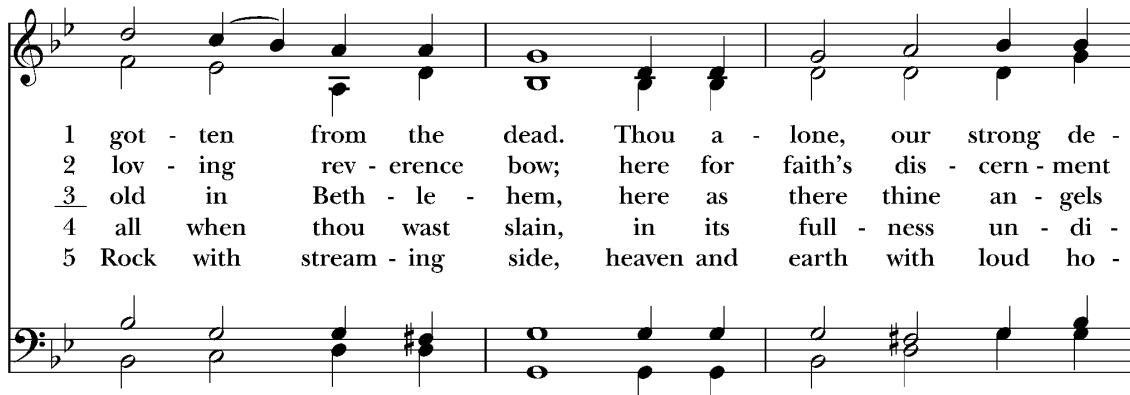
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Let us pray. Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

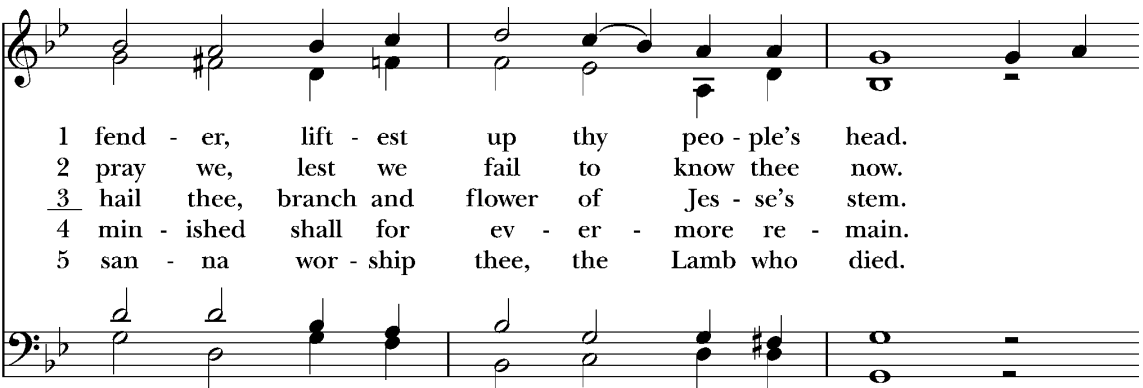
Blessing



1 Lord, en - throned in heaven - ly splen - dor, first - be -
 *2 Here our hum - blest hom - age pay we, here in
 *3 Though the low - liest form doth veil thee as of
 4 Pas - chal Lamb, thine of - fering, fi - nished once for
 5 Life - im - part - ing heaven - ly Man - na, smit - ten



1 got - ten from the dead. Thou a - lone, our strong de -
 2 lov - ing rev - erence bow; here for faith's dis - cern - ment
 3 old in Beth - le - hem, here as there thine an - gels
 4 all when thou wast slain, in its full - ness un - di -
 5 Rock with stream - ing side, heaven and earth with loud ho -



Al - le -
 1 fend - er, lift - est up thy peo - ple's head.
 2 pray we, lest we fail to know thee now.
 3 hail thee, branch and flower of Jes - se's stem.
 4 min - ished shall for ev - er - more re - main.
 5 san - na wor - ship thee, the Lamb who died.



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

1 Je - sus, true and liv - ing
 2 Thou art here, we ask not
 3 We in wor - ship join with
 4 Cleans - ing us from ev - ery
 5 Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri -

1 bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!
 2 how. Thou art here, we ask not how.
 3 them. We in wor - ship join with them.
 4 stain. Cleans - ing us from ev - ery stain.
 5 fied! Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Allegro Giojoso—Marcello



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The Altar Flowers are donated in thanksgiving for the life of Miki Davitt and celebrating her birthday on September 20th by the Cook family, in thanksgiving for the life of Summer Floyd and celebrating her birthday on September 24th by the Floyd family, and in loving memory of Charles Conkey and Martha Roberts by Charlotte Conkey

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- **CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS:** Jay Fullerton (20), Junella Torrance (20), Shane Jones (20), Mikaylah Davitt (20), Cecelia Willis (21), Summer Floyd (24), Hadley Smith (26)
- **CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES:** Deby and Nick Prime (24)
- **HOUSEHOLD OF THE WEEK:** Amy and Troy Greer

Coffee hour after 10 a.m. Mass in the Great Hall.

Children's Sunday School resumes on 9/20 at 9 a.m.

Theology Uncorked 9/20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library.

Youth Confirmation Class 9/20 at 6:30 p.m. in the youth room upstairs.

Weekday Mass Schedule: Mondays and Fridays at 12 PM, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 AM, and Wednesdays at 5:30 PM.

The Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, October 3 at 8:30 a.m. Cooks needed! See Dave Williamson for details.

The next Episcopints will be on 10/8 at Hopkins at 5:30.

The Inquirer's Class will begin on 10/4 during the Sunday School hour.

Adult Confirmation class will begin on 10/25 during the 9:00 Sunday School hour.

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