

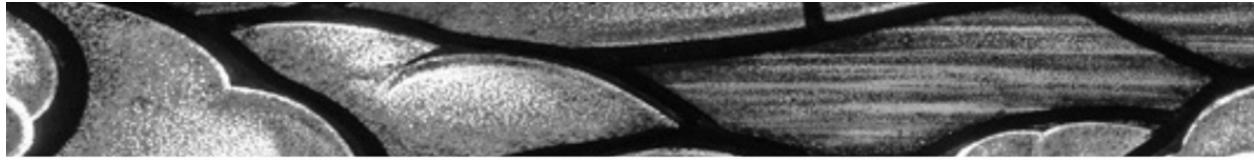
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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

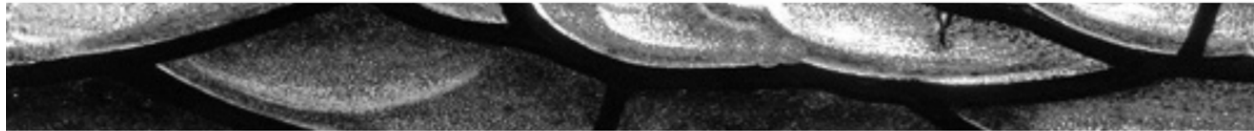
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
The Holy Eucharist Rite II—Gathering Hour
Sunday, October 18, 2026 at 12 p.m.



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WELCOME!

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH EMBODIES CHRIST'S LOVE BY CREATING SACRED COMMUNITY, SHARING GOD'S STORY, AND WELCOMING AND SERVING ALL PEOPLE.

Welcome Visitors!

Thank you for coming! Please pick up a Welcome Bag on the table in the north end of the Parish Hall and fill out the Visitor Card found in the pew and place it in the collection plate. You're especially welcome to join formation and fellowship opportunities at 10:45 a.m. where you can meet others, to learn, and grow in faith.

Infants and Children

We love children in church! Activity kits may be found on the far back pew. Nursery care is available during all services for children from infancy up to 4 years old. Children's Church is offered at the 9:30 service for ages 4 to 10. If you would like your child to participate have them follow the adult leader who will guide them to the Children's Church area after the announcements. Children will return at The Peace.

Fellowship & Education

Enjoy fellowship and coffee in the Parish Hall following each service. In the fall and spring we offer children, youth/teen, and adult Christian formation opportunities at 10:45 a.m.

Receiving Communion

In the Episcopal Church, we welcome all baptized Christians to the Lord's Table to receive the Eucharist, regardless of when and where they were baptized. (And, of course, we'd love to talk to you about baptism if you have not been baptized.) Those not wishing to take Communion may come forward for a blessing and indicate this by crossing their arms across their chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Getting Connected

Are you new to the parish? Want to get better acquainted? Use the QR code at the bottom right to fill out a short contact form.

Office Hours
Monday-Thursday
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Closed Friday

Sunday Worship
8 a.m. Rite I
9:30 a.m. Rite II
Choral Eucharist
12 p.m. Rite II
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I'M NEW!

Announcements: Oct. 18, 2026

TODAY: Fellowship & Formation at 10:45 a.m. Kids and their grownups are invited to explore the StoryMakers kits in the Parish Hall; Mrs. Holden will be hosting parent conferences in the Children's Chapel. Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) will celebrate the completion of confirmation classes with a gathering in the Basement. Learn about the recent Civil Rights Pilgrimage in the Large Conference Room. Embarking on the Episcopal Way meets in the Lounge. Coffee Hour is in the Parish Hall.

TODAY: Parish Vestry Elections happen today, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. service. Our four nominees are: Ann Buis, Drew Brown, Dustin DeMoss, and Lisa Grider. Diocesan Council delegate nominees are: LaBron Chance, Amiso George, Katy Brooks, and Scott Fletcher, with Darren Elzie as alternate. Lillian Brooks will serve as a diocesan youth delegate.

TODAY: Are you interested in reaffirmation or reception in the Episcopal Church? Are you new to Trinity and want to learn about Episcopal tradition? **Embarking on the Episcopal Way** continues today at 10:45 a.m. in the Lounge. We'll be exploring *Signs & Grace—An Introduction to the Sacraments*. A short video will be followed by Q&A and discussion.

TODAY: Join Peace & Justice for a conversation about the recent **Civil Rights Pilgrimage** at 10:45 a.m. in the Large Conference Room. Three returning pilgrims will share about their experiences from their weeklong journey to Georgia and Alabama, tracing the struggle for equality.

In preparation for All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, our church created a **Día de Muertos altar (offrenda)**. We invite you to bring photographs of loved ones who have died to place on the altar in the Parish Hall.

Join us for our sixth annual **Golf Tournament** on Monday, Oct. 19 at 10 a.m. at Hawks Creek Golf Club. Snap the QR code for more information and registration!

The **Día de Muertos** celebration happens in the Parish Hall on Sunday, Nov. 1 at 10:45 a.m. Come learn about the offrenda, enjoy pan dulce and hot chocolate; sing along with Disney's *Coco*.

El Jardin will host a Spanish-language Holy Eucharist commemorating Día de Muertos on Sunday, Nov. 1 at 6 p.m. in the Nave.

The All Souls' **Requiem Concert** is on Monday, Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. in the Nave featuring Voices of Fort Worth.

Names of the **dearly departed** will be read at a prayer gathering on All Saints' Day (Nov. 1) immediately following the 9:30 a.m. service, as well as the Requiem concert. Please complete the online form to submit names to be read aloud from the altar. (QR code)

Calling all adult Trinitarians! Whether you're new to Trinity or a longtime member, you're invited to join a **Foyer Dinner Group**—a fun and relaxed way to connect with other adults in the parish and make new friends. Snap the QR code below for info!



Snap the QR code (left) for event details and online registration.
(Use this code to RSVP for other events and learn more about parish life at Trinity. It's a quick way to access our Linktree!)

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Hal Roach.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

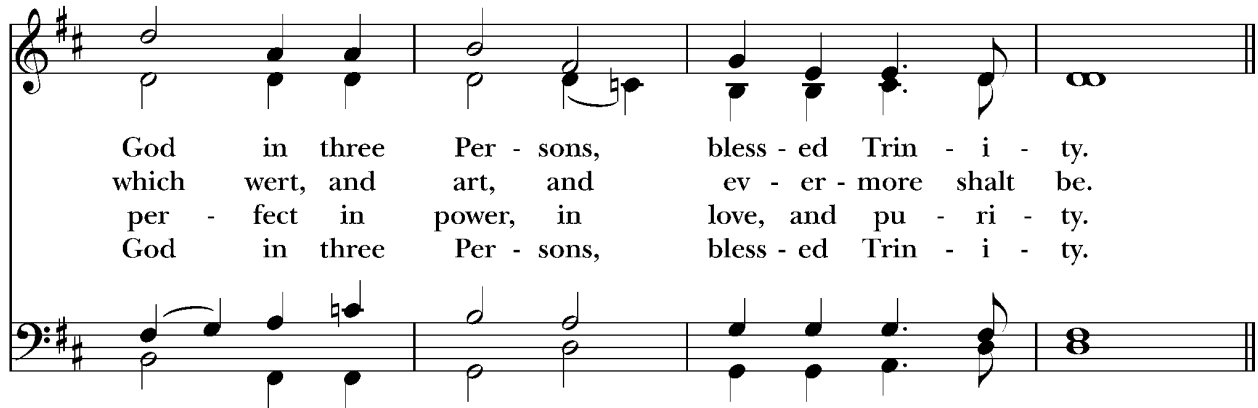
The Word of God Entrance Rite

ENTRANCE HYMN *Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty (Nicaea)* (H 362)

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
*2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,



OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

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

The Celebrant may say

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Gloria! (Gloria!) Gloria! (Gloria!) in excelsis Deo!

Gloria! (Gloria!) Gloria! (Gloria!)

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

Lord God, heavenly King,
 Almighty God most holy:
 we worship you; we give you thanks;
 we praise you for your glory!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations:
 Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with
 steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
 reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1–7

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
²“I will go before you
and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know me.
⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 96:1–13

Remain seated. We will read the Psalm in unison.

**¹Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
²Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
³Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
⁴For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.**

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
⁶Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
⁸Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.
¹⁰Tell it out among the nations: “The LORD is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity.”
¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
¹²Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.
¹³He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Thessalonika.

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly
³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness
of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has
chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power
and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved
to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of
persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an
example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded
forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has
become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report
about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to
serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the
dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN *Rock of ages, cleft for me (Toplady)* (H 685)

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,
 3 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,
 all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;
 when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou-ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
 in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15–22

All stand.

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” ²¹They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to

God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON (BCP p. 326)

THE CREED (BCP p. 326) *All stand.*

**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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, you call us to give to you those things that belong to you. Give us such an awareness of your presence that we might respond with generosity to the needs of those who call upon you. Hear us as we pray, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the people of God throughout the world, help us to find unity in mission and to recognize your wondrous diversity in our differences. Lead us ever deeper into relationship with you. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the needs of our country, that elected officials and civil servants may work with integrity. We pray also for the neediest among us who need relief that only our common action can provide. Help us to find common purpose. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the needs of the world, especially for those who experience violence, disasters, oppression, and endemic poverty. Help us to respond to the needs we see with personal discipline and generous giving. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the places where we live, work, and learn. Bless our communities and families with good health, and the resources to adequately meet all our needs. Make us grateful for what we have and passionate about the needs of our neighbors. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer from illness, anxiety, homelessness, guilt, shame, or apathy. Give strength and healing to all who are in need and give us compassion when we see the afflictions of others. Make us concerned for the welfare of all people. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the departed, especially for those who have died needlessly and alone, for those who died too soon, and for those who died at the hands of others. Make us aware of the preciousness of life. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect

Holy God, we pray these things in humility, acknowledging that we often fail in the very things we ask of you. Give us courage and a willingness to change and make us instruments of your peace. All this we ask through your son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you; one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

God of Creation and Love, surround these your children with your grace, comfort them with your presence, and fill them with your joy. Show them that your Way of Love is what gives them life, and encourage them to have ever-widening circles of friendship. Keep them ever mindful of the beauty and stewardship of your creation. Give them strength to hold their faith in you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERING

Please remember to continue to support the life and ministries of Trinity Episcopal Church. We need you! Visit fortworthtrinity.org to access the online giving portal. You can also text FTWTrinity to 73256 to make a one-time or recurring gift. (Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.) Checks may be mailed to the church: 3401 Bellaire Drive South, Fort Worth, TX 76109.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY HYMN *Farther Along* (LEVAS 187)

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 367)

The People remain standing.

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.**

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

Here a Proper Preface is said

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 (BCP p. 367)

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

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 [] and] 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,

People and Celebrant Sung

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,
 forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM *

Alleluia (x4)

Christ Our Passover is sacrificed for us

Therefore let us keep the feast

Alleluia (x4)

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION HYMN *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* (LEVAS 72)

1. I am weak but thou art strong;_____
 2. Through this world of toil and snares,_____
 3. When my fee - ble life is o'er,_____
 Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee,_____

1. Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;_____
 2. If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?_____
 3. Time for me will be no more;_____
 Refrain: Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea,_____
 Dai - ly walk - ing close to

D.C. for Refrain
 1. long_____
 2. shares?_____
 3. o'er_____
 Refrain: thee,_____
 Let it be, dear_____
 Lord, let it be.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**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

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *God of grace and God of glory (Cwm Rhondda)* (H 594)

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, lest we miss thy king-dom's goal.
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.