

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | JANUARY 18, 2026 – 9:00 & 11:00AM



PRELUDE

Retrospection - Florence Price (1883 - 1953)

Born in 1883, Florence Price was a composer, pianist, and organist who became well known as the first African-American woman to have her work played by a major symphony orchestra. Her substantial body of work includes over 300 pieces, many of which were found in her abandoned summer home in 2009.

Please stand as the bell sounds.

HYMN IN PROCESSION

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! — O what a
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, — Vi - sions of
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, — I in my

1. fore-taste of glo - ry di - vine! — Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of
 2. rap - ture now burst on my sight; — An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -
 3. sav - ior am hap - py and blest; — Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -

1. God, — Born of His spir - it, washed in His blood. —
 2. bove — Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. —
 3. bove, — Filled with His good - ness, lost in His love. —

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, — Prais - ing my

sav - ior all the day long; — This is my sto - ry, this is my
 song, — Prais - ing my sav - ior all the day long. —

Words: Fanny J. Crosby (1820–1915)
 Music: Phoebe P. Knapp (1839–1908)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Celebrant intones

Blessed be God, who liberates us from bondage and sets us free.

The People respond

Glory to God for ev - er and ever.

SONG OF PRAISE

1. I'm so glad Je-sus lift-ed me I'm so glad

glad that lift-ed so glad that

Je-sus lift-ed me I'm so glad Je-sus lift-ed me sing-ing

Lord so glad that

glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah Je - sus lift - ed me.

2. Satan had me bound (Jesus lifted me). 3. When I was in sin (Jesus lifted me).

Words: Traditional

Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Hezekiah Brinson, Jr. (b. 1958)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King Jr., may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 40:4-12

The Refrain is sung once by the Cantor, then repeated by all



His love, His love, His love is ev - er la - sting.

Happy are they who trust in you; *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

Great things are they that you have done, O God,
how great your wonders and your plans for us; *
there is none who can be compared with you. **Refrain**

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them, *
but they are more than I can count.

In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
you have given me ears to hear you; **Refrain**

Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
and so I said, "Behold, I come.

In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.'" **Refrain**

I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips, and that, O God, you know.

Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
I have not concealed your love and
faithfulness from the great congregation.

You are the Holy One; do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever. **Refrain**

Anglican Carl Haywood
Refrain: Leon C. Roberts

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet, put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN *standing; all turn toward the Gospel as it is brought among the People*

1. Oh Lord, How per-fect is your name. In all the
2. When I be - hold thy heav'ns grand The moon and

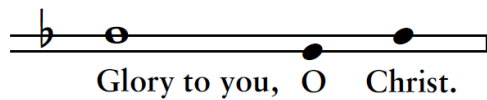
1. earth great thy fame, A - bove the hea - vens thou didst
2. stars at thy com - mand Lord, What is man that thou shouldst

1. set Thy glo-ry gra - cious Lord, and yet out of the mouths of babes calls
2. heed his call or vi-sit his seed, Near an-gels then have fixed stead -

1. Thee, Thy strength to still the en - e - my!
2. fast the ho - nor and glo-ry crown His head.

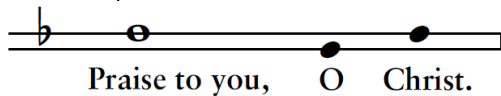
Words: Hymn Tune
Music: Irma Tillery (b. 1925)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.



Jesus said "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you." "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

The Very Rev. Marcus G. Halley

The Very Rev. Marcus George Halley, D.Min., serves as Chaplain and Dean of Spiritual and Religious Life at Trinity College in Hartford, where he provides pastoral care, leads spiritual formation, and fosters interfaith dialogue on campus. Before his appointment at Trinity in 2021, he was dean of formation for the Episcopal Church in Connecticut and has served congregations and ministries across the United States. Marcus's work focuses on liturgy, reconciliation, leadership, and social justice, inspired by voices like Martin Luther King Jr. and Desmond Tutu. He holds degrees in theology and ministry and is the author of Proclaim! and Abide in Peace. He lives in Fairfield with his husband, The Rev. Curtis Farr, and their dogs.

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Based on the Commitment Card for the
Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights
by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

We believe in God,
whose love is revealed in Jesus Christ,
and whose purpose is justice, reconciliation, and freedom for all people.

We believe the way of Jesus is the way of love—
a love that rejects violence of fist, tongue, and heart,
seeks not victory over others but the healing of the whole community,
and calls us to costly faithfulness.

We believe God calls us to disciplined lives of prayer,
to daily reflection on the teachings of Jesus,
to service for others and for the world,
and to sacrifice for the sake of freedom.

We believe the Holy Spirit strengthens us
to walk and talk in the manner of love,
to treat friend and foe with dignity,
and to keep going when the work is hard.

This is our faith.
This is our commitment.
With God's help, we will live it.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Deacon says

Let us pray for the Church and the world, following Christ in the way of justice, peace, and reconciliation.

God of justice, shape your Church to be a clear voice for truth and a living sign of hope. Give us courage to proclaim the Gospel not only with words, but with lives committed to dignity and love. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of peace, guide this nation and all nations. Bend the hearts of leaders toward wisdom and compassion, and turn us from systems that wound toward communities grounded in mercy and truth. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of liberation, we pray for all who live under the weight of racism, poverty, and violence. Confront the forces of hatred with your light, and draw your world closer to the justice of your Kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of courage, strengthen all who labor for justice—in our neighborhoods and beyond. Guard them from despair, steady them in hope, and renew their resolve in the face of resistance.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of compassion, be near to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Comfort the weary, the grieving, and those who feel forgotten. We name before you those for whom we pray.

(The People may add their own petitions.)

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of unity, heal what is fractured in our common life. Break down walls of fear and division, and teach us to see one another as your beloved children. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of abiding love, we give thanks for the witness of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and all who have walked the path of costly faithfulness. Keep us restless until justice flows freely and your righteousness shapes the world. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes

Gracious God, you call us to love with our whole lives. Strengthen us to follow Jesus with courage and humility, and make us instruments of your peace, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

God Has Work for Us to Do

Mark A. Miller (b. 1967)

Til all the jails are empty and all the bellies filled; 'til no one hurts or steals or lies, and no more blood is spilled: God has work for us to do, 'til God's will is done and all things are made new, God has work for us to do!

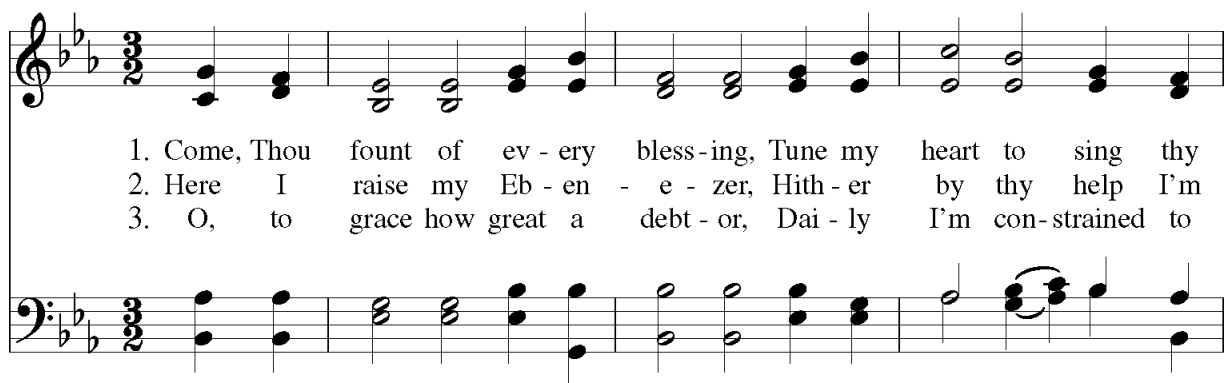
'Til age and race and gender no longer separate; 'til pulpit, press, and politics are free of greed and hate: God has work for us to do, 'til God's will is done and all things are made new, God has work for us to do!

In tenement and mansion, in factory, farm, and mill, in board room and in billiard hall, in wards where time stands still. In classroom, church, and office, in shops, or on the street, in every place where people thrive, or stave, or hide, or meet. God has work for us to do.

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By sitting at a bedside to hold pale, trembling hands, by speaking for the powerless against unjust demands. By praying through our doing, and singing though we fear, by trusting that the seed we sow will bring God's harvest near: God has work for us to do, 'til God's will is done and all things are made new, God has work for us to do!

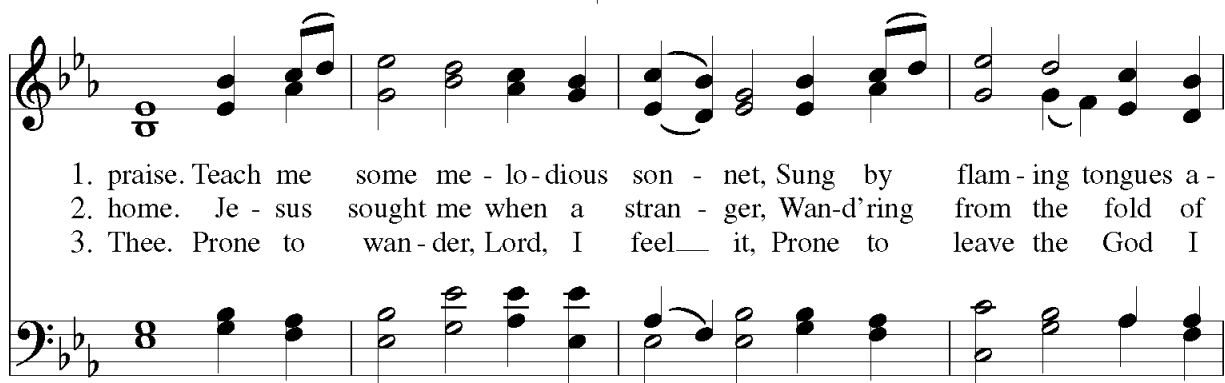
HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY *standing*



1. Come, Thou fount of ev - ery bless-ing, Tune my heart to sing thy
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by thy help I'm
 3. O, to grace how great a debt - or, Dai - ly I'm con-strained to



1. grace; Streams of mer - cy nev - er ceas-ing, Call for songs of loud-est
 2. come; And I hope, by thy good pleas-ure, Sure-ly to ar - rive at
 3. be; Let that grace, Lord, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan-d'ring heart to



1. praise. Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, Sung by flam-ing tongues a -
 2. home. Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, Wan-d'ring from the fold of
 3. Thee. Prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel— it, Prone to leave the God I



1. bove. Praise the mount, O fix me on it. Mount of God's un-chang-ing love.
 2. God. He, to save my soul from dan-ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
 3. love. Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it from thy courts a - bove.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735–1790)

Music: Nettleton, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813; harm. Carl Haywood (b. 1949) from *Songs of Praise*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical score is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the People, with the lyrics "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff is for the People, with the lyrics "It is right to give God thanks and praise." The music consists of simple, melodic lines with various note values and rests, including some trills and slurs.

Celebrant
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

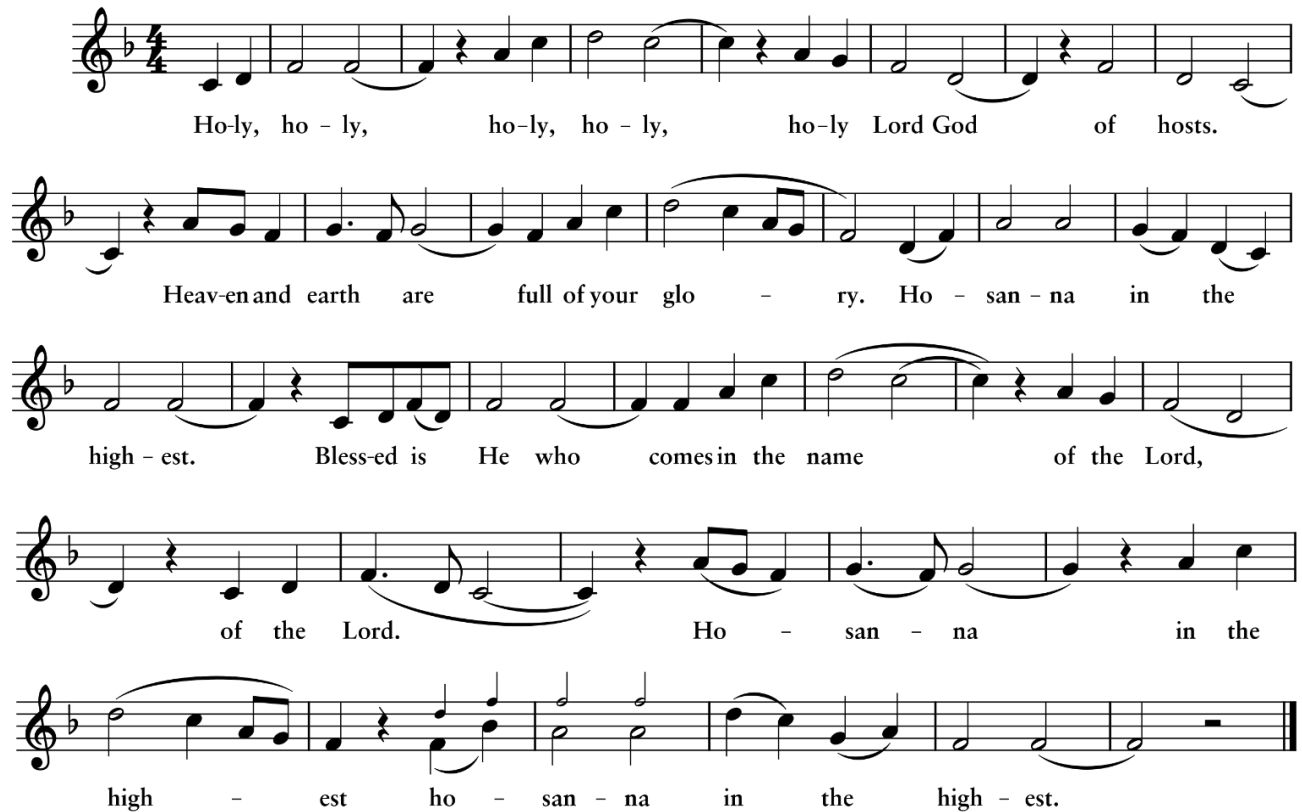
People
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. From the beginning, you made us in your image, and called us to live in love, justice, and peace. When we turned away, you did not abandon us, but sent prophets to call us back to your ways and to keep hope alive in a wounded world.

In the fullness of time you sent your Son, Jesus, in whom your reign breaks into the world. In his life, death, and resurrection, he revealed a love that confronts injustice, restores dignity to the rejected, and overcomes fear, hatred, and death itself. We thank you for all your servants who have followed in the way of Christ, bearing witness with their lives that every person bears your image as your beloved, and is called into the freedom of your Kingdom.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the saints who have gone before us, who forever sing to the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav-en 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,
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: Grayson Warren Brown

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God, your Son Jesus Christ came to bring good news to the poor, release to the captives, sight to the blind, and freedom to the oppressed. By his cross and resurrection, you reconciled the world to yourself and entrusted us with the ministry of reconciliation.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread; and when he had given thanks, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

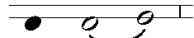
Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the Body and Blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the Body of Christ, broken for love and poured out for justice. As we remember the witness of Martin Luther King Jr., give us courage to confront injustice, to reject violence in all its forms, and to labor for your kingdom of reconciliation and peace.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

People


A-men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Unison

Our Fa - ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your Name, your
king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en.

Give us to-day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for-
give those who sin a-against us. Save us from the time of tri - al, and de -
liv - er us from e - vil. For the king-dom, the pow - er, and the
glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Music: Carl Haywood (b. 1949) from *Mass for Grace*

Dr. Carl Haywood is a native of Portsmouth, Virginia and is an accomplished organist, conductor, and prolific composer of church music. Dr. Haywood holds an undergraduate degree from Norfolk State University and two Masters degrees in Choral Conducting and Organ Performance from Southern Methodist University, as well as a Doctorate of Musical arts Degree from the University of Southern California. Dr. Haywood serves as Director of Choral Activities at NSU and the National Conductor for the 105 Voices of History. This setting of the Lord's Prayer comes from his "Mass for Grace."

THE COMMUNION

The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to Communion, saying

Bread of Life, nourish our souls.

Light of the world, shine in our hearts.

Everyone is welcome to receive the bread and wine of Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers. Gluten-free bread is available upon request; grape juice is available in the blue-dot cups at the side altars. (For the health of all, we are no longer dipping the bread into the chalice wine by hand.)

Healing prayer is available in the side aisles for those wishing to pray with someone for any need in their lives.

All sing together as the distribution of Communion begins.

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____

let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____

Refrain
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____

3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____

let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____

Refrain
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____

Words: African-American spiritual

Music: *Let Us Break Bread*, Afro-American spiritual; arr. and harm. David Hurd (b. 1950))

MUSIC AT COMMUNION *sung by the Cantor*

Hear My Prayer

Moses Hogan (1957 - 2003)

O Lord Please hear my prayer
In the morning when I rise
It's your servant bound for glory
O dear Lord please hear my prayer

When my work on earth is done
And you come to take me home
Just to know that I am bound for glory
And to hear you say well done.

O Lord Please hear my prayer
Keep me safe within your arms
It's your servant bound for glory
O dear Lord please hear my prayer

Done with sin and sorrow.
Have mercy.
Amen.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

**God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

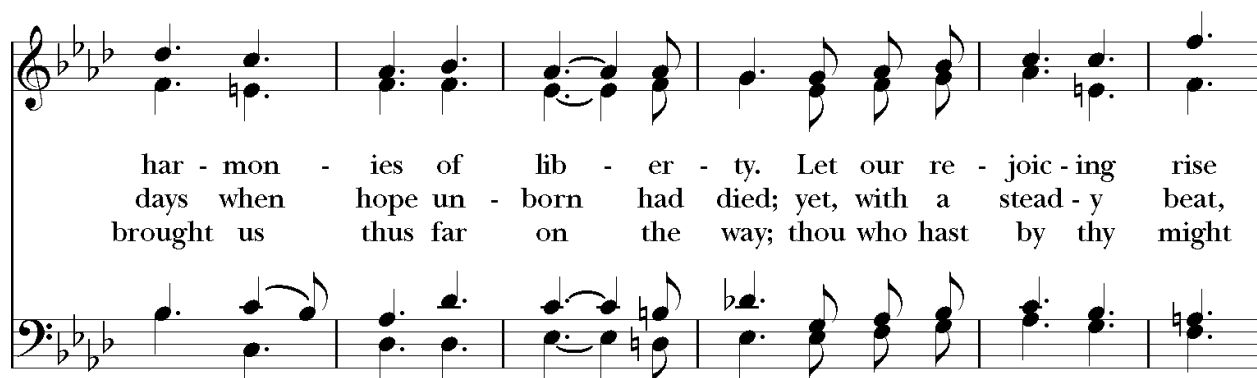
THE BLESSING

May the love of Christ take root in you deeply.
May the justice of God shape your words and guide your steps.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
Source of all Being, Incarnate Word, and Abiding Spirit,
be among you and remain with you, now and forever.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN



1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing till earth and hea - ven ring, ring with the
 2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas-tening rod, felt in the
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, thou who hast



har - mon - ies of lib - er - ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise
 days when hope un - born had died; yet, with a stead - y beat,
 brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might



high as the lis - tening skies; let it re - sound loud as the
 have not our wea - ry feet come to the place for which our
 led us in - to the light; keep us for ev - er in the

roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has
par - ents sighed? We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been
path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we

taught us; sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
wa - tered; we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the
met thee; lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for-

brought us; fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new
slaugh - tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we
get thee; sha-dowed be - neath thy hand may we for

day be - gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
ev - er stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Words: James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938)
Music: Lift Every Voice, J. Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954)

THE SENDING

Let us go forth into the world to share the liberating light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Festal March – Florence Price (1883-1953)

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