

THE HOLY EUCHARIST FULL TEXT *Creation Season* – Feast of St. Francis*

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN

OCTOBER 4, 2026 – 9:00AM & 11:00AM

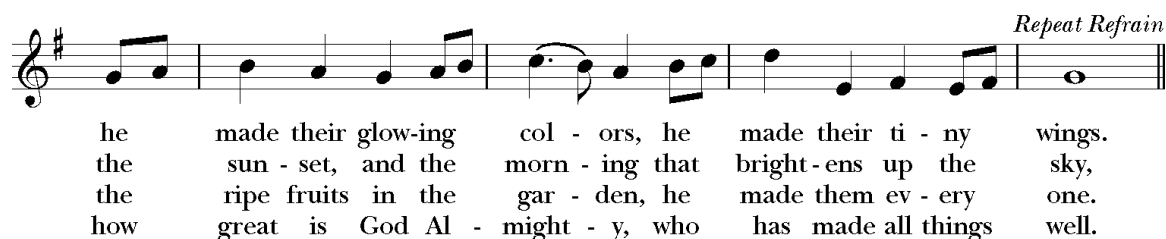
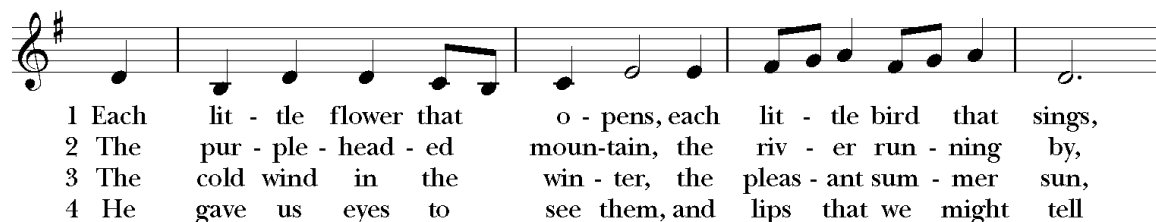
PRELUDE

II. Rockingham from 'Chorale Preludes, Set I' – C.H.H. Parry (1848 – 1918)

Please stand as the bell sounds.



**St. Paul's joins Christians around the world in celebrating the Season of Creation, which goes through October 4, the Feast of St. Francis. Born in the Orthodox Church in 1989 and now shared by the Roman Catholic Church and many Protestant denominations, this season calls us to expand our worship and prayer so they reflect the whole Gospel for the whole world. The Episcopal Church has named the climate crisis "an all-encompassing social crisis and moral emergency," and we feel its weight in disrupted seasons and disrupted lives. And yet the ground of our response is not fear but love: a world made good, given into our keeping, and cherished by God before it was ever entrusted to us. In these weeks we return to wonder—learning again to see creation as gift, so that our care for it grows from delight rather than duty, and our worship forms us to cherish what God so plainly loves.*



Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818–1895)

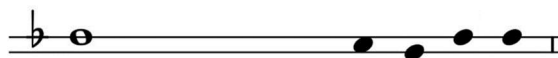
Music: *Royal Oak*, melody from *The Dancing Master*, 1686; adapt. and harm. Martin Fallas Shaw (1875–1958), desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Celebrant intones

Blessed be the God of all creation.

The People respond



Glory to God for - ev - er and ev - er.



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -



might - y 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,



Title: Canticle 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*
 Music: William Mathias (b. 1934)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect of the Day.

Almighty God,
 you feed the birds of the air and clothe the fields without our labor:
 Grant us such confidence in your abundance that we may set down what we carry
 and go out, as your servant Francis did, with nothing but your peace;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LESSON *seated*

1 Kings 17:1-6

Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word." The word of the LORD came to him, saying, "Go from here and turn eastward, and hide yourself by the Wadi Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. You shall drink from the wadi, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there." So he went and did according to the word of the LORD; he went and lived by the Wadi Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the wadi.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

At 9:00am, the first verse is intoned by the Cantor, then by all on this tone
At 11:00am, the Psalm is sung by the Choir



We sing to you, Most High, | with thanksgiving; *
 we make music to you u- | pon the harp,
 For you cover the | heavens with clouds *
 and prepare rain | for the earth;
 You make grass to grow u- | pon the mountains *
 and green plants to serve | humankind.
 You provide food for | flocks and herds *
 and for the young ravens | when they cry.
 You are not impressed by the might | of a horse; *
 you have no pleasure in | human strength;

Setting: William Crotch

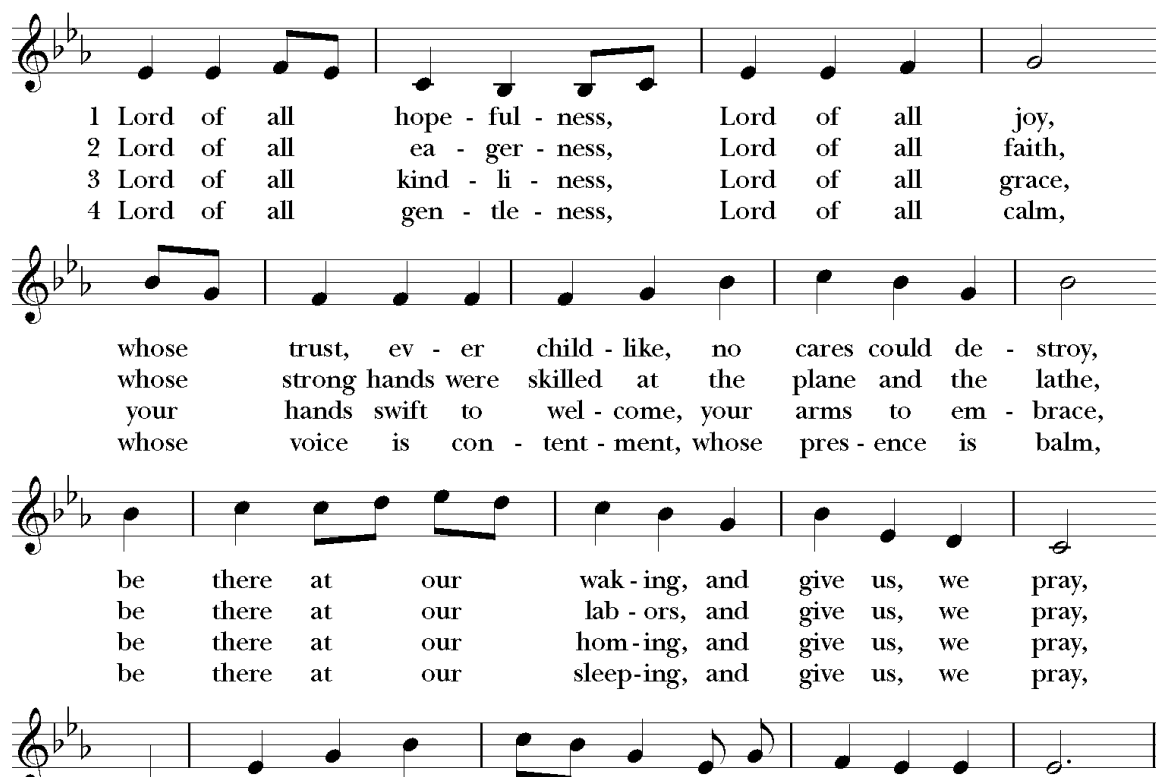
THE EPISTLE

Galatians 6:14–18

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me, for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,

be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,

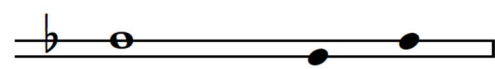
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Words: Jan Struther (1901–1953)
 Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927; harm. *Hymnal* 1982

THE GOSPEL *The Deacon intones*

Matthew 10:7–16

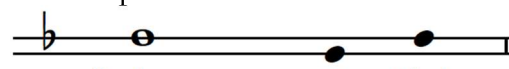
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



Glory to you, O Christ.

As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *standing*

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit,

He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and His kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son, She* is worshipped and glorified.

She 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.

**Holy Spirit in biblical languages is a feminine-gendered word,
and we use the feminine pronoun here to highlight that aspect of God's fullness.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for:

THE GOODNESS OF CREATION

THOSE IN AUTHORITY IN THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD

THOSE WHO MINISTER IN CHRIST'S NAME

THE SUFFERING AND GRIEF-STRICKEN

THE NEEDS OF OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

OUR OWN PERSONAL NEEDS

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

The Deacon says:

Let us pray for the world God has made and given us to tend, and for one another within it.

The earth is yours, O God.

And all who dwell within it.

*Members of the congregation offer the prayers, and we repeat the prayer in **bold**, above.*

The Celebrant prays the concluding collect.

For the earth in its fullness: the seas and all that moves in them, the birds of the air and the beasts of the field, all things that grow, and for our care of what we cannot replace.

The earth is yours, O God.

And all who dwell within it.

For the Church, that we would love the world as you love it, and not mistake using it for keeping it.

The earth is yours, O God.

And all who dwell within it.

For those who hold power over land and water and air, that they would answer to the generations not yet born, and to the creatures who have no voice.

The earth is yours, O God.

And all who dwell within it.

For this town and the ground it stands on, for our homes and our work, our neighbors and our rest.

The earth is yours, O God.

And all who dwell within it.

For the sick and the suffering, the lonely and the afraid, and for all who wake today to more than they can carry, that they would know they are not alone in it.

Please add your own prayers, aloud or in silence.

The earth is yours, O God.

And all who dwell within it.

For all who have died and have entered the fullness of their rest in you, and for all those who mourn.

Please add your own prayers, aloud or in silence.

The earth is yours, O God.

And all who dwell within it.

The Celebrant concludes:

Receive our prayers, O God, and keep us grounded in the world you have made, that we may rejoice to belong to it, and be faithful stewards of all you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *seated*

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MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *sung by the Choir at 11:00am*

All Things Bright and Beautiful

John Rutter (b. 1945)

All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful
The Lord God made them all

The cold wind in the winter
The pleasant summer sun
The ripe fruits in the garden –
He made them every one

Each little flower that opens
Each little bird that sings
He made their glowing colours
He made their tiny wings

He gave us eyes to see them
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty
Who has made all things well

The purple-headed mountain
The river running by
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky;



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
 2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
 3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom
 5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he
 2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we
 3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -
 5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es



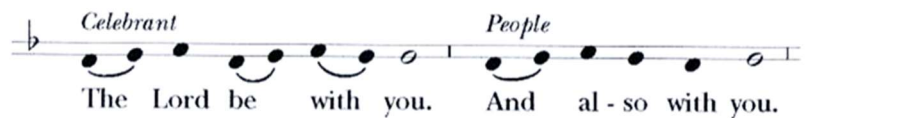
1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
 2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's
 3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - e -
 5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth



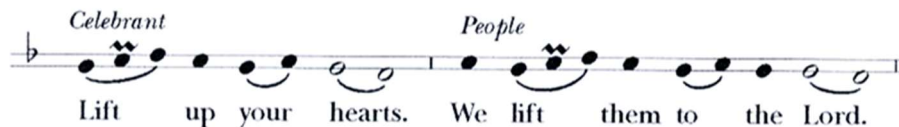
1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
 2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
 3 rmore from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.
 5 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

Words: Robert Seymour Bridges (1844–1930), alt.; after Joachim Neander (1650–1680)
 Music: *Michael*, Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

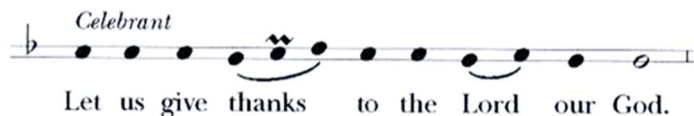
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



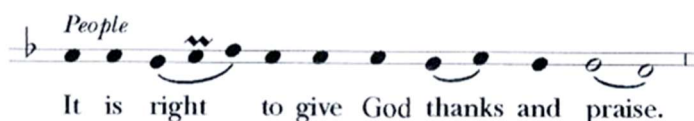
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



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



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The prayer continues until

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, Source of all Being, to give you thanks in every time and place. You spoke, and the light blazed forth; you made the earth and all its creatures and called them good. From the ground you raised us, made in your image; and though we turned our hands to harm, you did not abandon us, but came among us in the Word made flesh, who lived our life, and loved us to the end. Therefore with the ground and all it brings forth, with all creatures of your keeping, and with the whole company of heaven, we join the song of heaven as we sing:

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._____

SANCTUS

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The prayer continues until

Holy and gracious God, in the fullness of time you gave us Jesus, to be born of Mary, to share our life, and to offer his life for the life of the world. On the night before he died for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks to you, and said: "Drink this, all of you: this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Alive in him, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

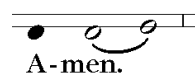
Christ will come again.

Remembering his death, his rising, and his coming again, we offer you these gifts of your own creation, this bread of the earth, this cup of the vine; and we ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon them, + that they may be for us the Body and Blood of Christ. Send your Spirit upon us, + that we may be renewed for the healing of your world.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Abiding Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Source of all Being, now and for ever. Amen.

The prayer continues until

People



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

A musical score for "The Lord's Prayer" in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The score ends with a double bar line.

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hall-owed be your Name, your king - dom come,
your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
And for - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.
For the king - dom, the po - wer, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

setting: Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908); adapted.

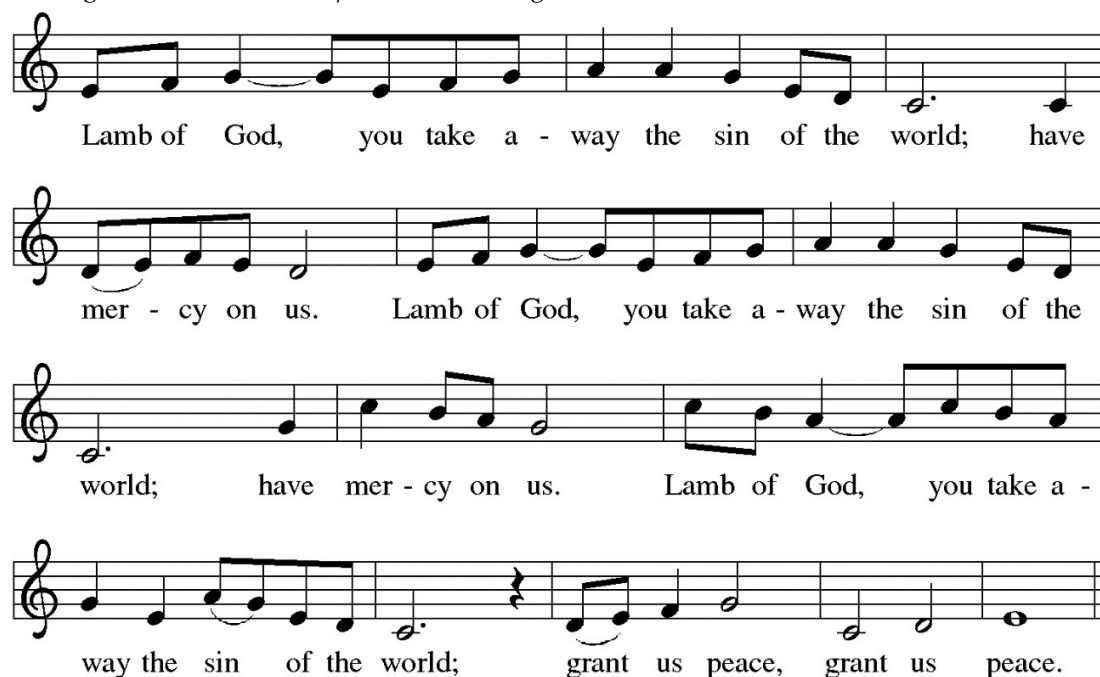
THE COMMUNION

The Celebrant breaks the bread and bids the People to Communion.

These are the gifts of God for you, the People of God. Draw near in faith.

Everyone is welcome to receive Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers. Gluten-free bread is available upon request; non-alcoholic grape juice is available in the blue-dot cups at the side altars. If you don't wish to drink from the chalice, you may simply touch its base when it is brought to you. (For the health of all, we are no longer dipping the bread into the chalice wine by hand.)

All sing as the distribution of Communion begins:



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Setting: ELW Setting One S112

MUSIC AT COMMUNION *sung by the Choir at 11:00am*

For the Beauty of the Earth

Peter Niedmann (b. 1960)

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thy church, that evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony,
linking sense to sound and sight;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best Gift Divine,
to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth, and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

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.**

[SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS]

When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are sent out to bring the Sacrament to the sick or homebound, the Celebrant sends them out:

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that *those* to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

The People respond

We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup.

THE BLESSING

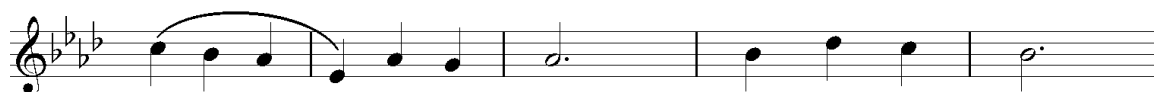
The Priest blesses the People.

May God, who made the world and called it good,
and blessed it to our care,
blow through you with its abundance;

And the blessing of God eternal,
who creates, redeems, and sustains,
bless you this day and always. Amen.



1 Earth and all stars, loud rush - ing plan - ets, sing to the
 2 Hail, wind, and rain, loud blow - ing snow - storms, sing to the
 3 Trum - pet and pipes, loud clash - ing cym - bals, sing to the



1 Lord _____ a new song! O vic - to - ry,
 2 Lord _____ a new song! Flow - ers and trees,
 3 Lord _____ a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre,



1 loud shout - ing ar - my, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
 2 loud rus - tling dry leaves, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
 3 loud hum - ming cel - los, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!



Refrain
 He hath done mar - vel - ous things.



I, too, will praise him with a new song!

Words: Herbert F. Brokering (b. 1926)

Music: *Earth and All Stars*, David N. Johnson (b. 1922)

THE SENDING

Go out into the world, rejoicing with all creation.

Thanks be to God.

*The feasting continues! –
with coffee, lemonade, cookies and conversation on the side lawn of the church.
Ask anyone near the front or rear doors and they will guide you there.*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Tune in D Major – David N. Johnson (1922 – 1987)

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