



The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 15, 2023  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

The Rev. Javier García Ocampo, Rector  
The Rev. Rosa Briones, Deacon  
Tracey Forfa, Lay Eucharistic Minister

Andrew Kullberg, Minister of Music  
Jesse Velazquez, Spanish Service Musical Director

The Entrance Rite

Opening Voluntary

Méditation *de Thais*

Jules Massenet

Processional Hymn

*Sing praise to God who reigns above*

The Hymnal 1982 # 408

Tune: *Mit Freuden zart*



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -  
2 What God's al-might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy  
3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of  
keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful  
glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the



our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and  
eye ne'er sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!  
won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the



ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.  
All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.  
Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

Opening Acclamation

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

*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*Priest and people*

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.

**Gloria**  
*Glory to God in the highest*

**Wonder, Love, and Praise # 900**  
John Rutter

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, —  
— and peace to his peo-ple on earth. — Lord God, heav'n - ly  
King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, — we wor - ship you — we give you  
thanks, we praise you for — your glo - ry. — Lord Je - sus Christ, —  
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, — 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 Fa - ther: — 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 Fa - ther. A - - - - men. —

## The Collect for the Day

*Priest*                   The Lord be with you.  
*People*                   **And also with you.**  
*Priest*                   Let us pray.

*Priest and People*

**Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The First Reading

**Exodus 32:1-14**

*Reader*                   A reading from the Book of Exodus

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

## Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Hallelujah! Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**

Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord  
**or show forth all his praise?**

Happy are those who act with justice  
**and always do what is right!**

Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have for your people,  
**and visit me with your saving help;**

That I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the gladness of your people,  
**that I may glory with your inheritance.**

We have sinned as our forebears did;  
**we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.**

Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb  
**and worshiped a molten image;**

And so they exchanged their Glory  
**for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.**

They forgot God their Savior,  
**who had done great things in Egypt,**

Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham,  
**and fearful things at the Red Sea.**

So he would have destroyed them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach,  
**to turn away his wrath from consuming them.**

## **The Second Reading**

## **Philippians 4:1-9**

*Reader* A reading from the letter of the apostle St. Paul to the Philippians

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

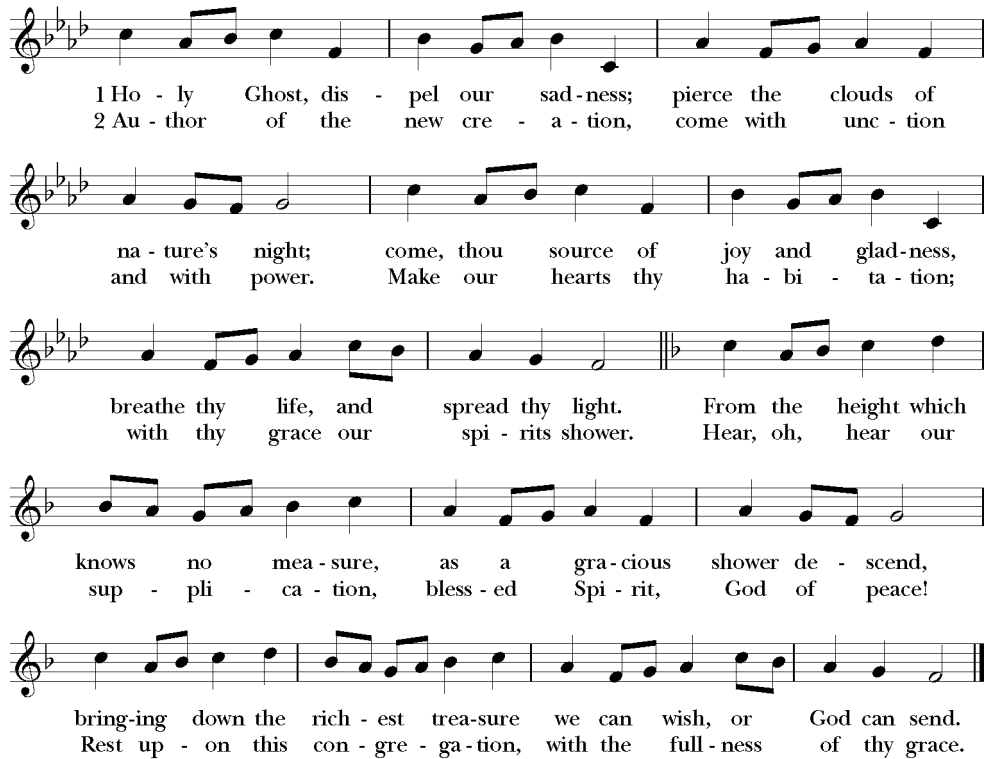
*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn**

*Holy Ghost, dispel our sadness*

**The Hymnal 1982 # 515**

Tune: *Geneva*



1 Ho - ly Ghost, dis - pel our sad - ness; pierce the clouds of  
2 Au - thor of the new cre - a - tion, come with unc - tion

na - ture's night; come, thou source of joy and glad - ness,  
and with power. Make our hearts thy ha - bi - ta - tion;

breathe thy life, and spread thy light. From the height which  
with thy grace our spi - rits shower. Hear, oh, hear our

knows no mea - sure, as a gra - cious shower de - scend,  
sup - pli - ca - tion, bless - ed Spi - rit, God of peace!

bring - ing down the rich - est trea - sure we can wish, or God can send.  
Rest up - on this con - gre - ga - tion, with the full - ness of thy grace.

**The Gospel**

**Matthew 22:1-14**

*Deacon*

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

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

*Deacon*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

The Rev. Ann Moczydlowski

*The people stand.*

## **The 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 truly human. 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. 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.**

## **Prayers of the People**

**Form III**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for comfort, healing, courage and hope for **Steve** Heinig, **Lucia** Valenzuela, **Robert** Taylor, **Nikka** Hakimi, **Angie** Ricks, **Jean** Isaac, **Crystal** Parmalee, **Jenny** Regalado, **Jeff** Kostka, **Peg** Ruppel, **GG** Somerville, **Frances** Farrah, **Rodolfo** Rodriguez, **Yvonne** McDonald, **Trevor** Walker, **Delita** Rodriguez, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

We pray for peace in the world and for the victims of war everywhere. We also pray for all who are serving our country here and abroad, especially those in harm's way, and their families.

We pray for all those affected by, suffering from, and killed by gun violence throughout our country.

We give thanks for the altar flowers given by Paul Whitmore and Sari Stoddard in celebration of their tenth anniversary and in memory of their beloved parents.

We give thanks for the recent birthdays of **Gregory** Kostka, **Thomas** Hughes, **Yanira** Servano, **Nathalie** Scott, **Isabella** Rincon-Noble, **Anne** Brink, **Jerry** FitzPatrick, **Patrick** Mitchell, **Henry** Musikar, **Mathias** Wasikye, **Douglas** Wasikye, and **Melody** Bell.

### *Celebrant*

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Confession of Sin**

*Deacon:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

### *Celebrant:*

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

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

## Offertory Sentence

### *Celebrant*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. (*Psalm 50:14*)

*The altar is prepared for Holy Communion and an offering is received to support Ascension's ministry of sharing God's love with the world. Text ASCENSIONMD + Amount to 73256 to give a donation using your text messaging or scan the QR code.*



## Offertory Anthem (Sung by the Choir):

*I Will Arise*

Traditional, arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

## Doxology:

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

Tune: *Old 100th*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here be - low;  
Praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## The Holy Communion

- 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 our thanks and praise.**

### *Celebrant*

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

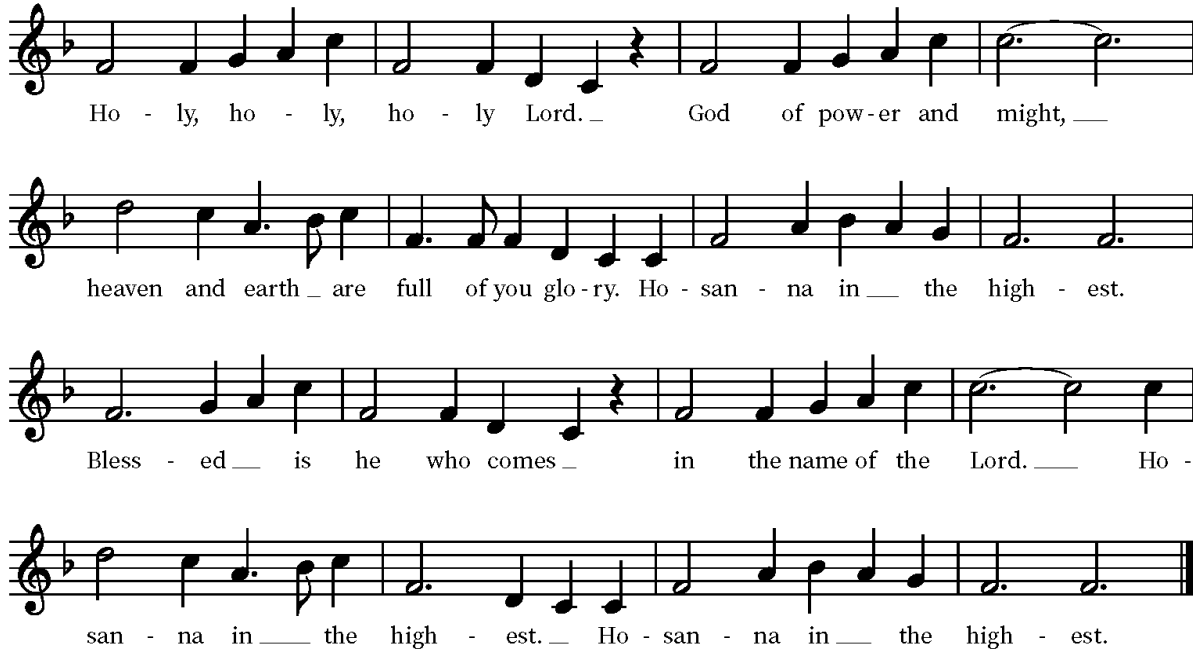
For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**  
*Holy, holy, holy*

**Wonder, Love, and Praise # 858**  
Tune: *Land of Rest*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. \_ God of pow-er and might, \_  
heaven and earth \_ are full of you 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. \_ Ho - san - na in \_ the high - est.

*The people kneel or remain standing. 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,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues.*

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 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,

### *Celebrant and People*

**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.**

### **Fraction Anthem**

### **Wonder, Love, and Praise # 754**

*Taste and see*

James E. Moore, Jr.

♩ = 120



Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness of the Lord. \_\_\_\_ O

taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness of the Lord, \_\_\_\_ of the Lord.

*Celebrant:* God's Holy gifts for God's holy people. Come, when you are fearful, to be made new in love. Come, when you are doubtful, to be made strong in faith. Come, when you are regretful, and be made whole in Christ. Come to Christ's table, there is room for all.

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

### **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

**Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We offer you praise and thanksgiving as we proclaim your resurrection. We love you above all, and long for you in our souls. Since we cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at Church of the Ascension. Please follow the directions of the Priest. Receive the bread in your hands. You may receive the wine by drinking from the chalice or by taking one of the small cups, drinking from it and returning the cup to the chalice or the cup holder tray. Intincting (“dipping”) is not permitted; only receiving the wine by drinking from the chalice or a cup is allowed.*

*After receiving communion, the people are seated for the hymn.*

**Communion Hymn (Sung by the Choir):**

*Canon of Peace*

Hal H. Hopson

**Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

**Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. We thank you for the Body of Christ, the bread of heaven, and for the offering of Christ’s holy presence, the gift of spiritual communion, which feeds us when we must be apart. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we become One Body in the sacrament of Christ’s Body. Transform our lives with your life, for the love we share becomes bread for the world. AMEN.**

**Blessing**

Life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And may the blessing of the one who made us, who journeys with us, who breathes us into life moment by moment, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be upon you this day and always. Amen.

*The people are seated for the announcements.*

**Announcements**

*At the direction of the priest, all stand as able and sing the hymn*

**Recessional Hymn**  
*Rejoice, ye pure in heart*

**The Hymnal 1982 # 556**  
Tune: *Marion*

1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing! Your  
2 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of earth, pour  
3 Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le - lu - ias loud; while  
4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go, from  
5 Still lift your stand - ard high, still march in firm ar - ray, as

1 glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
2 out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
3 an - swer - ing ech - oes up - ward float, like wreaths of in - cense cloud.  
4 youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.  
5 war - riors through the dark - ness toil, till dawns the gold - en day.

*Refrain*

Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and sing.  
re - joice, re - joice,

\*6 At last the march shall end;  
the wearied ones shall rest;  
the pilgrims find their Father's house,  
Jerusalem the blest.

*Refrain*

\*7 Then on, ye pure in heart!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your glorious banner wave on high  
the cross of Christ your King.

*Refrain*

**Dismissal**

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

**Closing Voluntary**  
*Prelude in Classic Style*

Gordon Young

## **PERMISSIONS**

*Section: Praise to God Words: Johann Jakob Schütz (1640–1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812–1897), alt. Music: Mit Freuden zart, melody from “Une pastourelle gentille,” 1529; adapt. Pseaumes cinquante de David, 1547, and Kischengeseng darinnen die Heubtartikel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset, 1566; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958), after Heinrich Reimann (19th cent.) Meter: 87. 87. 887 Section: The Holy Spirit Words: Paul Gerhardt (1607–1676); tr. John Christian Jacobi (1670–1750), alt. Music: Geneva, George Henry Day (1883–1966) Meter: 87. 87. D Section: Christian Vocation and Pilgrimage Words: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821–1891) Music: Marion, Arthur Henry Messiter (1834–1916) Meter: SM with Refrain Section: Eucharist Title: As we gather at your table Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (B. 1944) Music: Raquel, Skinner Chávez-Melo (1944–1992) Copyright: Words: © 1989 Hope Publishing Co., Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission. Music: © 1989 Skinner Chávez-Melo. Meter: 87.87.D Service Music: Gloria Title: Glory to God Music: David Hurd (b. 1950), Intercession Mass Copyright: © 1979, 1983, G.I.A. Publications, Inc., Chicago, IL. All Rights Reserved. Section: Service Music: Sanctus and Benedictus Title: Holy, holy, holy Lord [Sanctus] Music: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner, harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889–1983) Section: Christian Pilgrimage Title When from bondage we are summoned Words: Delores Dufner, OSB (b. 1939) Music: Haywood’s Home, Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from Tunes for Grace Copyright: Words: © 1894, 1988, 1996 Sisters of St. Benedict. Music: © 1997 Carl Haywood. Meter: 87.87D The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two is from the Book of Common Prayer © 1979 Church Publishing, Inc. Scripture readings are from the New Revised Standard Version of The Bible, copyright © 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.*

