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*“My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God.”*

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Celebrant/Preacher	The Very Reverend José Reyes
Deacon	The Reverend Dr. Kate DeRose
Organist & Choir Director	Dr. Colin Britt
Verger	Oswald Howard
Acolytes	Sean Asante, Mark Giddings, Tasha Brown & Bijou Asante
Lectors	Savannah Riley & Sean Asante
Intercessor	Maame Asante & Tasha Brown
Interpretors	Bijou Asante, Jacob Jackson & Laurel Jablonska-McLeod
Altar Guild	Sarah Betsher & Oswald Howard
Eucharistic Ministers	Mark Giddings, Rajendra Lalak & Megan Gallagher
Ushers	Angelika Melien, & Nathaniel Green
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“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” – Matthew 6:2



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# THE OPENING VOLUNTARY: “A Change Is Going To Come”

- Sam Cooke

## THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: The Hymnal 1982 - #636

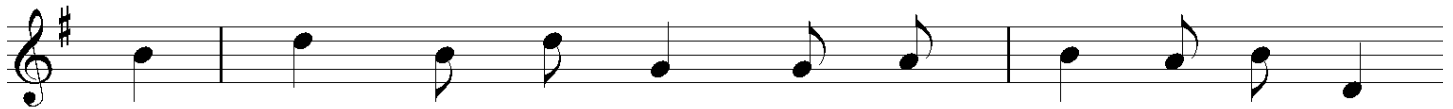
How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
2 “Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!  
3 “When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
4 “When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
5 “The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!  
2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;  
4 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,



1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.  
3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake.”

*Optional Interlude*



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# THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant*

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*All*

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

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.

## THE GLORIA: The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #279 Glory to God

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, —  
— and peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, hea - ven - 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,  
7. 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.

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING – 1 Kings 19:1-15a

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

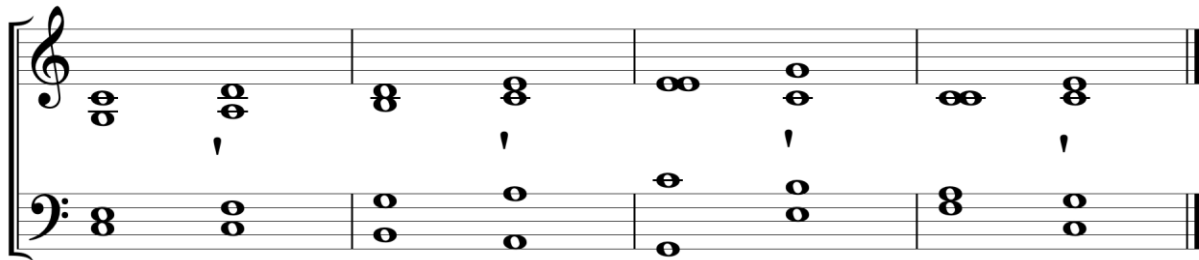
Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are

you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus."

Hear what the spirit is saying.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM: Psalms 42 & 43



### Psalm 42

1 As the deer longs for the ' **water-brooks**, \*  
so longs my soul for you, O ' **God**.

2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living ' **God**; \*  
when shall I come to appear before the presence of ' **God**?

3 My tears have been my food day and ' **night**, \*  
while all day long they say to me,  
"Where now is your ' **God**?"

4 I pour out my soul when I think on these ' **things**: \*  
how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of ' **God**,

5 With the voice of praise and thanks ' **giving**, \*  
among those who keep holy-' **day**.

6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my ' **soul**? \*  
and why are you so disquieted with ' **in me**?

7 Put your trust in ' **God**; \*  
for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my ' **God**.

8 My soul is heavy with ' **in me**; \*  
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,  
and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of ' **Hermon**.

9 One deep calls to another in the noise of your **'cataracts; \***  
all your rapids and floods have gone **'over me.**  
10 The Lord grants his loving-kindness in the **'daytime; \***  
in the night season his song is with me,  
a prayer to the God of my **'life.**  
11 I will say to the God of my strength,  
**"Why have you for'gotten me? \***  
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy op'presses me?"  
12 While my bones are being **'broken, \***  
my enemies mock me to my **'face;**  
13 All day long they **'mock me \***  
and say to me, **"Where now is your 'God?"**  
14 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my **'soul? \***  
and why are you so disquieted with **'in me?**  
15 Put your trust in **'God; \***  
for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my **'God.**

*and*

### **Psalm 43**

1 Give judgment for me, O God,  
and defend my cause against an ungodly **'people; \***  
deliver me from the deceitful and the **'wicked.**  
2 For you are the God of my strength;  
why have you put me from **'you? \***  
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy op'presses me?  
3 Send out your light and your truth, that they may **'lead me, \***  
and bring me to your holy hill  
and to your **'dwelling;**  
4 That I may go to the altar of God,  
to the God of my joy and **'gladness; \***  
and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my **'God.**  
5 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my **'soul? \***  
and why are you so disquieted with **'in me?**  
6 Put your trust in **'God; \***  
for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my **'God.**

## THE SECOND READING – Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Hear what the spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

## THE SEQUENCE HYMN: The Hymnal 1982, #658 As Longs the Deer for Cooling Streams

1 As longs the deer for cool - ing streams in  
2 For thee, my God, the liv - ing God, my  
3 Why rest - less, why cast down, my soul? Hope  
4 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the

parched and bar - ren ways, so longs my soul, O  
thirst - y soul doth pine: O when shall I be -  
still, and thou shalt sing the praise of him who  
God whom we a - dore, be glo - ry, as it

God, for thee and thy re - fresh - ing grace.  
hold thy face, thou Ma - jes - ty di - vine?  
is thy God, thy health's e - ter - nal spring.  
was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

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## **THE HOLY GOSPEL – Luke 8:26-39**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE SERMON**

**The Very Reverend José Reyes**

## 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 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 – Form VI

*Intercessor*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Doug our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray for those we name in silence or aloud at this time: Jillian McLeod, Burt Hansen, Cecily Perez, Maria Lamoutte, Sherry Branstetter, Karen and Bob Soderstrom, Kathy McBride, Monique Ray Burwell, Milagros Lopez, Charlie Murrin and his family, Robert Jewell, Sr. and his family, Charlotte Carrington, Todd Shepard, Beverly Rourke, Ann Lincoln, Joyce Howard, David and Kathy Johnston, Karen and Rich Authier, Louise Amerman, Blaise and her family, and Julius and his family.

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially, Carrie Dirats, Barbara Derosé, Joel Robert Prystupa, Nilsa Velez, Tom Haller, Sherry Marchessault, and Sarah P. (Betsher) Wheeler. We pray for those celebrating anniversaries this week, especially, Susan & Gene Bartley, and Kathy & David Johnston. We give thanks for the flowers on the altar today, given to the Glory of God in loving memory David Rand by Alison LeBrasseur and Diana Rand.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of David Rand by Alison LeBrasseur and Diana Rand.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

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

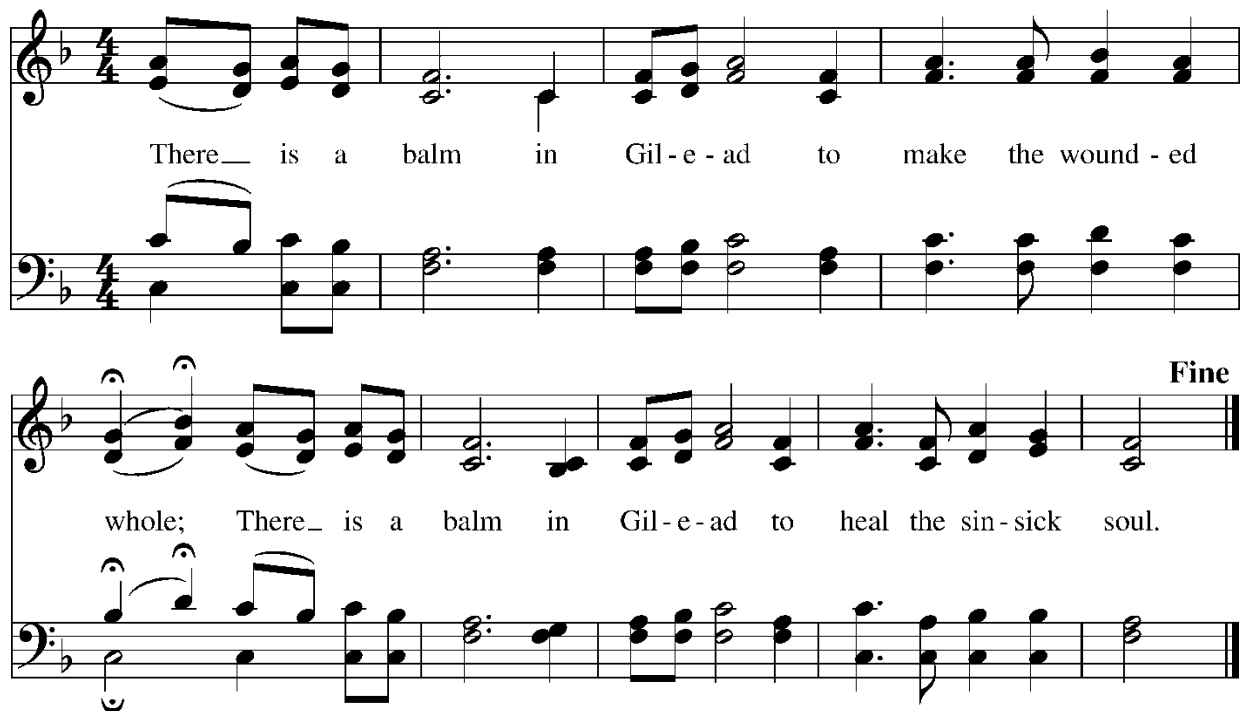
## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

*During the Offertory, the Altar is prepared. People may place pledges and donations in the collection basket during the offertory. You may also donate, and pledge online, just point your phone at the QR code.*



## THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “Steal Away” - *spiritual*

## THE OFFERTORY HYMN: Lift Every Voice & Sing II - #203 There Is A Balm In Gilead



There\_ is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed

whole; There\_ is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul. **Fine**

1. Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, And\_ think my work's in vain, But\_

2. If you can - not preach like Pet - er, If you can - not preach like Paul, You can

3. Don't\_ ev - er be dis - cour-aged For\_ Je - sus is your friend, And\_

1. then the ho - ly spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain. \_\_\_\_\_

2. tell the love of Je - sus, And say He died for all. \_\_\_\_\_

3. if you lack for know - ledge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend. \_\_\_\_\_

*D.C.*

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## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up you hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

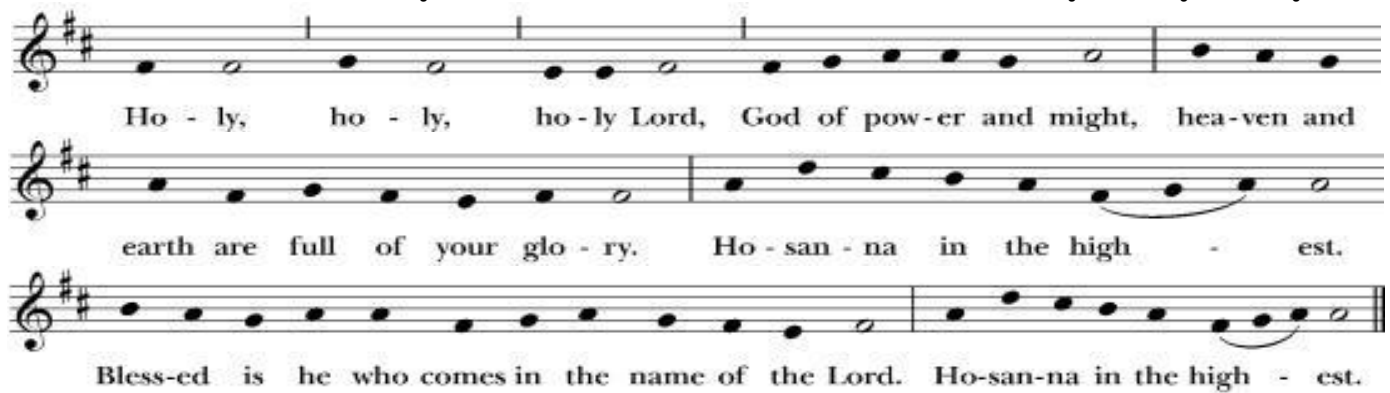
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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:

## THE SANCTUS: The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #124 Holy, Holy, Holy



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 all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of all your children; 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.**

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

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## **THE FRACTION ANTHEM: The Hymnal 1982, Service Music**

### **#161 Lamb of God**

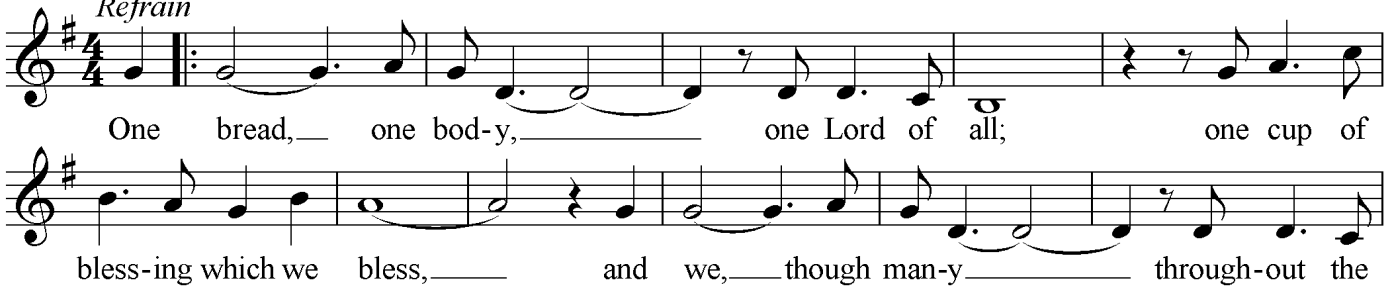


The Gifts of God for you, the People of God.

Everyone is invited to receive the Holy Communion. Our practice is to stand or kneel at the altar rail in front, where the clergy will give you the host and then will give you the chalice. If you desire only a blessing and not the Communion, please indicate by crossing your arms before you. If you prefer Gluten-Free wafers or non-alcoholic grape juice, please tell the eucharistic ministers.


## THE COMMUNION ANTHEM: “One Bread, One Body”

*Refrain*



One bread, — one bod-y, — one Lord of all; one cup of  
bless-ing which we bless, — and we, — though man-y — through-out the

*Verse*



earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord. —

1. Gen-tile or
2. Man - y the
3. Grain for the

Jew, ser - vant or free, wom - an or man, no more. One  
gifts, man - y the works, one in the Lord of all.  
fields, scat-tered and grown, gath-ered to one for all.

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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

## THE BLESSING – *From Teresa of Ávila*

May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let God’s presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**



# THE RECESSIONAL HYMN: Lift Every Voice & Sing II - # 208 We've Come This Far By Faith

*Refrain*

We've come this far— by— faith, Lean - ing on the

Lord;— Trust - ing in His ho - ly word,

He's nev - er failed— me yet. O—

The musical score is written for a vocal part and piano accompaniment. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The refrain is marked with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in both the right and left hands. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line.

Fine

can't turn a - round. We've come this far by faith.

1. Don't be dis - cour-aged when trou-ble's in your life. He'll bear your

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

## THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY: "Ain't No Stopping Us Now"

*- Gene McFadden, John Whitehead & Jerry Cohen*

### **CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL ANNOUNCEMENTS June 22, 2025**

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Please contact Verger Oswald Howard to schedule your testimony. Stories scheduled to be told:

**The Reverend Kate Derosé - Today**

**SUMMER SERVICES** - For the months of July and August our Sunday services will be held in our air conditioned undercroft. As a result, we will only be livestreaming to our Facebook page. The service will be put on our YouTube channel later in the week.

**SAFE CHURCH TRAINING** – Christ Church Cathedral will be hosting an in-person safe church training on Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> 2025. We would like to request that all volunteers with the Cathedral be present for this training from 9am to 12pm EST. Clergy and Staff are requested to be available for this training from 9am to 2pm EST.

**Certificates of Completion must be forwarded to the Office when received!**

**AFGHAN FAMILY NEEDS YOUR HELP** - The Cathedral and St. Mark's church have been helping the Khan family since their arrival from Afghanistan in late 2021. As soon as Afzal received his Work Authorization card, he started working at American Saw. He has been working there, full-time, since 2022. Every 2 years, Work authorization cards have to be renewed. The expiration date on Afzal's card is MAY 4th. He has an Immigration Attorney helping on the case, but since April 1st, his card has been "In Process" status. As of May 4th, Afzal can no longer work; it would be illegal to do so. **So, this hard working father of 6 children is now out of work.** We are asking our Church Family to look into their hearts (and wallets) to see if you can make a donation toward the family's \$1700 monthly rent. At the same time, please pray that Afzal's Work Authorization will be renewed.

**JUNE 2025 CATHEDRAL FINANCES** - Projected 2025 Budget shortfall: \$44,300

Financial Position as of May 31, 2025:

- Revenue YTD: **\$304,042**
- Expenses YTD: **\$247,854**

Revenue minus expenses = **\$56,188 surplus**

If you are 72 years of age (or older) and are required to take Distributions from your IRA, you can make a Distribution directly to the Cathedral. This is a Win-Win – the Cathedral receives the donation (your pledge) and you don't have to pay taxes on the distribution.

Questions? Ask Laura Manship 413.275.4587, or send her an email at [Treasurer@cccspfld.org](mailto:Treasurer@cccspfld.org).

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED!** - Christ Church Cathedral is in need for someone who could assist us with our IT needs. We are looking for a technology-minded individual to volunteer a few hours a month to helping us update, install and maintain all of our Information Technology Systems here at the church. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please contact us today to learn more about this exciting volunteer opportunity.

**WE ARE STILL COLLECTING MEAL KITS FOR SQUARE ONE!** - Christ Church Cathedral once again would like to begin collecting Meal Kits to send to Square One! Meal kits are items placed in a bag that will be given to parents. They should be non-perishables or items with an extended shelf life.

**FLOWER DEDICATIONS-** Donate flowers in memory of a loved one today! Send your dedication, along with your \$45 donation to the Main office, and we will call you to confirm placement! We still need dedications for 07/07/2025 and 11/23/2025

**THE PRAYER TEAM IS BACK!** It is with much joy we resume this important ministry and we look forward to praying with everyone over the coming months! Just remember that we will only be ‘on duty’ in the side chapel two Sundays a month, the second and the fourth.

**UPDATED CORI CHECKS 2025** - All of those who participate in the following need to have an updated CORI check to be able to engage in any ministries involving children: Sextons, secretaries, choir directors, Sunday school leaders, activity chaperones, nursery, J2A, confirmation mentors, acolyte trainers and adult acolytes, VBS, Christmas programs, ACTS, Drop In Center. Forms may be obtained from Delphine Williams or the office and must be returned with a copy of a valid ID in a sealed envelope.

**DONATIONS NEEDED AT THE DROP-IN CENTER!**

**We need individual snacks and bottles of water!** Please clean out your closets and bring in WINTER COATS, sneakers and boots, etc.. We are also looking for NEW underwear, in all sizes for both men and women. For more information, contact the CCC Main office at 413-736-2742 or Jeanne Conrad at [jeanne@conrad.us.com](mailto:jeanne@conrad.us.com).

**ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES** There is an English class for beginners at the Cathedral that meets on Sundays after the 12:15 mass, around 2 pm until 3:30. The curriculum includes conversation and listening practice as well as reading and writing. For more information, call or text Sara at 413-454-7172 or speak with her after the 12:15 Spanish mass.

**BIBLE STUDY** Weekly on zoom, Sunday morning 9:00am, Wednesday morning 8:00am, Saturday evening 5:00 pm. Links and more information are available through the office.

**CENTERING PRAYER** weekly on zoom, Saturday morning at 10:30. Lectio Divino with a guided meditation every week. Links and more information are available through the office.

**BOOK CLUB** - meets via Zoom every 6 weeks or so. Next Meeting: Monday, June 23, at 7:00 pm, via zoom. The book is “**Joy: Poet, Seeker, and the Woman Who Captivated C.S. Lewis**” by Abigail Santamaria. For links and more information contact Laura Manship at [laura@shouldertoshoulder.org](mailto:laura@shouldertoshoulder.org)