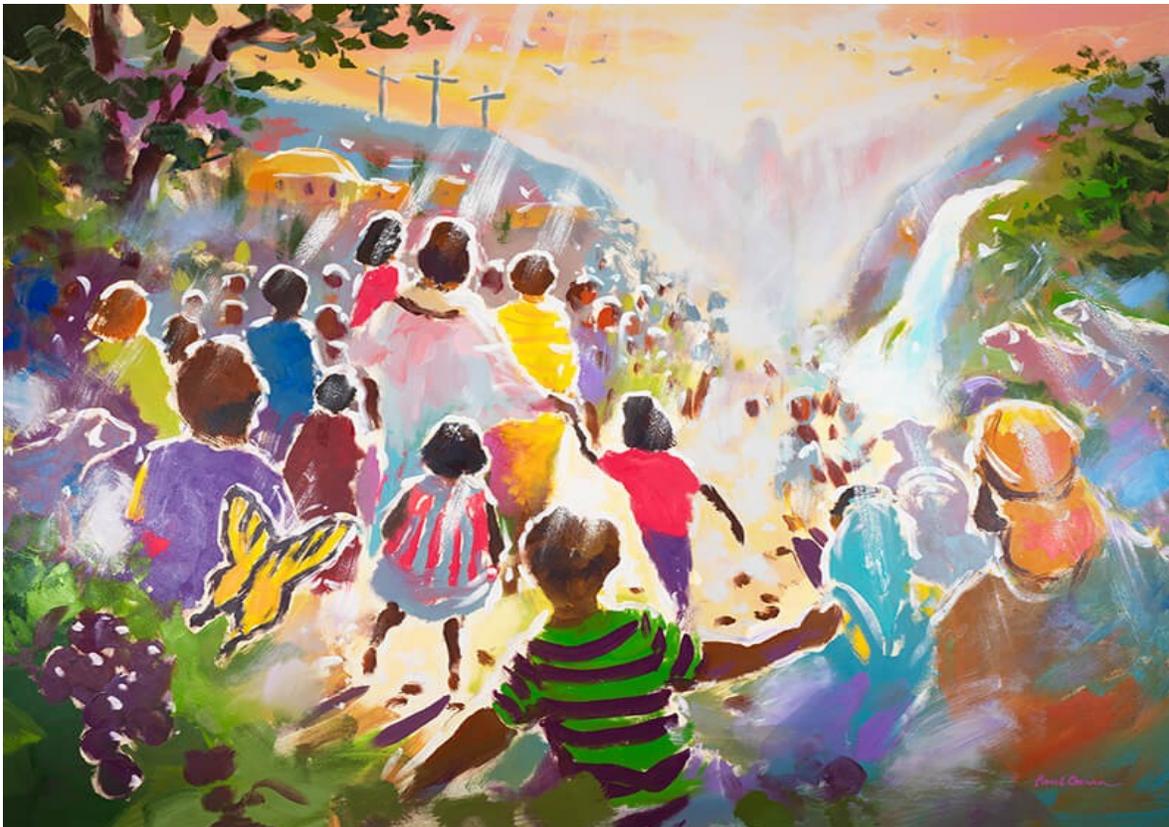


The Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts



RENEWAL OF ORDINATION VOWS & BLESSING OF OILS



MARCH 31, 2026, 11:00 AM

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

We welcome you to this service of renewal of vows and blessing of oils. We gather each year on the Tuesday of Holy Week to renew the vows we made at our ordinations and to share in our faith and fellowship during this important week. May you find peace here and know anew how much you are loved and how much the work you do

is valued.

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THE OPENING VOLUNTARY- The Call - *Ralph Vaughan Williams*

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN - ELW #579 Lord, You Give the Great Commission



1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fath - er, what they



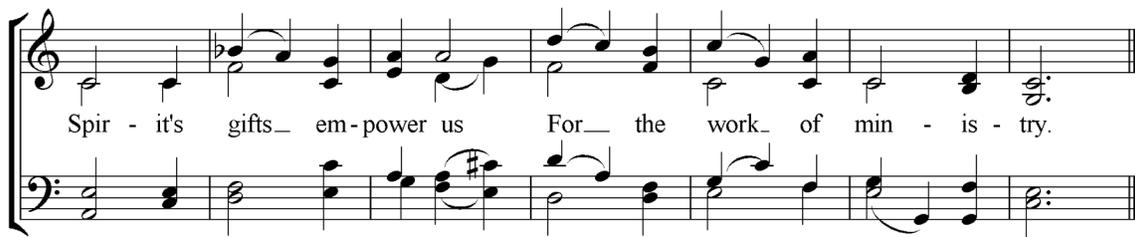
preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure



And the gos - pel go un - heard, Help us wit - ness to your
Life a - bund - ant meant for each, Give us all new fer - vor,
Dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, Ask - ing that the world a -
All that you so free - ly give. May your care and mer - cy



pur - pose With re - newed in - teg - ri - ty; With the
draw us Clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty;
round us Share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty;
lead us To a just so - ci - e - ty;



A PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

All

God's mercy endures for ever.

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Deacon

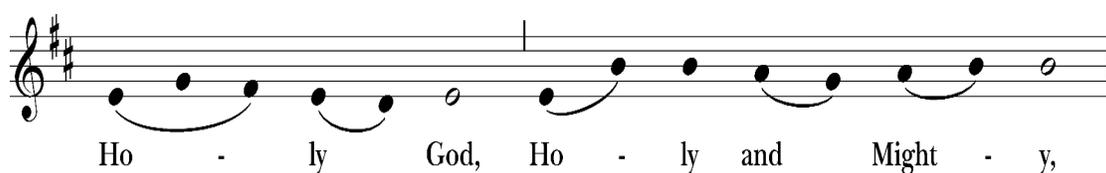
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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 TRISAGION - The Hymnal 1982 - # S99



Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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THE COLLECT

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray. O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING - Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away!
 The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he

named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God."

And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength-- he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM - Psalm 71:1-14

In te, Domine, speravi

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; *
let me never be ashamed.
- 2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; *
incline your ear to me and save me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; *
you are my crag and my stronghold.
- 4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, *
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.
- 5 For you are my hope, O Lord GOD, *
my confidence since I was young.
- 6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength; *
my praise shall be always of you.
- 7 I have become a portent to many; *
but you are my refuge and my strength.

- 8 Let my mouth be full of your praise *
and your glory all the day long.
- 9 Do not cast me off in my old age; *
forsake me not when my strength fails.
- 10 For my enemies are talking against me, *
and those who lie in wait for my life take counsel together.
- 11 They say, "God has forsaken him;
go after him and seize him; *
because there is none who will save."
- 12 O God, be not far from me; *
come quickly to help me, O my God.
- 13 Let those who set themselves against me be put to shame and be disgraced; *
let those who seek to do me evil be covered with scorn and reproach.
- 14 But I shall always wait in patience, *
and shall praise you more and more.

THE SECOND READING - 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus,

who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

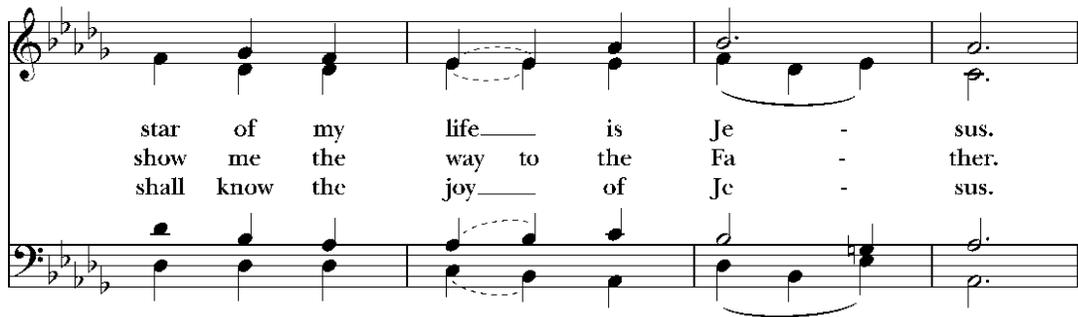
THE GRADUAL HYMN: 1982 HYMNAL # 490 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.

I want to fol-low Je-sus.
I want to look at Je-sus.
I want to be with Je-sus.

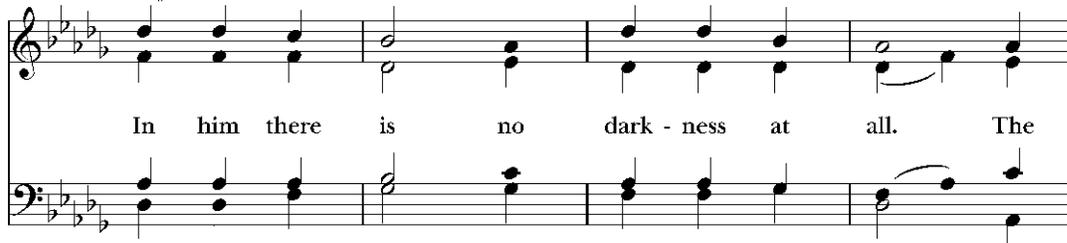
God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and
When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

The musical score is written in a three-part setting with soprano, alto, and bass staves. It features a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each with a corresponding musical line. The first system includes three numbered verses. The second system includes three lines of lyrics. The third system includes three lines of lyrics. The music consists of simple, homophonic chords and single notes, typical of a hymn setting.

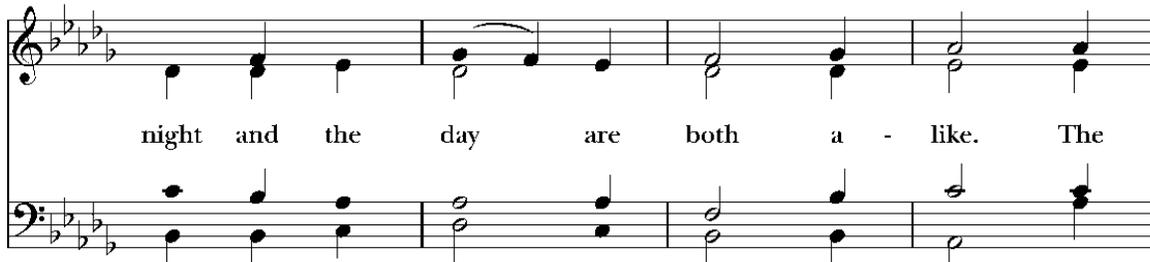


star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

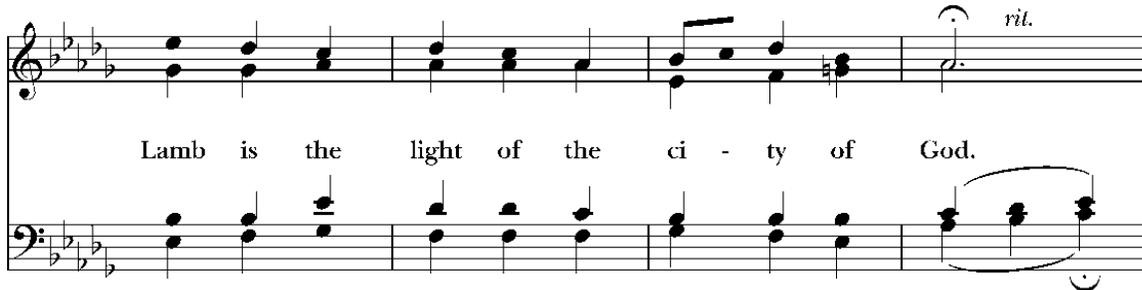
Refrain



In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

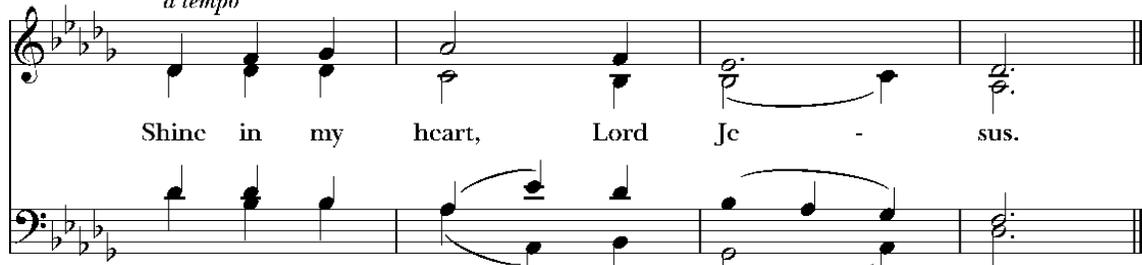


night and the day are both a - like. The



Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.

a tempo



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL - John 12:20-36

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, Lord Christ!

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say-- `Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, "We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light."

After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

THE SERMON

Rosendale

The Reverend Mary

REAFFIRMATION OF ORDINATION VOWS

Dear friends, the ministry we share is none other than the sacrificial ministry of Christ, who gave himself up to death on the cross for the salvation of the world. By his glorious resurrection he has opened for us the way of everlasting life. By the gift of the Holy Spirit he shares with us the riches of his grace.

Together we are called to proclaim his death and resurrection. Priests are called to administer the Sacraments of the New Covenant, which Christ sealed with his blood on the cross, and to care for his people in the power of the Spirit. Deacons are called to translate the Gospel into the world, and help the Church to hear the needs of the world.

Do you here, in the presence of Christ and his Church, renew your commitment to your ministry, under the pastoral direction of your bishop?

I do.

Do you reaffirm your promise to give yourself to prayer and study?

I do.

Do you reaffirm your promise so to minister the Word of God and the Sacraments of the New Covenant that the reconciling love of Christ may be known and received?

I do.

Do you reaffirm your promise to be a faithful servant of all those committed to your care, patterning your life in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to your people?

I do.

And now, I, too, before God and you, rededicate myself and reaffirm the promises that I made when I was ordained a bishop. I ask your prayers.

May the Lord who has given us the will to do these things, give us also the grace and power to perform them.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

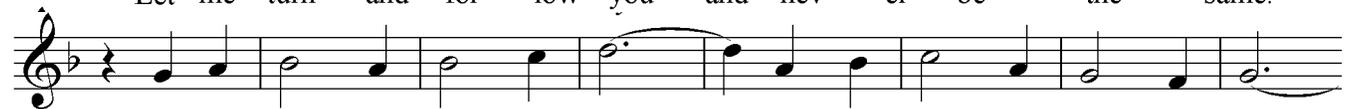
THE OFFERTORY HYMN – “The Summons” – *John Bell*



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
 3. Will you step u - pon the sea if I but call your name?
 4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
 5. God, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, ___ will you let my name be known, _
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare ___ should your life at - tract or scare? _
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, ___ and do such as this un - seen, ___
 Will you use the faith you've found ___ to re - shape the world a - round, _
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go ___ where your love and foot - steps show. _



___ will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
 ___ Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?
 ___ and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?
 _ through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
 ___ Thus I'll move and live and grow in you, and you in me.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARIST PRAYER I (E.O.W.)

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus

Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore we praise you, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven 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.

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Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah, you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets

to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM - The Hymnal 1982, #S 169

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
 on us. O Lamb of God, that
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
 world, grant us thy peace.

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION – Pan De Vida

Pan de vida, cuerpo del Señor
Cup of blessing, blood of Christ the Lord
At this table the last shall be first
Poder es servir, porque Dios es amor

We are the dwelling of God
Fragile and wounded and weak
We are the body of Christ
Called to be the compassion of God

Pan de Vida, cuerpo del Señor
Cup of blessing, blood of Christ the Lord
At this table the last shall be first
Poder es servir, porque Dios es amor

Ustedes me llaman "Señor"
Me inclino a lavarles los pies
Hagan lo mismo, humildes
Sirviendo los unos a otros

Pan de vida, cuerpo del Señor
Cup of blessing, blood of Christ the Lord
At this table the last shall be first
Poder es servir, porque Dios es amor

There is no Jew or Greek
There is no slave or free
There is no woman or man
Only heirs of the promise of God

Pan de vida, cuerpo del Señor
Cup of blessing, blood of Christ the Lord
At this table the last shall be first
Poder es servir, porque Dios es amor
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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.

CONSECRATION OF OIL OF CHRISM

Dear Friends in Christ, in the beginning, the Spirit of God hovered over the creation; and, throughout history, God, by the gift of the Holy Spirit, has empowered God's people to serve God. As a sign of that gift, the priests and kings of Israel were anointed with oil; and our Lord Jesus was himself anointed with the Holy Spirit at his Baptism as the Christ, God's own Messiah. At Baptism, Christians are likewise anointed by the same Spirit to empower them for God's service. Let us now set apart this oil to be the sign of that anointing.

Let us pray. Eternal Father, whose blessed Son was anointed by the Holy Spirit to be the Savior and servant of all, we pray you to consecrate this oil, that those who are sealed with it may share in the royal priesthood of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

CONSECRATION OF OIL FOR ANOINTING THE SICK

O Lord, holy Father, giver of health and salvation: Send your Holy Spirit to sanctify this oil; that, as your holy apostles anointed many that were sick and healed them, so may those who in faith and repentance receive this holy unction be made whole; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The gathered community now anoints each other with the words:

“Remember love is stronger than death and to that love you are returned.”

THE BLESSING

The Bishop blesses the people.

The recessional hymn is on the following page.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN - Lift Every Voice & Sing, II – #194
Lead Me, Guide Me

Lead— me, guide— me, a - long the way,

The first system of music features a vocal line in treble clef and piano accompaniment in grand staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The vocal line begins with a half note 'Lead— me,' followed by a quarter note 'guide— me,' and then a half note 'a - long the way,'. The piano accompaniment includes several triplet markings in both the right and left hands.

For— if you lead me, I can - not stray.

The second system continues the vocal line with a half note 'For—' followed by a quarter note 'if you lead me,' and then a half note 'I can - not stray.'. The piano accompaniment continues with triplet markings.

Lord, — let me walk each day with Thee.

The third system features a vocal line with a half note 'Lord, —' followed by a quarter note 'let me walk each day with Thee.'. The piano accompaniment includes triplet markings.

Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me. **Fine**

The final system concludes the piece with a vocal line that says 'Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.' followed by a long note and a double bar line. The word 'Fine' is written above the staff. The piano accompaniment ends with a triplet in the right hand.

1. I am weak— and I need thy strength and power to—
 2. Help me tread— in the paths of right - eous - ness, be my
 3. I am lost— if you take your hand from me, I am

1. help me o - ver my weak - est hour; Help me
 2. aid when sa - tan and sin op - press; I am
 3. blind with - out— thy light to see; Lord, just

1. through the dark - ness thy face to see,
 2. put - ting all my trust in thee.
 3. al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

D.C.

1. Lead me, Oh Lord, — lead me. _____
 2. Lead me, Oh Lord, — lead me. _____
 3. Lead me, Oh Lord, — lead me. _____

THE DISMISSAL - *The Deacon dismisses the people with these words*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY – “*Marche Solenelle*” – *Felix Mendelssohn*