



**ST. JOHN'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
JACKSON HOLE

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025: PROPER 13**  
**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**10:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST**

## WELCOME!

We are delighted to have you with us today. You are invited to God's table to receive communion and to share in our community. If you are visiting, please introduce yourself and fill out a Welcome Card. Place the card in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. If you are looking for a church to call home, you are welcome here!

## CHILDREN AT ST. JOHN'S

Children's Chapel is offered for ages ten and under during the Gospel and Sermon, with infant and toddler care in the nursery. We enjoy a family worship service and Children's Sermon on the second Sunday of the month.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### PRELUDE

"Come Down, O Love Devine" (Down Ampney) Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. Howard Helvey

### OPENING HYMN

"Love divine, all loves excelling" vs. 1-3, The Hymnal 657

*The People stand as able for the Hymn and opening*

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,  
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant*

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People*

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

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

*The People Sit*

### A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

**ECCLESIASTES 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23**

Smoke, nothing but smoke. [That's what the Quester says.] There's nothing to anything—it's all smoke. Call me "the Quester". I've been king over Israel in Jerusalem. I looked most carefully into everything, searched out all that is done on this earth. And let me tell you, there's not much to write home about. God hasn't made it easy for us. I've seen it all and it's nothing but smoke—smoke, and spitting into the wind. And I hated everything I'd accomplished and accumulated on this earth. I can't take it with me—no, I have to leave it to whoever comes after me. Whether they're worthy or worthless—and who's to tell?—they'll take over the earthly results of my intense thinking and hard work. Smoke. That's when I called it quits, gave up on anything that could be hoped for on this earth. What's the point of working your fingers to the bone if you hand over what you worked for to someone who never lifted a finger for it? Smoke, that's what it is. A bad business from start to finish. So what do you get from a life of hard labor? Pain and grief from dawn to dusk. Never a decent night's rest. Nothing but smoke.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 49:1-11

*Remaining seated, the Lector and the People say the Psalm responsively*

- 1 Hear this, all you peoples;  
hearken, all you who dwell in the world, \*  
**you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**
- 2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, \*  
**and my heart shall meditate on understanding.**
- 3 I will incline my ear to a proverb \*  
**and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**
- 4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, \*  
**when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,**
- 5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, \*  
**and boast of their great riches?**
- 6 We can never ransom ourselves, \*  
**or deliver to God the price of our life;**
- 7 For the ransom of our life is so great, \*  
**that we should never have enough to pay it,**
- 8 In order to live for ever and ever, \*  
**and never see the grave.**
- 9 For we see that the wise die also;  
like the dull and stupid they perish \*  
**and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

- 10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever,  
their dwelling places from generation to generation, \*  
**though they call the lands after their own names.**
- 11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; \*  
**they are like the beasts that perish.**

#### A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

#### COLOSSIANS 3:1-11

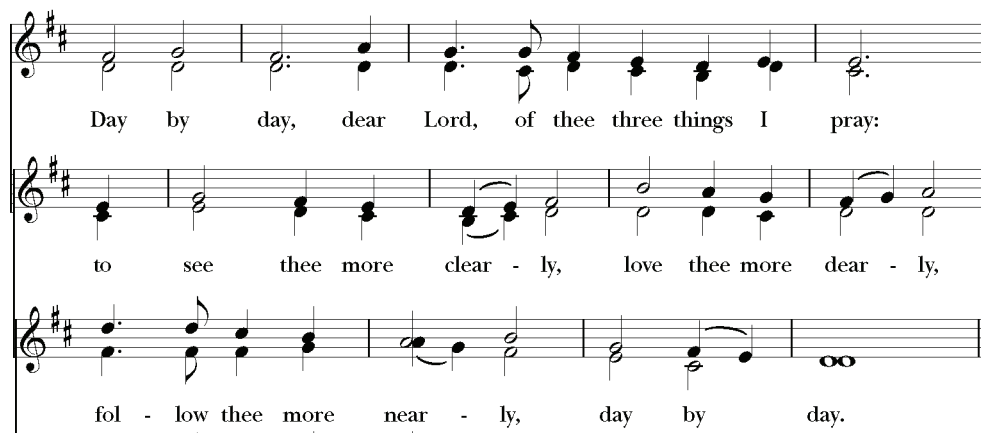
So if you're serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, act like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ—that's where the action is. See things from his perspective. Your old life is dead. Your new life, which is your real life—even though invisible to spectators—is with Christ in God. He is your life. When Christ (your real life, remember) shows up again on this earth, you'll show up, too—the real you, the glorious you. Meanwhile, be content with obscurity, like Christ. And that means killing off everything connected with that way of death: sexual promiscuity, impurity, lust, doing whatever you feel like whenever you feel like it, and grabbing whatever attracts your fancy. That's a life shaped by things and feelings instead of by God. It's because of this kind of thing that God is about to explode in anger. It wasn't long ago that you were doing all that stuff and not knowing any better. But you know better now, so make sure it's all gone for good: bad temper, irritability, meanness, profanity, dirty talk. Don't lie to one another. You're done with that old life. It's like a filthy set of ill-fitting clothes you've stripped off and put in the fire. Now you're dressed in a new wardrobe. Every item of your new way of life is custom-made by the Creator, with his label on it. All the old fashions are now obsolete. Words like Jewish and non-Jewish, religious and irreligious, insider and outsider, uncivilized and uncouth, slave and free, mean nothing. From now on everyone is defined by Christ, everyone is included in Christ.

*Lector*                      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*                      Thanks be to God.

#### SEQUENCE HYMN

“Day by day, dear Lord” The Hymnal 654

*The People stand as able for the hymn and the Gospel*



## THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 12:13-21

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Someone out of the crowd said, “Teacher, order my brother to give me a fair share of the family inheritance.” He replied, “Mister, what makes you think it’s any of my business to be a judge or mediator for you?” Speaking to the people, he went on, “Take care! Protect yourself against the least bit of greed. Life is not defined by what you have, even when you take a lot.” Then he told them this story: “The farm of a certain rich man produced a terrific crop. He talked to himself: ‘What can I do? My barn isn’t big enough for this harvest.’ Then he said, ‘Here’s what I’ll do: I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I’ll gather in all my grain and goods, and I’ll say to myself, Self, you’ve done well! You’ve got it made and can now retire. Take it easy and have the time of your life!’ “Just then God showed up and said, ‘Fool! Tonight you die. And your barnful of goods—who gets it?’ “That’s what happens when you fill our barn with Self and not with God.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

Brian Nystrom

*The People may be seated*

*A moment of silence will be observed for reflection after the sermon*

## THE NICENE CREED

*The People stand as able and say together*

**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.**

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Sean Stone  
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Tighe Family  
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Will Lynch  
Crawford Madeira  
Robbi Farrow  
Mike Estes  
Robin Usher  
Dan Matzke  
Teresa Principe  
Laurie Thomsen  
Beverly Gutierrez  
Kathy Lynch  
Elizabeth May  
Maurine Karabatsos  
Ann Thayer  
Peter Wemple  
Anne Bradley  
Danette Jolly  
Kylie Atwood  
Jessica Zazzara  
Chris Deming

**CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES**  
Tricia & Trey Overdyke  
Erin & Adam Fletcher  
Meredith & Justin Adams  
Shellie & Chris Perkins

**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**

*The Intercessor and People pray responsively, kneeling or standing*

With wild hearts and rooted hope, let us pray for the Church and for the world,  
saying, Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

In this season of growth and sunlight, we give thanks for the sacred wildness of  
creation—Tetons rising in praise, rivers singing through canyons, wildflowers  
proclaiming your glory. Teach us again to walk gently upon this earth, as kin among  
all living things.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless your holy Church, and rewild us—call us out of captivity to comfort and into  
the wide open spaces of mystery, courage, and love. Renew our sacred story, that we  
may remember your voice speaking through burning bushes, wilderness prophets,  
and empty tombs.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Rewild our worship, our sacraments, and our sacred practices. May our liturgy echo  
rivers, our songs rise like wind through the trees, and our prayers become seeds of  
justice sown in the soil of the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the leaders of our communities, our nation, and the nations of the world. Let  
them be humbled by the grandeur of your creation and moved to act with wisdom,  
compassion, and reverence for all people and the planet we share.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Rewild our humanity. Heal what has been domesticated by fear, tamed by violence,  
or shackled by shame. Set free the childlike wonder in us, the image of the divine  
placed deep within, that we may live with open hands and fierce love.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our  
parish prayer list. Help us see your presence not only in healing but in the holy work  
of accompaniment.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your eternal embrace all who have died—those we name now silently or aloud. May they rest in the peace of wild things and rise with Christ into the untamed joy of your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We offer our thanksgiving for all who are celebrating birthdays this week. May this season offer new horizons for growth, new patterns of healthy living, and an expansion of grace and mercy in their lives. We also pray in thanksgiving for those celebrating anniversaries. May love renew and heal, commitment strengthen and deepen.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of wilderness and wonder, rewild our souls, our stories, and our shared life. Awaken us to the sacred rhythms of creation, the untamed grace of Jesus, and the Spirit's movement like wind through pine. Let this summer be a season of holy renewal. In the name of Christ, who walks beside us on every trail. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*The People kneel or stand as able*

*Celebrant* 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.**

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 People stand as able*

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

*People* **And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The People sit. The Revelations Newsletter is available in the Narthex and Hansen Hall for more happening around the parish.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

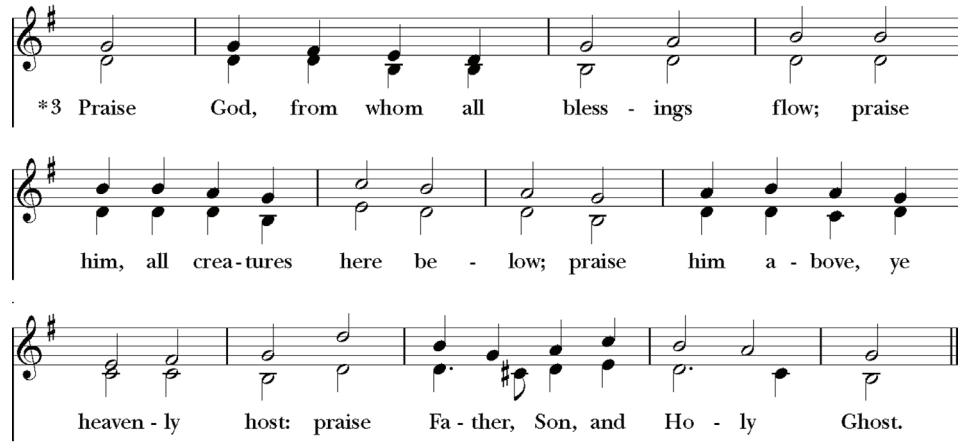
## OFFERTORY

“How Great Thou Art” Stuart K. Hine, arr. Dan Forrest

## PRESENTATION HYMN

“From all that dwell below the skies” v. 3, The Hymnal 380

*The People stand as able*



## GREAT THANKSGIVING

## REWILDING EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*The People remain standing*

*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.

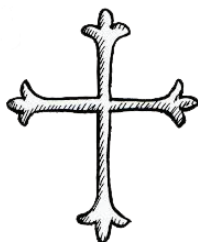
*People*

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

God of all creation, source of life and breath and being, you made the verdant earth and called it good. You danced over the waters, stirred the soil, and breathed your wild Spirit into all that has life. Your voice echoes in the thunder, your fingerprints shine in every star.

From wilderness prophets to garden tombs, your love has always emerged where the wild meets the worldly. In every age, you call us back into kinship—with one another, with creation, with you.

And so we join with wind and waves, with mountain peaks and prairie grasses, with saints and sages, coyotes and clouds, to sing your praise and proclaim your glory:

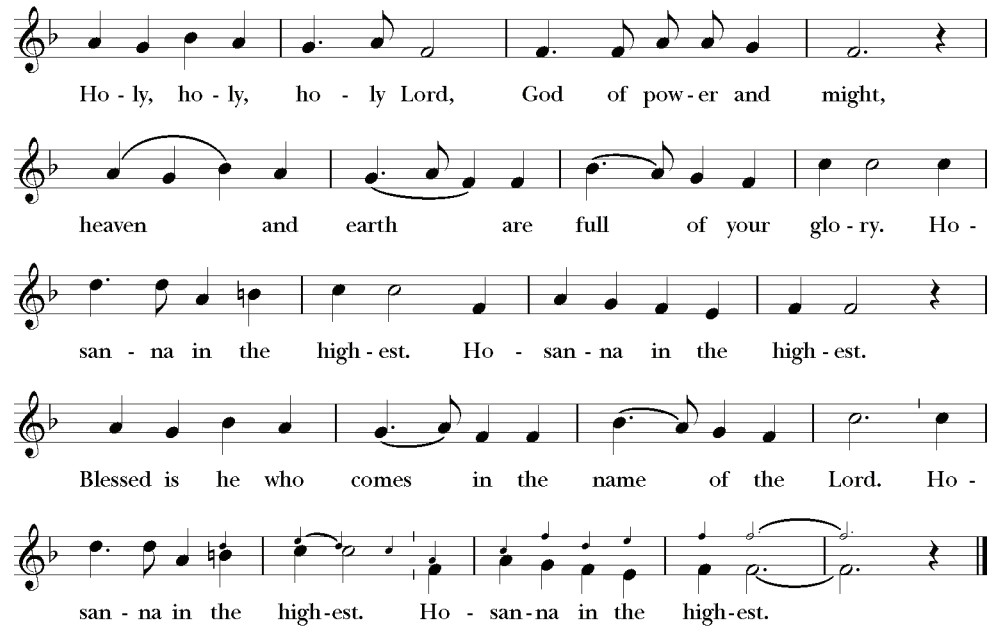




## SANCTUS

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” from A Community Mass; Richard Proulx, Hymnal S125

*The Celebrant and the People sing together*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed 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 stand as the Celebrant continues with the Great Thanksgiving*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent or tame. Through the prophets and through Jesus your Son, you spoke truth and called for justice. Jesus came among us, born not in a palace or a temple, but beneath a star, immersed in the dust and dreams of a manger, to serve this world you love.

He welcomed the forgotten, fed the hungry, trusted the lilies and sparrows, and showed us the path of unimaginable mercy and boundless grace. On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to his people, saying: “Take, eat: This is my Body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of a renewed promise, poured out for you and for all. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant*

**Christ has died.**

*& People*

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**





Rewild us, Holy Spirit. Descend on these gifts of bread and wine and make them for us the Body and Blood of Christ. Come also into our bones and breath and flesh, that we may be Spirit-filled, rooted in love and wild with hope. May this meal nourish us for the work of reconciliation. May it renew the sacred bonds between all living things. By this broken bread and poured-out cup, make us your body—living agents of healing, justice, joy, and love. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, wild and holy God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

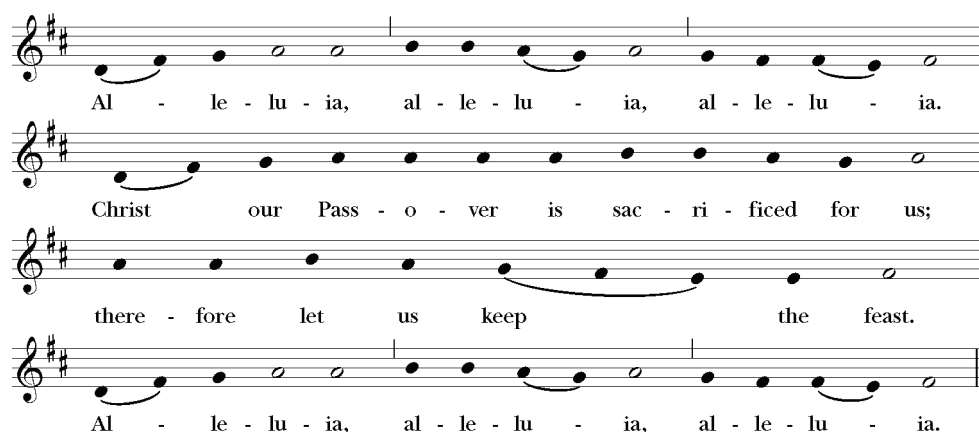
*Celebrant  
& People*

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

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*As the Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, a period of silence is kept*

“Christ our Passover” from New Plainsong; David Hurd, The Hymnal S154



*Celebrant*

**The Gifts of God for the People of God.**

*All are welcome to receive communion in this parish. If it's your first time to receive communion or the first time in this church, the most important thing to know is it's impossible to do it wrong! We're glad you're joining us. You may kneel or stand as you approach the communion rail. Place your hands together and clergy will place the wafer in your palm. You may eat the bread and receive communion as bread alone. You may dip the bread in the wine chalice (there's a fancy word for this—intinction) or you may drink from the chalice. In that act of receiving communion, we remember the life and teachings of Jesus, along with his death and resurrection, AND it's something we do TOGETHER in order to remember we are all connected—communing with one another through this life and what's to come.*

*A member of the St. John's Prayer and Healing Ministry is available to be a companion in prayer after the service.*

## COMMUNION HYMNS

*The People are invited to sing*

“Nocturne VI” Francis Poulec

“Jesus Loves Me” (in the style of Debussy’s “Clair de lune”) arr. Fred Bock

“There’s Something About that Name” arr. Fred Bock

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*The People kneel or stand as able*

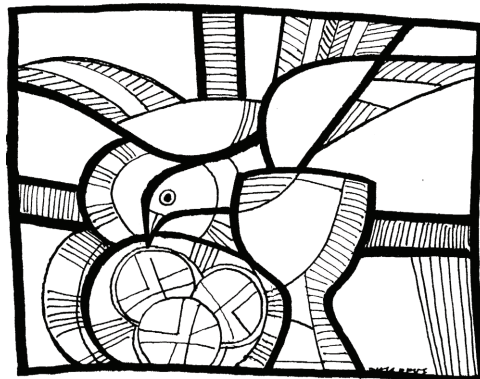
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant* **God of wildness, you have nourished us with the gift of your spirit, that we might harness**  
*& People* **your love more radically, more lavishly, more fiercely with every breath we take. Now**  
**send us forth into this world you’ve made, kindled with a vision for the kinship that we**  
**share with every creature, with wonder for the mystery latent in the life of things: that we**  
**may mend strands of connection that have been broken, imagine new possibilities for hope**  
**and healing, and live in step with the rhythms of creation. Amen.**

## BLESSING

*The Priest blesses the people*

May the Spirit who moves in flame and breath and song ignite your courage and scatter your fear. May your feet be swift on sacred paths, your hands eagerly extended in love. May your soul remember the language of wolves and wind and all things that howl, and your life bear witness to the wildness of grace. And the blessing of the untamed and holy Trinity—Creator of mountains, Christ of the wandering road, and Spirit who sets hearts ablaze—be upon you and remain with you, now and always. **Amen.**



## CLOSING HYMN

“Joyful, joyful, we adore thee” vs. 1-3, The Hymnal 376



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, bloom-ing mea-dow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

## THE DISMISSAL

*As the procession passes down the aisle, you are invited to face the doors of the church for the Dismissal*

*Deacon*

Alleluia, Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## POSTLUDE

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (Nettleton) arr. Howard Helvey

***We invite you to join us for a special Coffee Hour in Hansen Hall  
to honor Pam after the service.***



The Flower Team provides altar flowers for the church on Sundays and when a parishioner dedicates flowers to a loved one. The ministry shares these arrangements with those on our In Need of Comfort list. If you would like to donate flowers in honor or remembrance of someone, contact Pam Woodson at [pam@stjohnsjackson.org](mailto:pam@stjohnsjackson.org), call 307-733-2603 or use the sign up sheet in Hansen Hall.



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The Reverend Brian Nystrom

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