



ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
JACKSON HOLE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025: PROPER 25
TWENTIETH 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

"Sonata" Opus 27. Nr. 2, Ludwig van Beethoven

OPENING HYMN

"Come, thou fount of every blessing" vs. 1-3, The Hymnal 686

The People stand as able for the Hymn and opening

1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly

heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a

ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to

flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and

on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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.**

GATHERING HYMN

“How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord” vs. 1, 2, 5, The Hymnal 636



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.”

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

ECCLESIASTICUS 35:12-17

Give to the Most High as he has given to you, and as generously as you can afford. For the Lord is the one who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold. Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it; and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice; for the Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality. He will not show partiality to the poor; but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 84:1-6

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

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
**by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.**
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8,16-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

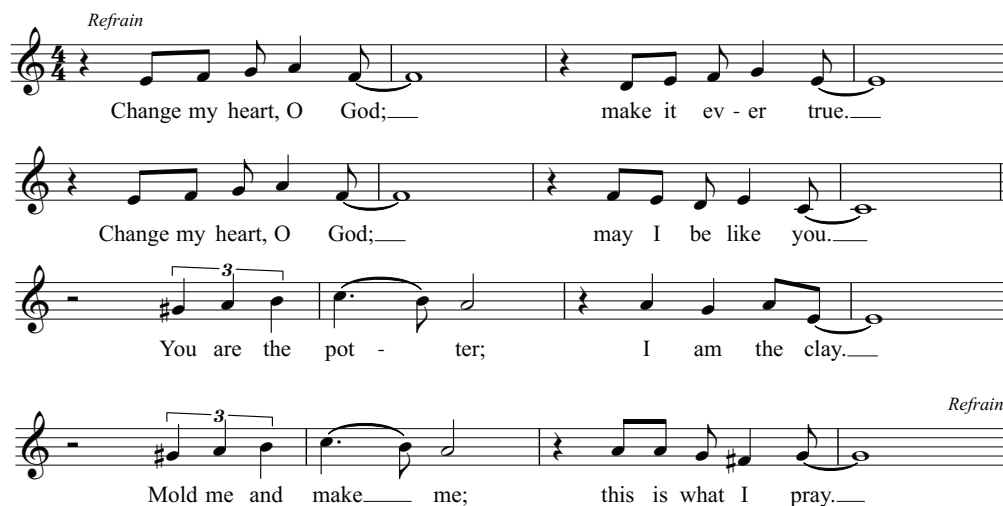
Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

“Change My Heart, O God”

The People stand as able for the hymn and the Gospel

Refrain



Change my heart, O God; ___ make it ev - er true. ___

Change my heart, O God; ___ may I be like you. ___

You are the pot - ter; I am the clay. ___

Mold me and make ___ me; this is what I pray. ___

Refrain

THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 18:9-14

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

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

Jesus told his parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Brian Nystrom

The People may be seated

A moment of quiet 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.**

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.**

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Layne Sheehan
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Jack Stout
Andy Ward
Deb Wuersch

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES
Nancy Watkins & Mike Mason
Eliza Woodin & Tom Barker

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 rich color and migrating herds, we give thanks for the sacred wildness of creation—Tetons rising in praise, rivers singing through canyons, aspens 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—and 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 opportunity to shed that which holds us back, 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 fall 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

“A Clare Benediction” John Rutter

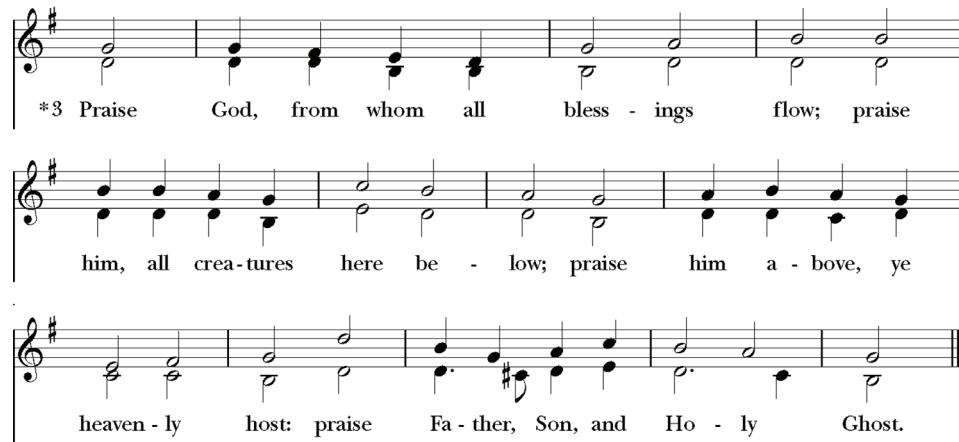
May the Lord show his mercy upon you; may the light of his presence be your guide:
May he guard you and uphold you; may his spirit be ever by your side.

When you sleep, may his angels watch over you; when you wake, may he fill you with his grace:
May you love him and serve him all your days, Then in heaven may you see his face.

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.

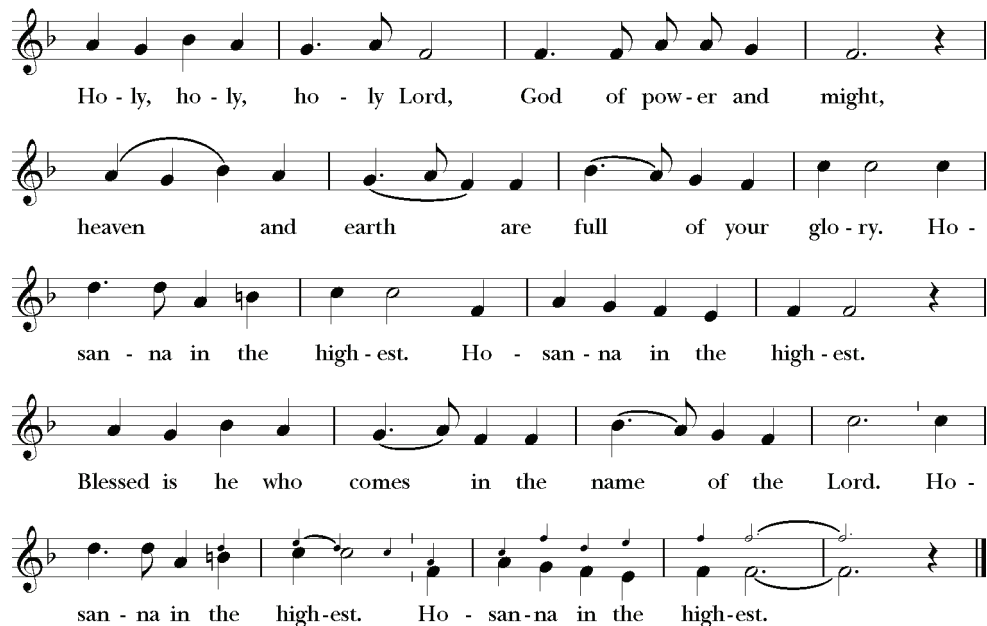
From wilderness prophets to garden tombs, your love has always emerged where the wild meets the worldly. In every age and in every changing season, you call us back into kinship—with one another, with creation, with you.

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



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."

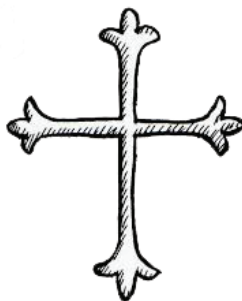
Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

<i>Celebrant</i>	Christ has died.
<i>& People</i>	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,

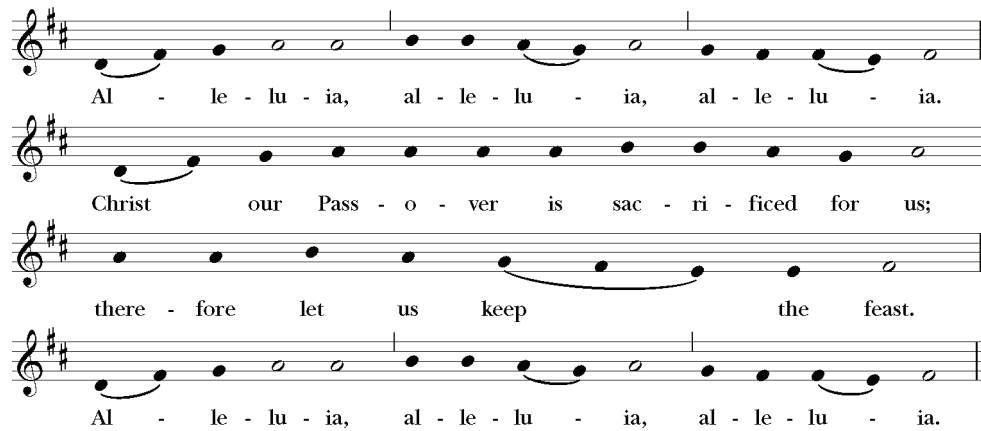
<i>Celebrant</i>	Our Father, who art in heaven,
<i>& People</i>	hallowed be thy Name,
	thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
	on earth as it is in heaven.
	Give us this day our daily bread.
	And forgive us our trespasses,
	as we forgive those who trespass against us.
	And lead us not into temptation,
	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.

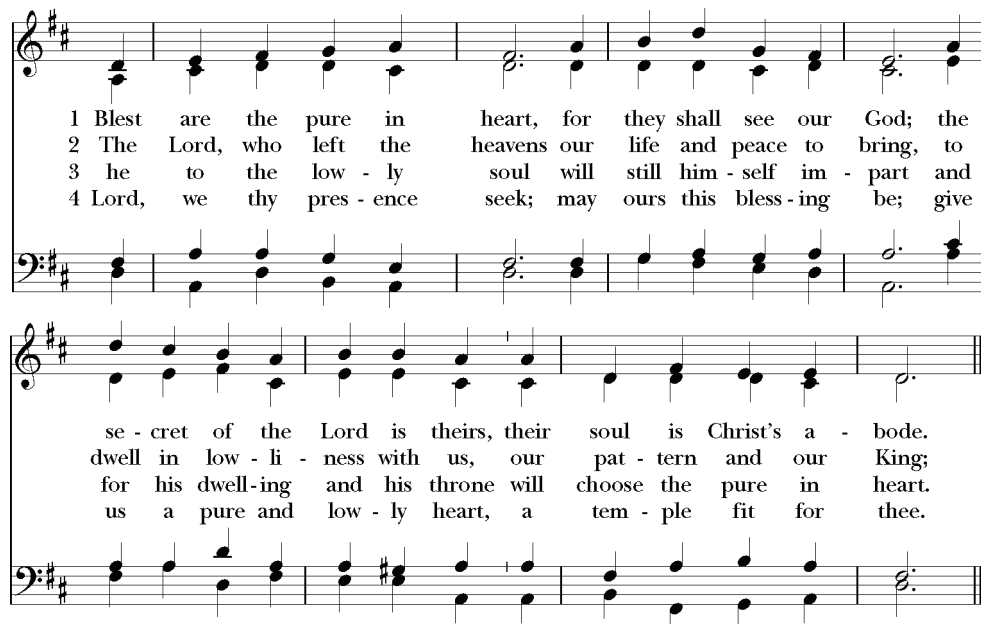
All are welcome to receive communion in this parish. If it's your first time to receive communion or the first time in this church, the most important thing to know is it's impossible to do it wrong! We're glad you're joining us. You may kneel or stand as you approach the communion rail. Place your hands 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 along with St. John's Folk Singing Group

“Blest are the pure in heart” vs. 1-4, The Hymnal 656



1 Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,
 2 Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;
 3 O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;
 4 Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,

who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;
 faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.
 liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,
 what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:

lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,
 I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;
 grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,
 face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,

tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.
 what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.
 to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er - fail - ing give.
 in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

The People kneel or stand as able

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Celebrant

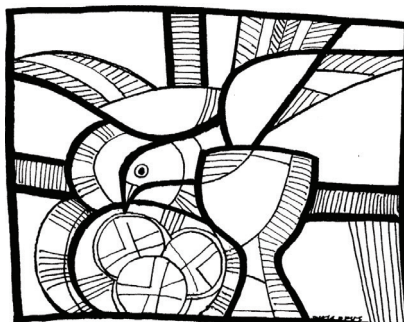
& People

God of wildness, you have nourished us with the gift of your spirit, that we might harness 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

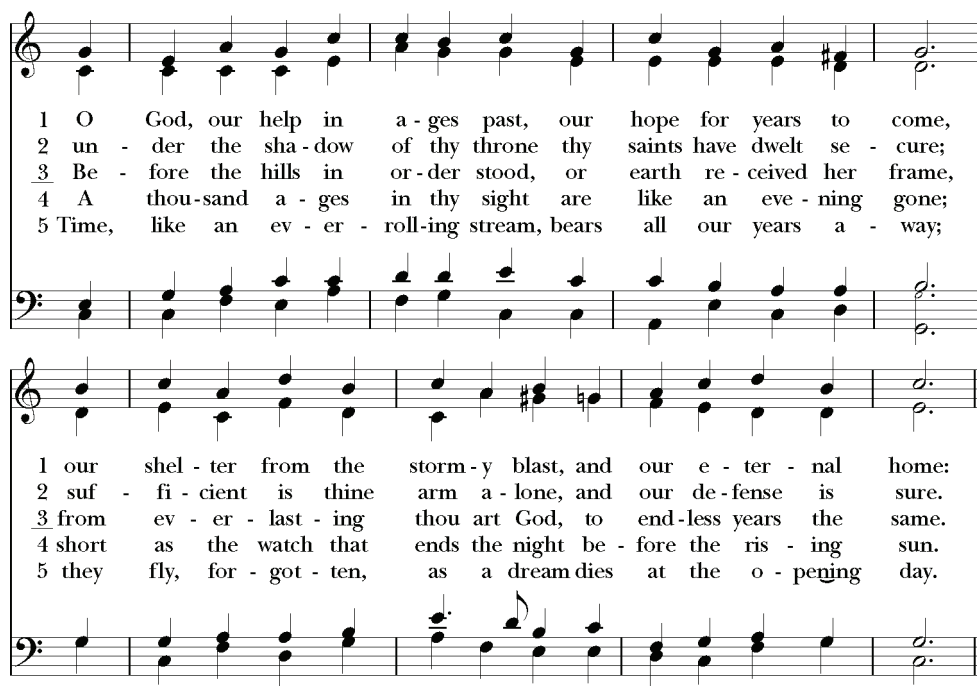
The Priest blesses the people

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

“O God, our help in ages past” vs. 1, 2, 3, 6, The Hymnal 680



The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains verses 1 through 5, and the second system contains verses 6 through 10. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, and the piano accompaniment is shown on the bottom staff of each system.

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home;
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pen - ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

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

“Toccata in D-minor” BWV 565, Johann Sebastian

We invite you to join us for a Spooky Coffee Hour in Hansen Hall 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, call 307-733-2603 or use the sign up sheet in Hansen Hall.



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