



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST EVENING PRAYER AND HOLY EUCHARIST, IN THE CELTIC TRADITION SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2026 5:00 P.M.

OUR MISSION:

We are called to be disciples of Christ,
revealing his life, love, and light to the world.

OUR VISION:

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church is a
welcoming, inclusive faith family; sharing and
teaching the love of Jesus Christ through our
worship, actions, and outreach: transforming
ourselves and the world.

NUESTRA INVITACIÓN:

Si está buscando una misa u otros sacramentos en español en La Iglesia de San Bartolomé,
comuníquese con nuestra Rectora, La Madre Nina Bacas a rector@stbartschurch.org o al 858-432-7107.

Please silence mobile phones and other noise-making devices.

GATHERING MUSIC

OPENING HYMN (see next page)

“Seek ye First”

words and music, Karen Lafferty (b. 1948)

Please stand, as able.

1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God and God's
 2. Ask and it shall be gi - ven un - to you; seek and
 3. We do not live by bread a - lone, but by

right - eous - ness, And all these things shall be
 you shall find; Knock and the door shall be
 ev - ery word That pro - ceeds from the

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, Al - le - lu - ia.
 o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, Al - le - lu - ia.
 mouth of God. Al - le - lu, Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu, Al - le - lu - ia.

WORDS OF WELCOME

THE OPENING SENTENCES

Presider Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

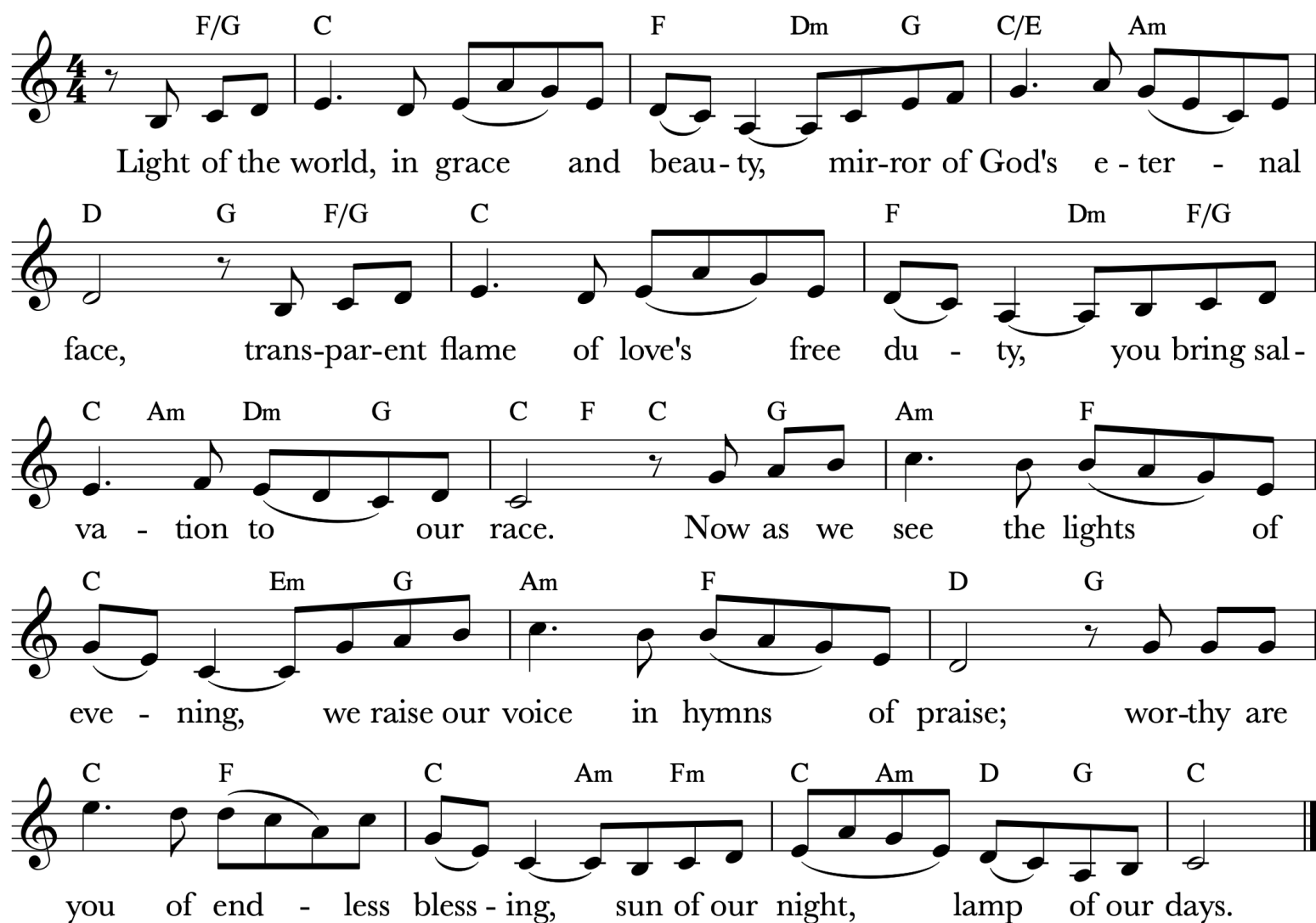
People Thanks be to God.

Presider 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 PHOS HILARON

music, arr. John-Luke Addison (b. 1989)

During the music, the candles are lit.



F/G C F Dm G C/E Am

Light of the world, in grace and beau-ty, mir-ror of God's e - ter - nal

D G F/G C F Dm F/G

face, trans-par-ent flame of love's free du - ty, you bring sal -

C Am Dm G C F C G Am F

va - tion to our race. Now as we see the lights of

C Em G Am F D G

eve - ning, we raise our voice in hymns of praise; wor-thy are

C F C Am Fm C Am D G C

you of end - less bless - ing, sun of our night, lamp of our days.

THE ACCLAMATION

Presider The God of love is with us.

People The Spirit of love is in us.

Presider Blessed be the one God, whose Spirit burns in our hearts.

People Who kindles within us the fire of love.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 3:5-12, Solomon's Prayer for Wisdom

A reading from the first Book of Kings.

AT Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM APPOINTED

Psalms 119:129-136, *Mirabilia*;
music, John-Luke Addison (b. 1989)

Antiphon sung first by cantor, then by all:

Antiphon:

When your word goes forth, it gives light.

Verses:

Your decrees are wonderful; therefore I obey them with all my heart.
When your word goes forth it gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.
I open my mouth and pant; I long for your commandments.
Turn to me in mercy, as you always do to those who love your Name.
Steady my footsteps in your word; let no iniquity have dominion over me.
Rescue me from those who oppress me, and I will keep your commandments.
Let your countenance shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes.
My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your law.

All sing the bolded lines as indicated:

- ¹²⁹ Your decrees are / wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my / heart.
- ¹³⁰ When your word goes forth it gives / light; *
it gives understanding to the / simple.
- ¹³¹ I open my mouth and / pant; *
I long for your com- / mandments.
- ¹³² Turn to me in / mercy, *
as you always do to those who love your / Name.
- ¹³³ Steady my footsteps in your / word; *
let no iniquity have dominion / over me.
- ¹³⁴ Rescue me from those who op- / press me, *
and I will keep your com- / mandments.
- ¹³⁵ Let your countenance shine upon your / servant *
and teach me your / statutes.
- ¹³⁶ My eyes shed streams of / tears, *
because people do not keep your / law.

Antiphon:



THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:26-39, *God's Love in Christ Jesus*

A reading from the letter to the Romans.

THE Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

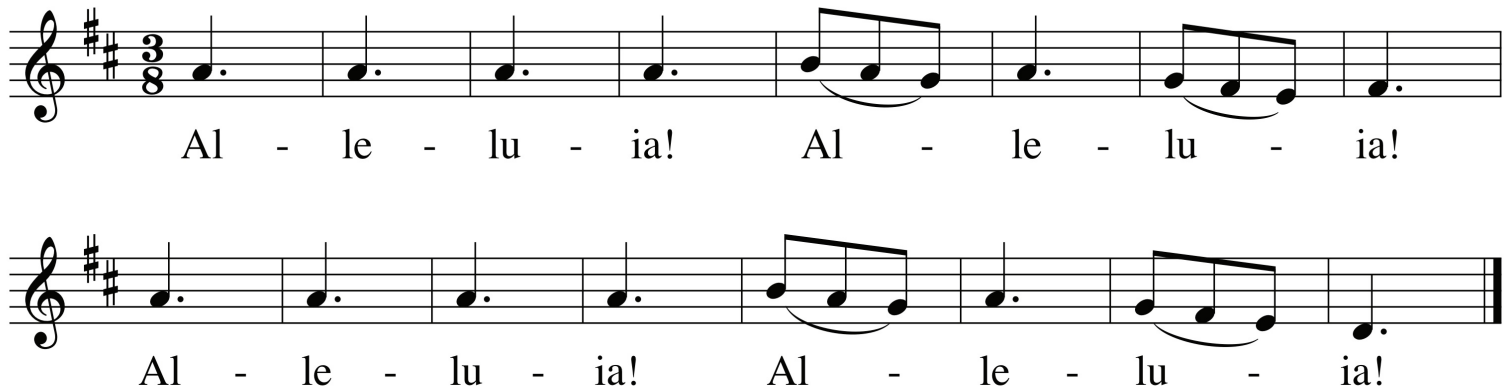
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as able, for the Gospel.

THE GRADUAL

music, John L. Bell (b. 1949)



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52, *Three Parables*

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

JESUS put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Following the repetition of the Gradual, please be seated.

THE SERMON

THE IONIAN CREED

Please stand, as able.

WE believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of all humanity. We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief, he died alone and forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present throughout all ages, and his kingdom will come on earth. We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit burning with Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of all resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Intercessor For all people in their daily life and work;

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

Intercessor For this community, the nation, and the world;

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

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

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

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

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

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

People For all who serve God in his Church.

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation: especially _____

A period of silence is kept.

Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially _____

A period of silence is kept.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Intercessor We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom: especially _____

A period of silence is kept.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

Other petitions may follow.

Presider Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

A period of silence is kept.

People 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.**

Presider 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

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Following the peace, please be seated.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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OFFERTORY HYMN

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

LOBE DEN HERREN, 14.14..4.7.8;

words, Joachim Neander (1650-1680);

music, anon. 17th c.



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion;
2. Praise to the Lord, o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly reign - eth;
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de - fend thee;
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion:
borne as on ea - gle's wings, safe - ly his saints he sus - tain - eth.
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall ev - er at - tend thee;
All that hath life and breath come now with prais - es be - fore him!



join the great throng, psal - ter - y, or - gan and song,
Hast thou not seen how all thou need - est hath been
pon - der a - new what the Al - migh - y can do,
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain;



sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
who with his love doth be - friend thee.
glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD HUNDREDTH, 8.8.8.8;
words, William Kethe (d. 1594);
music, attr. Louis Bourgeois (ca. 1510-1561)

Please stand, as able.

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low,
praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

IT is truly right and good for us to give thanks to you always and everywhere, holy Lord, Almighty and eternal Father, by whose Word the heavens and the earth were formed. In your goodness, you made all things, brought forth from the great flame of your love. And, having saved us from the power of sin and death by the passion and resurrection your Son, Jesus Christ, you sent to your church the fire of your Holy Spirit, the Love of God burning in and through your people, bringing us and all creation towards the vision your glory, where the angels praise your majesty, the dominions adore, the powers of the highest heaven tremble, and the virtues of the blessed seraphim rejoice together. And so we join the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory, as we sing:

F C Dm Bb C(sus4) C
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 F C Dm Bb F
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 Dm Gm Dm Bb
 Hea - ven and earth, hea - ven and earth, they are both full of your glo - ry;
 Dm Gm Dm Bb C(sus4)
 Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na in the high - est hea - ven.
 F C Dm Bb C(sus4) C
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord,
 F C Dm Bb F
 Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na in the high - est hea - ven.

Blessed are you, O God, for the great day of salvation prepared from the beginning of the world, when Christ, though rejected on earth, will be seen by all to be chosen and precious in your sight. We bless you for Christ, who carried to the cross the destruction of sin and death that all people might be set free. Through Christ you inspire in us the hope that all darkness will be scattered, and in your light will come forth a new heaven and new earth.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Following a brief silence, the Presider leads:

People Recalling now his suffering and death, and celebrating his resurrection and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Made one with him, and one with each other, we offer these gifts, and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Accept, O Lord, our sacrifice of praise, this memorial of our redemption. Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son. And grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness, that we may follow in the way of Christ and grow more and more into salvation. And in the age to come, when you return in glory, may we join _____ and all the saints in the chorus of your eternal praise.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.



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

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Presider 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.

The Presider continues:

COME to this table, those who have much faith and those who would like to have more; those who have been to this sacrament often and those who have not been for a long time; those who have tried to follow Jesus and those who have failed. Come, it is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer - cy, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

*Please be seated once you receive Communion.
All are welcome to receive at St. Bartholomew's.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand, as able.

Presider Let us pray.

O God, in love you have called us to be your people, and with love you have given us this bread and this wine; may this holy meal refresh us as a gentle and steady breeze, that renewed in your Holy Spirit, we may go forth into the world to serve your people; in the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Thank you for your participation in today's service; your presence is a blessing to us.
"All are welcome. No exceptions."*

BLESSING OF BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

WATCH over your children, O Lord, as they mark this day; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Please stand, as able.

CLOSING HYMN (see next page)

“Thine is the Glory”

JUDAS MACCABAEUS, 10.11.11.11;
words, Edmond Budry (1854-1932);
music, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

THE DISMISSAL

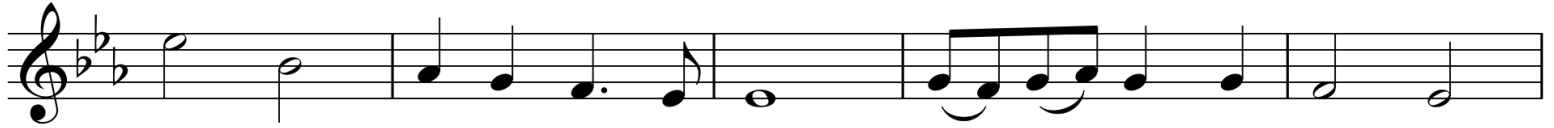
Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.





1. Thine is the glo - ry, ri - sen, con-que-ri-son; end - less is the
2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, ri - sen from the tomb; lov - ing - ly he
3. No more we doubt thee, glo-rious Prince of life! Life is nought with



vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet us, scat-ters fear and gloom. Let his church with glad - ness
out thee: aid us in our strife. Make us more than con - querors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes where thy bo - dy
hymns of tri - umph sing, for her Lord now liv - eth: death hath lost its
through thy death-less love: bring us safe through Jor - dan to thy home a -



lay. Thine is the glo - ry, ri - sen, con-que-ri-son;
sting.
bove.



end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.