

Holy Eucharist

St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church

Ministers of St. Michael's: All Members of the Congregation

Church Musician: Nadia Kelham

Welcome to historic St. Michael and All Angels, a Welcoming and Affirming Total Ministry congregation!

A Prayer of Welcome:

Holy Spirit living within us, guide our hearts and minds as we welcome today all those who worship at St. Michael's. Give us discerning hearts so that everyone who crosses our threshold feels welcomed in the spirit of your love. Help us to recognize each person as an individual sent by you who will enrich our lives. And most of all, O God, let this be a place of love and acceptance of all your children, in the name of your Child, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mission Statement: Empowered by the Holy Spirit through our baptism and transformed by Word and Sacrament, we follow Christ to serve the world as ministers of God's redeeming love.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

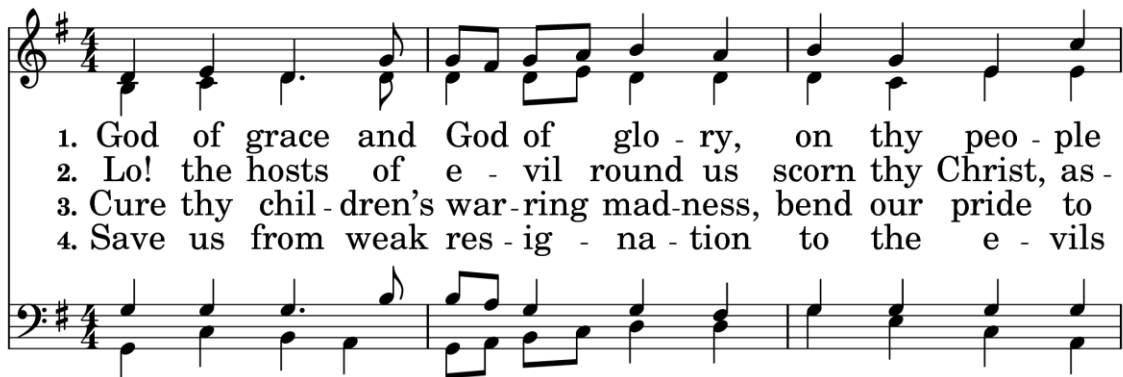
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Please be seated as we share announcements, concerns, birthdays and anniversaries (inside cover of BCP) and other prayers of thanksgiving.

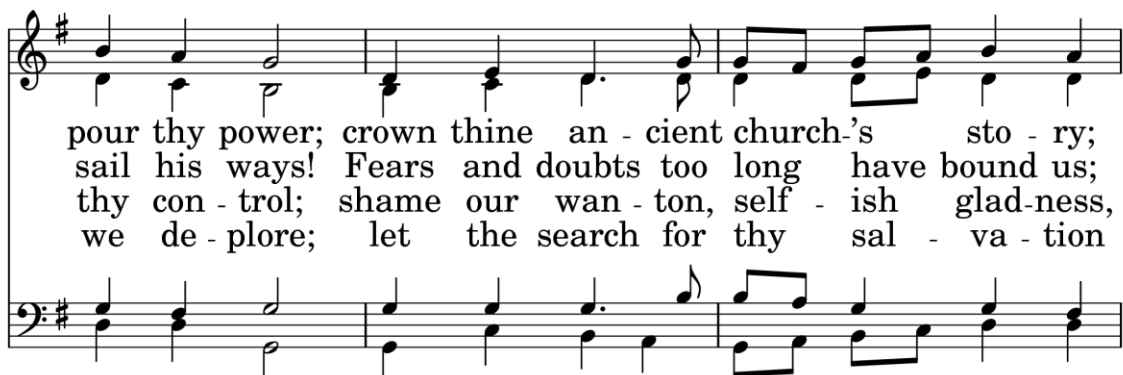
Prelude – Centering Time *(A time to prepare our hearts and minds for worship)*

Hymn ~ God of grace and God of glory

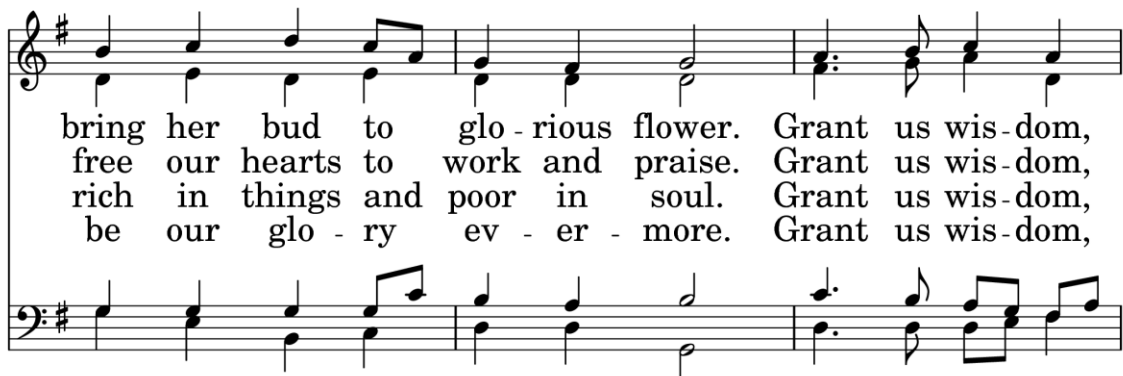
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1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3. Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to
 4. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour thy power; crown thine an - cient church's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the search for thy sal - va - tion



bring her bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom,
 free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,

United Methodist Hymnal 577
 WORDS: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930
 MUSIC (CWM RHONDDA 87.87.87): John Hughes, 1907



grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, (of this hour) for the fac - ing of this hour.
days, (of these days) for the liv - ing of these days.
goal, (king-dom's goal) lest we miss thy king-dom's goal.
dore, (we a - dore) serv-ing thee whom we a - dore.

Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

Celebrant and People

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.*

Gloria

1x unison, then 2x as a round, right (North) side first, then left (South).



1. Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, 2. in ex - cel - sis De - o!

3. Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, 4. al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994, © 1979, 1988, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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.*

First Reading

1 Kings 3:5-12

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalms 119:129-136

(Read responsively by whole verse)

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 commandments.

*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 oppress me,
and I will keep your commandments.*

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.*

Second Reading

Romans 8:26-39

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.

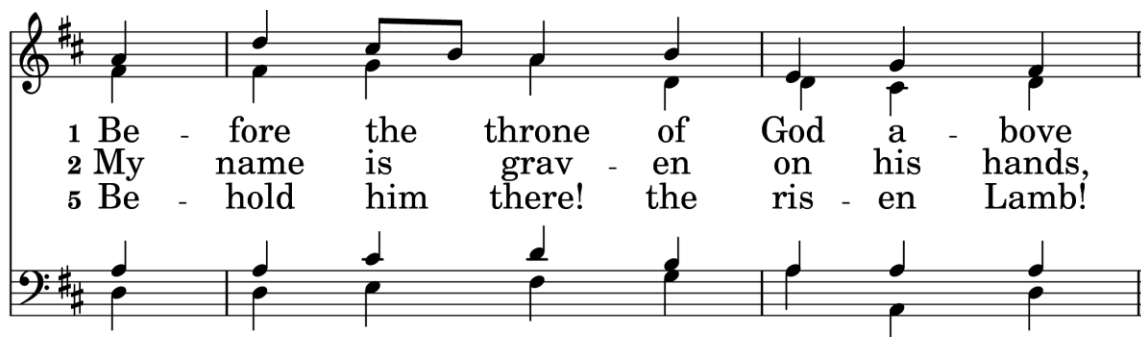
What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ 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.

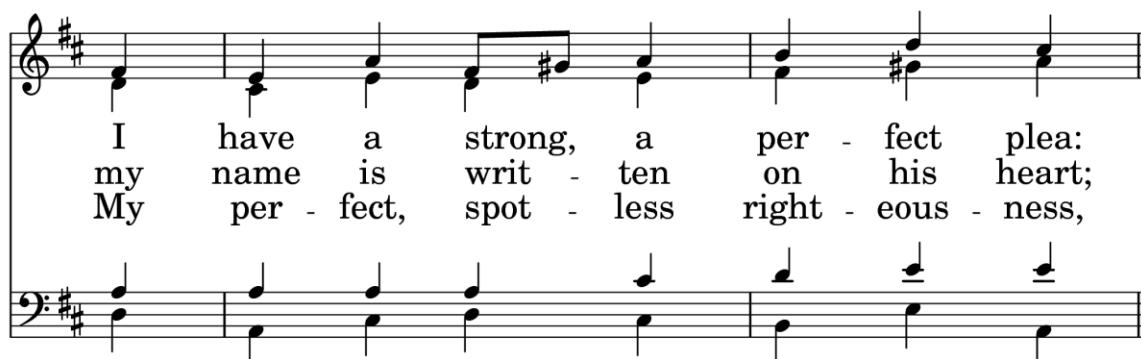
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<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Hymn ~ Before the throne of God above



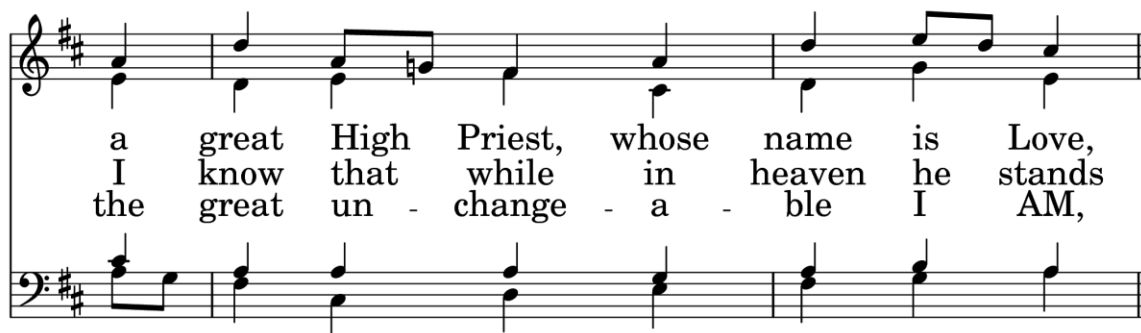
1 Be - fore the throne of God a - bove
2 My name is grav - en on his hands,
5 Be - hold him there! the ris - en Lamb!

The first system of the hymn is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves, treble and bass. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with line numbers 1, 2, and 5 indicating different parts of the hymn.



I have a strong, a per - fect plea:
my name is writ - ten on his heart;
My per - fect, spot - less right - eous - ness,

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The melody features a few sharps in the treble staff, indicating the key signature.



a great High Priest, whose name is Love,
I know that while in heaven he stands
the great un - change - a - ble I AM,

The third system concludes the hymn. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The melody and accompaniment continue throughout the system.



Common Praise 283

Text: Charitie De Chenez, 1841-1923

Tune (FESTUS, LM): Melody in J.A. Freylinghausen *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, Halle, 1704

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Deacon 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.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Cindy Corner

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Deacon Holy God,
we do not know how to pray,
but Jesus invites us into the life he shares with you,
and so we keep coming—because we want to live.
Receive us now in our frailty,
our complacency, our desire.

Reader We pray for your church all over the world,
that we would be seed and yeast
where life has grown barren and heavy.
May the life we discover in you
bind us to each other and to the world you love,
for no need is beyond the strength of your call,
and no child of yours is expendable.

(Please pray for the Church and our partners in ministry)

Merciful God, give us wisdom and courage
beyond our imagining.

We pray for friends and strangers who are sick,
those in need, and those in the grip of addiction.

(Please pray for those in any need)

Make us able companions for each other,
and bless us with hope that bears fruit.

We pray for unsettled economies
and those whose needs are overlooked
in the choices of the powerful.

(Please pray for all leaders and those serving in the military)

May we, who know so much privilege,
bear our responsibilities with open hearts and open hands.

We pray for all who stand at the thresholds of life:
for your children who are soon to be born
and your children who are soon to go home.

(Please pray for those who have died and those who mourn)

May we offer comfort and care in your Name to those left behind.

We give thanks for new faces to love,
ideas to ponder, work to do—
and we marvel at the sturdy friendships
and persistent memories
that sustain us when the way is hard.

We thank you for all our joys and blessings,

(Please pray)

for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries,

(Please pray)

and for those who teach and the opportunity to learn,

(Please pray)

May each be a reminder of your love and your provision.

Holy One, keep calling us into the world—your world—
as seed and yeast and treasure.

Equip each of us for the challenges we will face
until we learn to worship in the most unlikely places,
for you are the source of our song
and the well from which we pray,
wherever we are planted.

By the power of your Spirit,
we make our prayer with resurrection hope,
in the name of Jesus. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

Deacon Sisters and brothers,
God never forgets God's promises;
God's covenant endures in each new generation.
We are free to speak the truth about our lives
because God's faithfulness embraces us as we
examine our hearts.

Deacon and People

God of mystery, God of life,
we imagine that we are capable judges
of power and wisdom and goodness.
We trust our own standards;
we separate and categorize;
we mark the performance of others.
We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things.
We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes.

Gracious God, hidden and manifest,
transform our withered imaginations
until we yield the judgments we trust
to a love we cannot control. 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.*

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

*Please be seated after the exchange of the Peace. We remain seated as we sing
the offertory hymn.*

Offertory

Celebrant

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God.

Hymn ~ I am the Bread of life

(See next page)

Leader or All



1 "I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not
 2 "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the
 3 "Un - less you eat of the flesh of the Son of
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec-tion; I am the
 5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that you are the



hun-ger, and who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 world, and if you eat of this bread, you shall live for-
 Man and drink of his blood, and drink of his
 life. If you be - lieve in me, e - ven though you
 Christ, the Son of God, who has

Refrain
All



me un - less the Fa-ther beck-ons." "And I will raise you
 ev-er; you shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to the world.



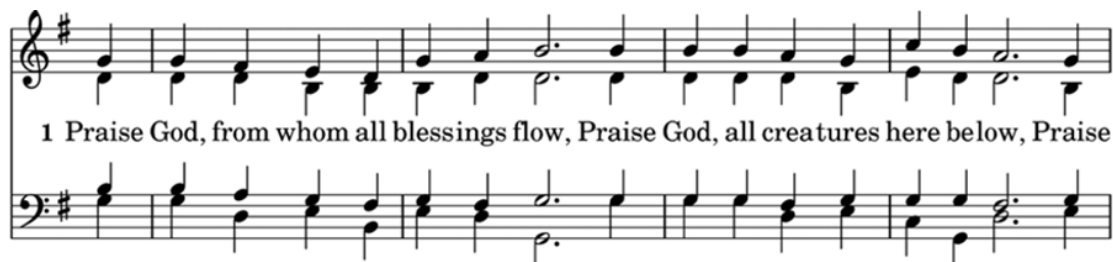
up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day."

Glory to God 522

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Doxology *(Please stand)*



1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below, Praise

God a-bove, you heav'n-ly host, Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

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TEXT: Thomas Ken (1674), P.D., alt.
MUSIC (OLD HUNDREDTH, LM): Genevan Psalter, 1551

Great Thanksgiving

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.

Celebrant

Sovereign God, you foreknew us, before the universe was created.

In Abraham and Moses you called us to be your people.

You predestined us through the power of your Holy Spirit

to be conformed to the image of your crucified and risen Son.

In Jesus you justified us by your grace,

and on the last day you will glorify us to live with you forever.

And so we gladly thank you,

with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven,

singing the hymn of your unending praise:

mp

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and

mp

might. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow'r and might. Heav - en and earth are full,

f

full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -

mf

est, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is the one who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

f *mp* *dim.*

Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert, 1797–1828; adapt. by Richard Proulx, 1937–2010, © 1985, 1989, GIA Publications, Inc.

The Celebrant continues

You, Lord God, are like a merchant who sacrifices everything
because you above all want us, your pearl,
buried in the world's field.

And in that field also you grow grain and grape
to feed us from your heart now and forever.

Come among us now through the power of your Spirit,
that we may be transformed into your likeness,

and that these gifts of bread and wine may become for us
the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;
who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,
broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,
“Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
“Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

Everlasting God, you have promised
that nothing can separate us from your love.

Be with your children who know hardship, distress, or persecution;
visit your beloved who experience famine, nakedness, peril,
or sword;

abide with us in death, as in life;
give us nothing to fear from angels or rulers,
from things present, or things to come,
or in the face of powers, or height, or depth,
or anything else in all creation.

Knowing that you did not withhold your own Son,
but gave him up for all of us,
inscribe in us faith that you will with him
bestow upon us everything else as well.

We pray in union with Christ in the power of your Holy Spirit,
who helps us in our weakness,
and intercedes with sighs too deep for words,
Father of all, now and forever. *AMEN.*

The Celebrant continues

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

People and Celebrant

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant

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.

*All are welcome to receive communion at God's table. The bread is received in the open palm. The wine is received by carefully dipping the bread into the chalice when it is presented. **Please note that we do use real wine. You may choose to receive only the bread if you would rather not consume alcohol. ** If you would prefer not to receive communion, you may come forward with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing. After receiving communion we return to our seats and remain seated as we finish singing the communion hymn.*

Hymn ~ Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

*1.

1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God
 2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,
 3. You do not live by bread a - lone,
 4. Where two or three are gath - ered in my name,

and seek, his and right - eous - ness,
 you shall find,
 but by ev - 'ry word
 there am I in their midst;



and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you;
knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you;
that comes forth from the mouth of God;
and what - so - ev - er you ask I will do;



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

Text: Matthew 6:33, 7:7; adapt. by Karen Lafferty, b.1948

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Celebrant

Let us pray.

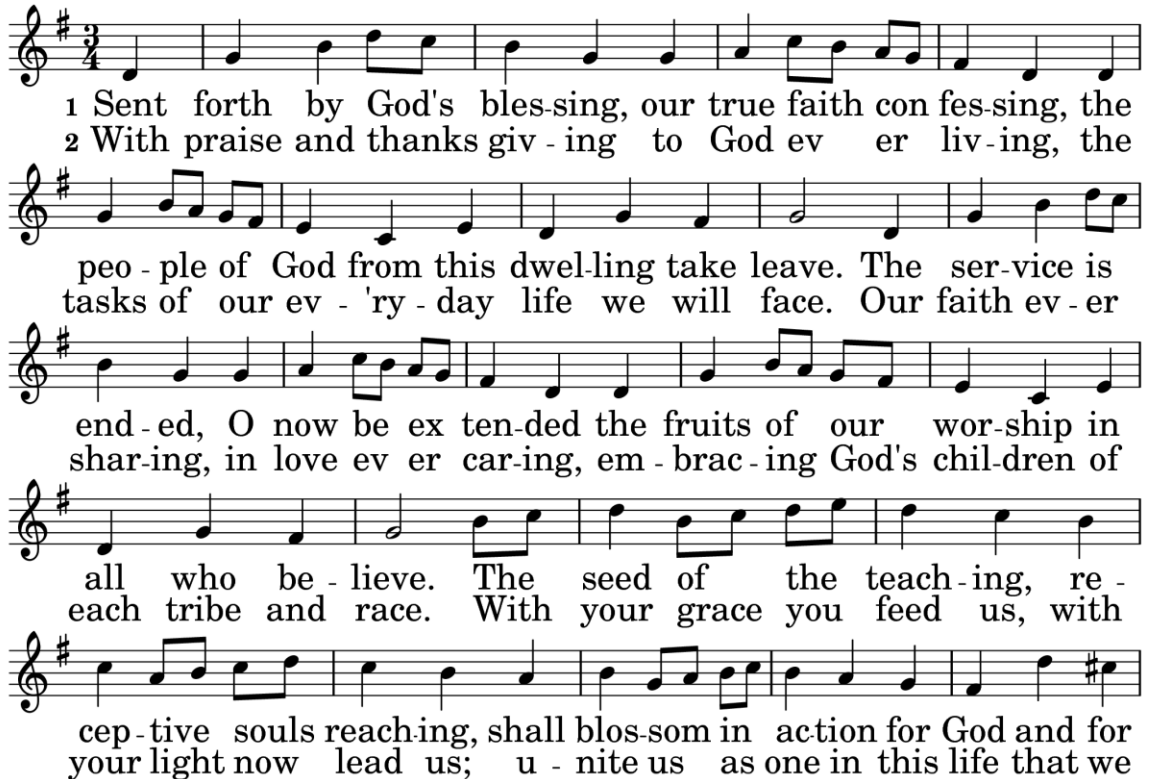
Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

May God, who searches the heart,
Jesus, whose love overcomes all division,
and the Spirit, who helps us in our weakness,
continue to lead you into life
that you may serve with abandon and joy.
And the blessing of Almighty God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Hymn ~ Sent forth by God's blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bles-sing, our true faith con fes-sing, the
2 With praise and thanks giv-ing to God ev er liv-ing, the
peo-ple of God from this dwel-ling take leave. The ser-vice is
tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face. Our faith ev-er
end-ed, O now be ex ten-ded the fruits of our wor-ship in
shar-ing, in love ev er car-ing, em-brac-ing God's chil-dren of
all who be-lieve. The seed of the teach-ing, re-
each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with
cep-tive souls reach-ing, shall blos-som in action for God and for
your light now lead us; u-nite us as one in this life that we



all. God's grace did in vite us, and love shall u
share. Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks
nite us to work for God's king - dom and an - swer the call.
giv-ing give hon - or to Christ and that name which we bear.

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Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia. Alleluia. Go—as seed and yeast,
willing to lose your life in the larger purposes of God.
Go—as fisherfolk and treasure seekers,
pouring out your days in search of hidden grace.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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