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# Welcome

**WELCOME** to all of our guests and visitors. Whether you are simply passing through or looking for a spiritual home, we are blessed to have you join us in worship.

**WE ARE A COMMUNITY** that expresses its love for our Lord Jesus Christ in ancient, yet timeless worship forms. We are a community that seeks to understand what it prays. We are a community that asks the Holy Spirit to teach us to love one another and the world beyond our church walls. By God's graciousness, we are growing.

**CONNECT WITH US** by completing a Welcome Card. Our rector, Father Dominique, or a member of our leadership team (Vestry), would love to be in touch.



*g Text in bold to be spoken aloud by congregants.*

*Please help maintain the prayerful atmosphere of the church with a reverent silence in preparation for our celebration; if you wish to have a moment of fellowship, you are welcome to gather in the social hall/undercroft.*

*Please stand at the sound of the bell.*

**MASS SETTING**     *Mass for Five Voices*     William Byrd (1540-1623)

**INTROIT**     *Laetatur Cor*     Psalm 105: 3, 4, 1

Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his face evermore.

Vs.     O give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his Name; Tell the people what things he hath done. Glory be....

**HYMN**     *Awake My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve*     Hymn #546

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant*     Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.

*People*     And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### KYRIE ELEISON

Kyrie eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy upon us.</i>
Kyrie eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy upon us.</i>
Christe eleison.	<i>Christ, have mercy upon us.</i>
Christe eleison.	<i>Christ, have mercy upon us.</i>
Kyrie eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy upon us.</i>
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## GLORIA

*Gloria in excelsis Deo, Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam, Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe; Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.*

*Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostrum. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.*

*Quoniam tu solus Sanctus; tu solus Dominus; tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe; cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.*

Glory be to God on high, And on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.

That takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in thee: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*g Please be seated.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*There are often four Scripture passages at every Mass.*

### FIRST READING

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.  
They shall be like a shrub in the desert,

and shall not see when relief comes.  
They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.  
Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.  
They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.  
It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.  
The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse--  
who can understand it?  
I the Lord test the mind  
and search the heart,  
to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM**

*Beatus vir qui non abiit*

Psalm 1

The psalm is prayed responsively at the half-verse (\*). See page 585 in the (red) Book of Common Prayer.

At 10:30, the Choir will chant the translation from the Coverdale Psalter (1540).

**EPISTLE**

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*g Please stand.*

**ALLELUIA**      *Adorabo*

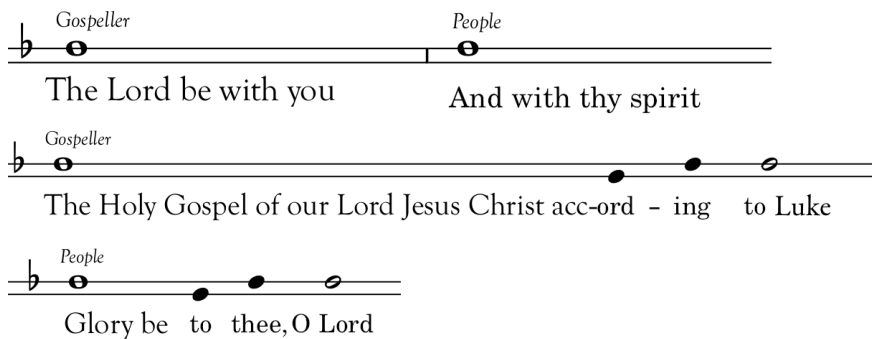
Psalm 138:2

I will worship thy holy Temple and praise thy name.



**GOSPEL**      Luke 6:17-26

*The Holy Gospel is the pinnacle of the Liturgy of the Word; hence, standing. Many have adopted the custom of making the sign of the cross on the forehead, lips, and heart during the announcement, whereby we ask for the Word of Our Lord to be in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.*



Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.”

“But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

*Gospeller*  
The Gospel of the Lord

*People*  
Praise be to thee, O Christ

*¶ Please be seated.*

## SERMON

Fr. Doug Kirby

*¶ Please stand.*

## NICENE CREED

*Formulated over two ecumenical councils in 325 and 381 A.D., the Nicene Creed is the summary of Christian belief, sometimes called the Symbol of the Faith. The Creed's focus is our Lord as both fully God (divine) and fully man (human).*

*All*

I believe in one God The Fa-ther Al-migh-ty, Maker of hea-ven and earth, And of all things vi - si-ble  
and in - vi - si-ble: And in one Lord Je - sus Christ, the on-ly be - got-ten Son of God;  
Be - got - ten of the Fa-ther be - fore all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Ver - y God of Ver - y God;  
Be - gotten, not made; Be - ing of one sub - stance with the Fa - ther, By whom all things were made:

*Bow*

Who for us all and for our sal - va-tion came down from hea - ven, And was in - car - nate by the Ho - ly Ghost

*Rise*

of the Vir - gin Mar - ry, And was made man: and was cru - ci - fi - ed al - so for us  
un - der Pontius Pi - late; He suf - fer - ed and was bu - ri - ed: And the third day he rose a - gain ac - cord - ing to



the Scrip-tures: And as-cend-ed in-to hea - ven, And sit-teth on the right hand of the Fa - ther:  
 And he shall come a-gain, with glo - ry, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose king - dom shall  
 have no end; And I be-lieve in the Ho-ly Ghost, the Lord, and giv - er of Life, Who pro-ceed-eth  
 from the Fa-ther and the Son; Who with the Fa - ther and the Son to-geth-er is wor-shipped and  
 glo-ri - fi - ed; Who spake by the Pro - phets: And I be - lieve One Ho - ly Cath-o - lic and  
 A - pos - tol - ic Church: I ac - know - ledge one Bap - tism for the re - mis - sion of sins:  
 And I look for the Re-sur-rec - tion of the dead: And the life of the world to come.  
 A - - - - - men.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

For the shepherds of the Church Universal; for Justin, [the Archbishop of Canterbury]; Francis, [the Bishop of Rome]; Bartholomew, [the Ecumenical Patriarch]; Jerry, [the General Secretary of the World Council of Churches]; Sean, [our Presiding Bishop]; Mariann, [our Bishop]; and for all those who minister to God's people,  
*let us pray to the Lord.*

*All*

Lord, have mer - cy.

For all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, that there may be justice and peace on the earth,  
*let us pray to the Lord.*

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

For our city, that we may be a beacon of hope; for all our neighbors in distress,  
*let us pray to the Lord.*

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

For all those beloved to us and those whom we struggle to love; for all children; for the aged and infirmed;  
for those currently or potentially unemployed; for those impacted by the California wildfires; for all those  
on our prayer list, and for those we now name in our hearts \_\_\_\_\_,  
*let us pray to the Lord.*

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

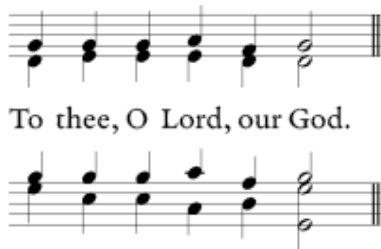
For all who have died ✝ \_\_\_\_\_, including the victims of the helicopter and airplane collision;  
for all the departed,  
*let us pray to the Lord.*

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution ✝ and remission of all our sins, *let us pray to the Lord.*

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of the ever-blessed and glorious Virgin Mary, the holy patriarchs, prophets, apostles  
and martyrs, Saints Agnes and Francis, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another,  
and all our life to Christ our God.



## THE PEACE

*Reconciled to God and one another, we receive the peace of Christ and offer it to one another, “the peace of Christ”, accompanied by a gesture: hug, handshake, smile, slight bow ... Some of our neighbors may prefer no contact, which we respect.*

*Celebrant*



The peace of the Lord be al - ways with you

**All:**



And with thy spi-rit

*g Please be seated as the altar is prepared.*

OFFERTORY

Matthew 5:1-12

Kurt Sander

In Thy kingdom remember us, O Lord, \* when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.  
 Blessed are the poor in spirit, \* for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
 Blessed are they that mourn, \* for they shall be comforted.  
 Blessed are the meek, \* for they shall inherit the earth.  
 Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness, \* for they shall be filled.  
 Blessed are the merciful, \* for they shall obtain mercy.  
 Blessed are the pure in heart, \* for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, \* for they shall be called the sons of God.  
 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake, \* for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, \* and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.  
 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad, \* for great is your reward in the heavens.  
 Glory to the Father, \* and to the Son, \* and to the Holy Spirit.  
 Both now and ever, \* and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

HYMN

*Blessed are the Pure in Heart*

Hymn #656

*g Please stand.*

*To follow along with the Eucharistic Prayer, turn to page 367 of the Book of Common Prayer. Please note that we follow the Anglican Service Book version of the liturgy, which is presented in the original Early Modern English.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Celebrant:** Pray, beloved: that this, my sacrifice and yours, may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

**People:** May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of His Name, both to our benefit and that of all His holy Church.

**Celebrant:** Amen.

### SURSUM CORDA

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are as follows:

- Staff 1:** Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And with thy spi - rit.
- Staff 2:** Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. People: We lift them up un - to the Lord.
- Staff 3:** Celebrant: Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.
- Staff 4:** People: It is meet and right so to do.

## SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

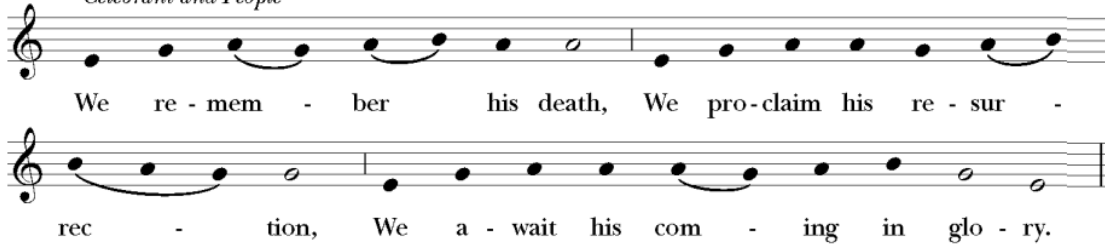
*The Sanctus and Benedictus (Latin for “holy” and “blessed”) is one of the earliest elements of the liturgy (St. Clement of Rome—fourth Bishop of Rome, +104—mentions it) and concludes the Preface. It is the hymn of the seraphim in Isaiah 6:3 that never ceases before God, in which we now join. This hymn is sung by our cantors at 10:30am.*

*Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.  
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee O Lord most high.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

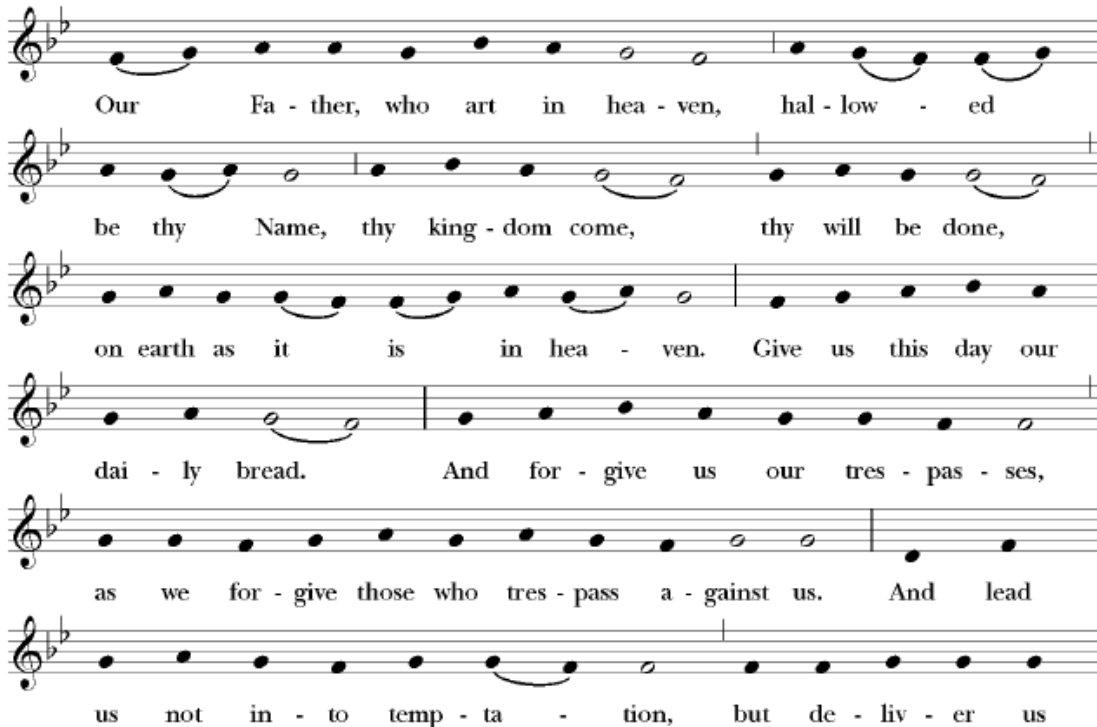
*Celebrant and People*



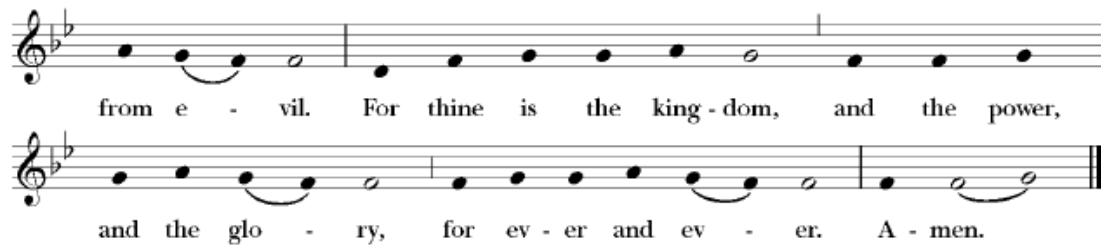
We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -  
rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant:* And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

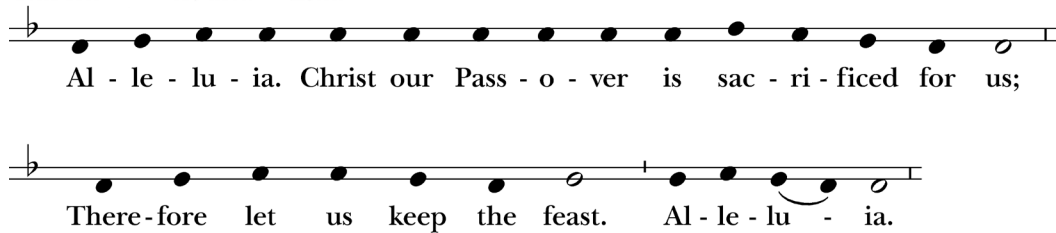


Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us



## THE FRACTION

*The Celebrant breaks the Eucharistic Bread or Host (from the Latin for “victim”), recalling Christ’s gesture of breaking bread at the Last Supper. The priest then puts a piece of the host into the chalice (“commingles,” a rite dating from the eighth century) to signify the unity of the living and glorious Body and Blood of the Lord in the work of salvation, often saying inaudibly as he/she does so: “May this mingling of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.”*



## INVITATION

*Celebrant:* Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

**People:** Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof.  
But speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

## AGNUS DEI

*This chant has been sung since the 7th century. It is based upon John the Baptist’s reference to Jesus (John 1:29): “Behold the Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,” which the priest just echoed in presenting the consecrated bread and wine to the congregation.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata  
mundi, miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata  
mundi, miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata  
mundi, dona nobis pacem.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the  
sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the  
sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the  
sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Kneeling (or standing) at the Communion rail, we receive the Host (consecrated bread) on the out-stretched right palm of the hand (supported underneath by the left palm). The Priest (or Deacon) will not place the Host on the tongue. You are also invited, if you so desire, to receive the consecrated wine from the common Chalice. Two options for the Chalice (which will be held by the acolyte): 1) Raise/tilt it, from the base, to your lips; 2) Dip the host (not fingers!) in the wine (intinction). If you prefer not to receive the consecrated wine, discreetly shake your head “no”.*

*If you are not receiving Communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing (indicated by crossing your arms over your chest).*

*If you have not been baptized and find yourself drawn to Jesus Christ and life in Him, please let a member of leadership know. We would be honored to have a conversation with you about your faith journey, or questions you may have regarding the sacrament of Baptism.*

## COMMUNION

### Antiphon at the Mandatum

Ola Gjielo (b. 1978)

*Ubi caritas et amor deus ibi est, timeamus et  
amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos  
sincero.*

Where charity and love are, God is there.  
Christ's love has gathered us into one.

*☩ Please kneel as able.*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant:* Eternal God, heavenly Father,

**People:** Thou hast graciously accepted us as living members of Thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and Thou hast fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve Thee with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*☩ Please be seated.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fr. Dominique Peridans, rector

*☩ Please stand.*

## BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

*Love Divine All Loves Excelling*

Hymn #657

## DISMISSAL

*The Deacon (or Celebrant) sends us forth to carry the mystery of God into the world.*

*Deacon*

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the pow - er of the Spi - rit.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

*The postlude is a musical act of thanksgiving, a closing expression of our worship. It is a moment to savor the grace received, further preparing us to go into the world as instruments of God's goodness and light. We ask those departing to do so quietly until they have exited the nave, allowing space for the continued prayer of those who remain.*

