ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

The Holy Eucharist 10:00am

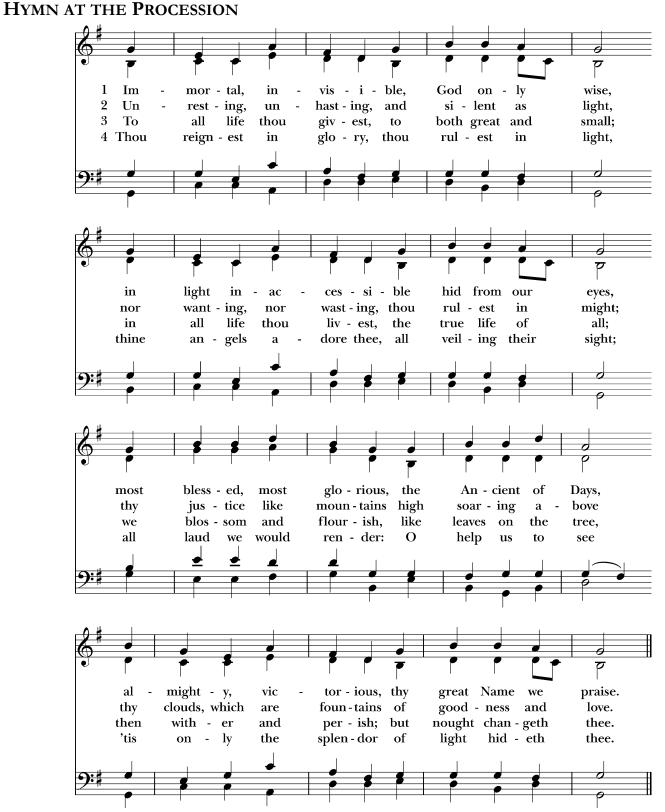
O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Book of Common Prayer

Childcare for children ages 4 and under is available during the 10am service in the Ebsworth Life Center. Access the Childcare Room from the north lobby, nearest the main parking area, just past the elevator. Follow the signs or please ask an usher or greeter to escort you to Room 109.

THE WORD OF GOD

At the sound of the bell, all rise as able and sing.



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Music: St. Denio, Welsh hymn; from Caniadau y Cyssegr, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

All And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

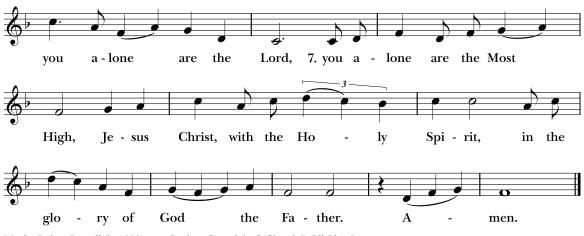
Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

GLORIA

All sing.





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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

All are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah (35:4-7a). Lector Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert: the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;

LectorThe Word of the Lord.AllThanks be to God.

PSALM

Anglican Chant, Psalm 146

Thomas Norris

Lauda, anima mea

1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul! * I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, * for there is no help in them. 3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, * and in that day their thoughts perish. 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! * whose hope is in the LORD their God; 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; * who keeps his promise for ever; 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, * and food to those who hunger. 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; * the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; 8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; * he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked. 9 The LORD shall reign for ever, * your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

THE SECOND READING

Lector A Reading from the letter of James (2:1-10, 14-17).

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

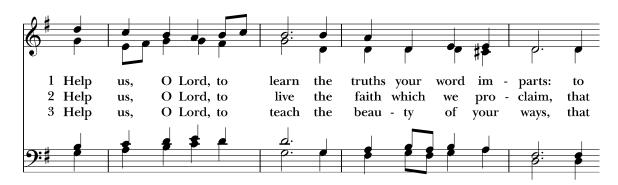
You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

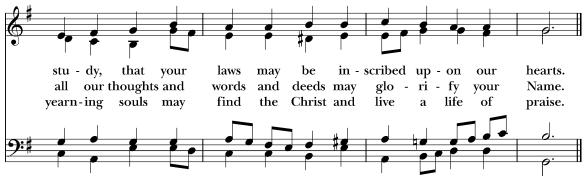
What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

LectorThe Word of the Lord.AllThanks be to God.

10AM only. All rise as able and sing.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN





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All rise as able.

THE GOSPEL

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (7:24-37).All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

GospelerThe Gospel of the Lord.AllPraise to you, Lord Christ.

All may be seated.

REFLECTION Silence follows the reflection. The Rev. Liz Costello

All rise as able.

THE NICENE CREED

All 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

Intercessor Grant, almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love and reveal your glory in the world. The laws of the Lord are just, and his judgment is righteous. Happy are they who trust in the Lord.

Guide the people of this land and all nations in the way of justice and peace so that we may honor one another, work together with mutual forbearance and respect, and serve the common good, through your Son, Jesus Christ. We pray for a lasting ceasefire in Gaza and for security and peace for the people of Israel/Palestine, the Ukraine, the Sudan, and all areas of continuing warfare.

- All Lord, hear our prayer.
- Intercessor In the Anglican Cycle of prayer, we pray for the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma).** In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Annie Wright School, Tacoma; Charles Wright Academy, Tacoma; and all The Table: University of Washington Episcopal Campus Ministry.
- All Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor You have bound the people of our nation into a common life. Grant that your lifegiving spirit may so move every heart that the barriers that divide us may crumble and our divisions healed. Inspire our leaders to enact such laws and statutes as truly please you.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Heavenly father, you have filled the world with beauty. Give us a reverence for the earth, and help us to live in harmony with all your creation so that we may use its resources wisely and that all of your children everywhere may share in your bounty.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor As our students and teachers go back to school, bless our schools and universities so that they may be centers of sound learning and the pursuit of wisdom. Grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for Mother Liz, Father Edmund, Father Shane and Pastor Jim; Presiding Bishop-elect Sean Rowe; and our diocesan Bishop-elect Philip LaBelle, that they may be faithful ministers of your word.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

- Intercessor
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 Amit, Jane, Dorothy, Kathy, Ellen, Robert & Vicky, Blake, Tim, Jasper
 Anglican Church St. Mary-St. George, Greg, Inderjit, Laura, Bonnie, Jim,
 Brad & family, Susan, Becca, Winifred, Todd, Patricia, and Martha.
- Intercessor Give them courage and hope in their troubles.
- All Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially:

All Betty Dunn, George Reynolds, Martha Armstrong, Christine Marshall, and Chris Nichols, Judy Gowdy, and Daniel Day.

Intercessor May they rest in peace.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence is held.

Lord, in your mercy

All Hear our prayer.

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever.*All* Amen.

**Throughout the summer months at St. Thomas, we are intentionally praying for our siblings in Christ in the Anglican Communion through the Anglican Cycle of Prayer. Today in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma). Created as an independent province of the Anglican Communion in 1970, the province comprises the entire country of Myanmar, and now includes over 62,000 Anglicans worshipping in six dioceses. Today, we pray for the Province, its people, institutions, and Primate, the Most Rev. Stephen Than Myint Oo.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

- All 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.
- *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.

All Amen.

THE PEACE

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.AllAnd also with you

All And also with you

The ministers and the people greet one another.

ANNOUNCEMENTS As stewards of all that God has given us, we share the many ways to be engaged in the life of our community.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Draw Us In, the Spirit's Tether

Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in your name, two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them; alleluia, alleluia! Touch we now your garment's hem. As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, alleluia, alleluia! So now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of you, that by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true. Alleluia, alleluia! we will serve with faith anew.

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

An offering is received to support the mission of St. Thomas. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed, using the QR code at right, or at stthomasmedina.org/giving.

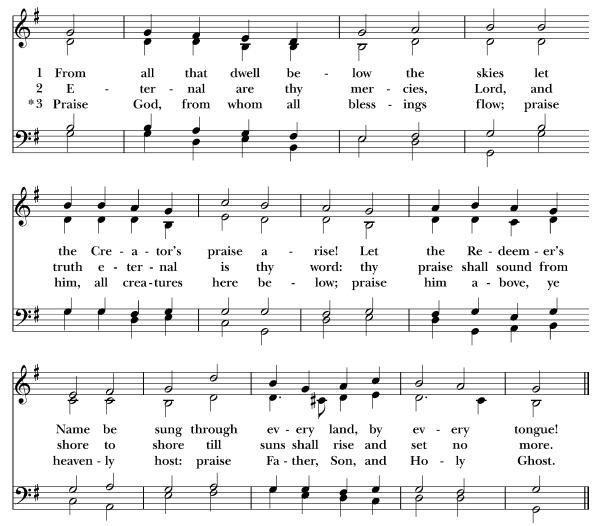


BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

During the offertory anthem children and youth are invited to bring their backpacks and place them in front the altar for a blessing. Those wishing to help set the altar for Communion may remain up front for the Eucharistic Prayer, and return to the seats following the fraction anthem.

Celebrant O God of light and life, we ask your blessing on these backpacks and other signs of the work to which we have been called. Hallow our learning and our labor, that our minds might be open to your wisdom, and our hearts to the goodness of your creation. Give each of us, young and old, inquiring and discerning hearts, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Finally, keep company with us as we take up our work, and help us to know that even in the midst of our busy lives, our hearts rest in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who abides with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.
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All rise as able and sing. **THE PRESENTATION HYMN**



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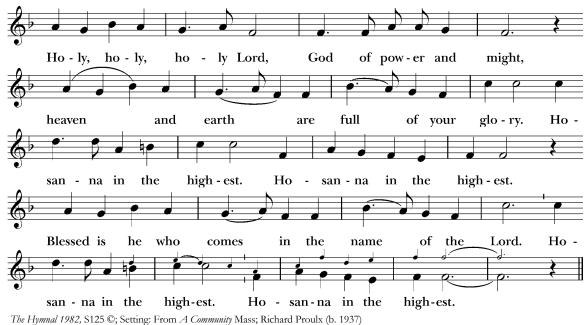
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.AllAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.AllWe lift them to the Lord.CelebrantLet us give thanks to the Lord our God.AllIt is right to give him thanks and praise.CelebrantIt is truly right and our greatest joy to give y

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. You feed the birds of the air by your hand and clothe the lilies of the field with beauty. Though we have followed after false idols and have sought security in the vanity of wealth, you remain faithful, generous in mercy, sending prophets to proclaim your way of justice and dignity for all. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

All sing.





Celebrant You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. For our sake he took on the poverty of human life so that we might receive the abundance of your grace. He fed the hungry, welcomed the outcast, and announced good news to the poor. Through his self-giving love, he conquered death so that we might have the gift of life in fullness.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." *Celebrant* As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service. Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit, unite us with Christ and with your church in all the world. Open our hearts and hands to share the extravagance of your love with all who are in need. Teach us to extend the table of your grace until all have a place at your holy feast.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

All AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All 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.

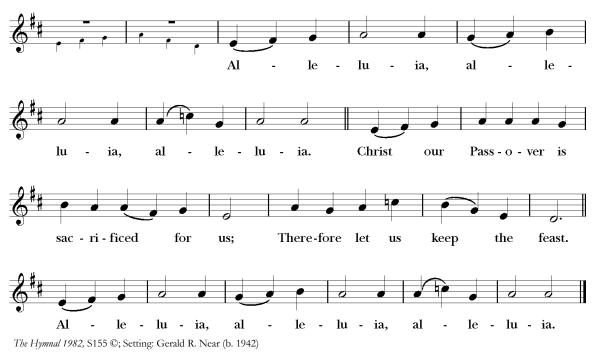
Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The bread is broken.

All sing. **FRACTION ANTHEM**



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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 may be seated for the time of Communion.

Ushers will guide each row to the altar rail to receive Holy Communion. Please follow their instructions. Intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is not available at this time. If you prefer to receive a blessing (or not to receive bread and/ or wine), place your arms across your chest as a sign. Gluten-free Holy Communion wafers are available upon request. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please inform the priest at the altar rail.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

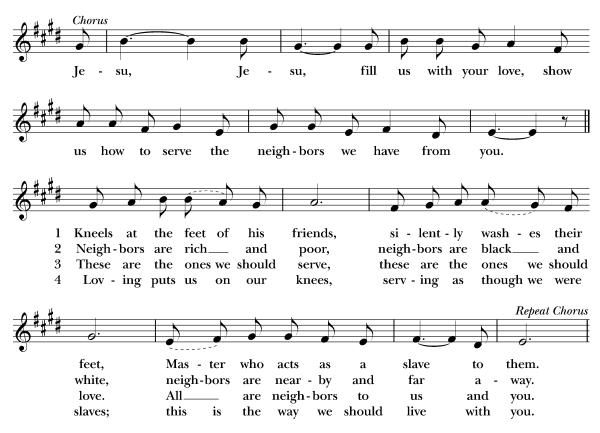
Bless the Lord Ruth Watson Henderson Psalm 103—Book of Common Prayer p.733

COMMUNION MUSIC

Precious Lord

Tommy Dorsey

All sing. Communion Hymn



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All rise as able.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

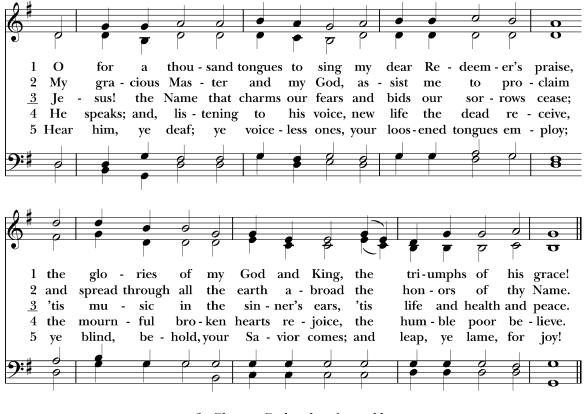
Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have 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 you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

Celebrant The Wisdom of God the Love of God and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity.
All Amen.

All sing. Hymn at the Recession



6 Glory to God and praise and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

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THE DISMISSAL

CelebrantGo in peace to love and serve the Lord.AllThanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Toccata in C Major

Johann Pachelbel

Children are welcome to gather in the choir chancel area to observe and listen to the playing of the postlude.



SERVING THIS SUNDAY

The Rev. Liz Costello Rector

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The Rev. Edmund Harris

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The Rev. Shane Carlson

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