

August 13, 2017

WELCOME TO THE STORY

Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

A Story that Invites Us

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

Singing Bowl

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

PRELUDE . . . *Leilani Camara and Michael Keating*

WELCOME

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ is with you.

All: And also with you.

Please Stand

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

P: God of the lost and forsaken,

All: without your aid we are powerless and are quickly beaten by the storms of life;

P: without your grace we fall to our injuries

All: and are soon imprisoned by our resentments;

P: without your intervention we quickly submerge

All: and gasp for breath in our misery and despair.

P: Reacquaint us with your saving grace,

All: that we may know that anything is possible, even when everything is falling apart.

P: Renew our dreams and hopes for the future,

All: that we may be instruments of your promise, even when the whole world seems against us. Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

All: Everyone who risks the uncertain walk of faith, receives aid from the one who calms the waters.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Beckoning God, you call your people

All: from the north and the south, the east and the west.

L: You long to gather us,

All: from the places we have wandered, into a community of love and justice.

L: End our wanderings here today.

All: Open our eyes, that we may recognize your presence among us, and clothe ourselves in your mercy and grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

OPENING HYMN . . . “Morning Has Broken” vs. 1, 3

Text: Eleanor Farjeon - Tune: Gaelic tune - Cranberry Book #556

Favorite Hymn of Meg Ehmann & Annelise Miedema



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

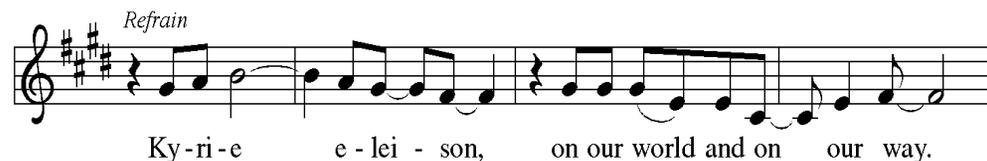
GREETING

P: The grace that is Christ's gift to us, the love of God, and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace is with you all.

All: And also with you. Amen.



KYRIE ELEISON . . . “Lord, Have Mercy”



Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

L: For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Refrain

L: That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

All: Refrain

L: For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Refrain

L: For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Refrain



HYMN OF PRAISE . . . "Glory to God"

Refrain

All: Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and

peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther,

we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

Refrain

for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-

est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and

peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -

lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

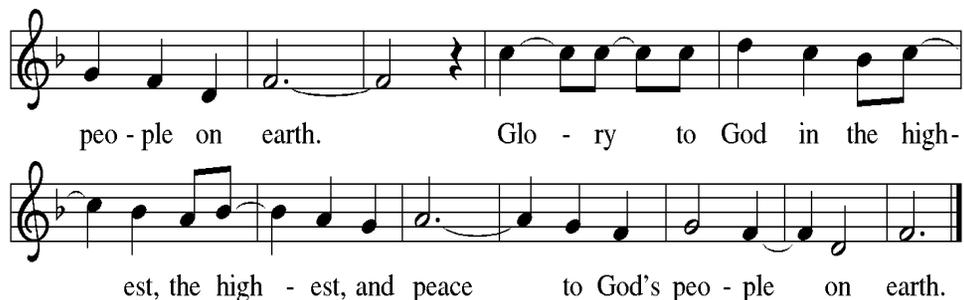
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

A - men. A - men. A - men.

Final refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's



THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid.

All: **Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Be Seated

The Story that Shapes and Forms Us

FIRST READING . . . *1 Kings 19:9-18*

On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in “sheer silence.” God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.

At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are

seeking my life, to take it away.”

He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

SECOND READING . . . *Romans 10:5-15*

A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by

them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

L: Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the fourteenth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL . . . Matthew 14:22-33

Matthew’s gospel typically portrays Jesus’ disciples as people of “little faith” who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And

early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P: The Gospel, the good news of God

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Be Seated

Children's Time...



with Pastor Tim

Please Stand

HYMN . . . "On Eagle's Wings" vs. 1, 3

Text & Tune: Michael Joncas - Blue Book #779

Favorite Hymn of John Williams, Chuck & Sharon Pickering, & Joanie Schuller



1 You who . . . dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -
3 For to the an - gels God's giv - en a com - mand to



bide in this shad - ow for life, say to the Lord: "My . . .
guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will



ref - uge, . . . my . . . rock . . . in whom I . . . trust!"
bear you up, lest you dash . . . your foot a - gainst a stone.

Refrain



"And I will raise you up on ea - gle's wings



bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the



sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand."

Be Seated

HOMILY . . . Pastor Tim

A Story that Feeds Us

INVITATION TO OFFERING

L: As disparate peoples from many places, we have been knit together by God into a holy community. From strangers,

All: Christ has built us together into a holy temple in the Lord.

L: With thankful hearts to the One who continues to bless us,

All: let us be generous as we collect today's offering

THANKFUL OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE . . . "Accept, O Lord the Gifts We Bring"



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Holy One in our midst, take our offerings and bless them,

All: that they may multiply and be a blessing in your world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

L: Generous, compassionate God, we gather before you to pray for the church, the world, and all in need. O God our ruler, continue to send out your church on earth to be light and salt to the world. Keep giving us the heart to do your work. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: O God our redeemer, inspire leaders with the righteousness that comes from faith, so that your justice thrives throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: O God our sustainer, comfort those who are lonely, fearful, or burdened by doubt. Give meaningful work to those who seek employment. Walk with those who are grieving or ill, and with all who face the last days of their lives. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: O God our encourager, empower this assembly to boldly proclaim and live out your love to all who long to hear a word of hope and kindness. Equip us to use our hands, feet, voices, and minds to share the bounty you have given us. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: God of all, hear now the prayers of our heart said either silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Into your hands we place all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in the mercy of Christ Jesus.

All: Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

L: God is with you.

All: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

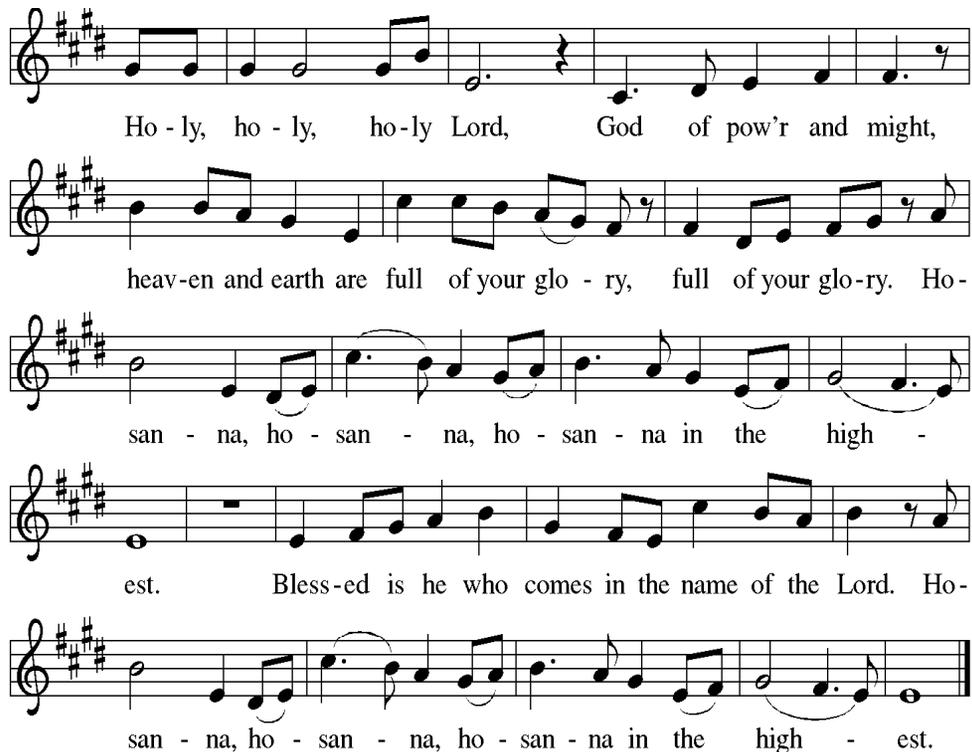
All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: God of blessing, we thank you always for making us in

your image to serve the peace of all creation. You shared your name with our mothers and fathers: Sarah and Abraham, who left their home and became a blessing to all nations; Moses and Miriam, who went through sea and wilderness to the place of revelation; Deborah and Samson, who gave hope and justice to a people ruled by fear; Ruth and Jonah, who went to foreign soil and found a God who loves the stranger.

All: From our ancestors in faith came Jesus, the son of promise to fulfill the law, embody your love and draw all people to himself.

P: Jesus accepted death to break its fearful hold; he was raised to life to share it in abundance; he comes again to break the bread and pour the wine of hope. Therefore, with all the people whose story you have shaped, with women and men of faith in every part of the world we glory in your generous love and sing in praise of you:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.' In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.' As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold. Great is the mystery of faith.

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

P: Therefore we come in memory and hope, responding to your call and the promise that echoes from the dawn of all time. May mind and heart be held by your self-giving love...

All: as we stand before the cross, approach the empty tomb and praise the one whose name is lifted high above all earthly power.

P: Receive our broken offering through his all-powerful grace and bind us in communion with all who share your gifts; through Jesus Christ, in whom all ages and all worlds are drawn into the ceaseless love of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: As you are one with us, O Christ, make us one with you as we pray as you taught...

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us

our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

FRACTION RITE

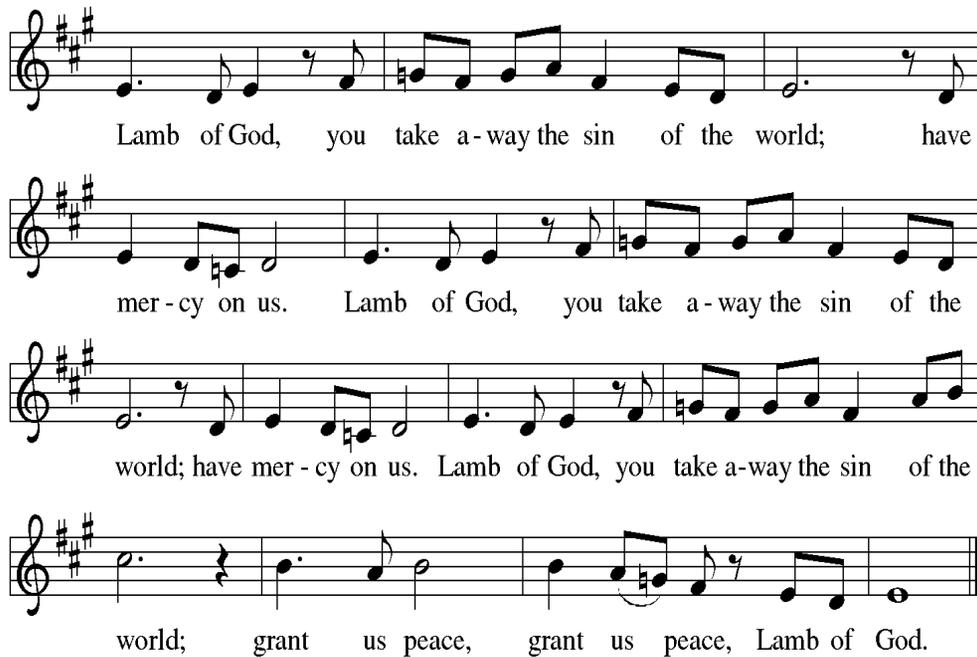
P: Here is food that satisfies, the taste of unconditional love. Here is wine pouring free, the washing away of fear. Here is life abundant, a table of peace for all.

All: May this peace be in us and among us, a sign of hope for a world renewed.

Be Seated

The ushers will invite you to the Lord's Table after the Lamb of God is sung.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Holy Communion is open to all.
Grape juice is white, wine is red.

Let an usher know if you desire communion brought to you.

All are welcome to the Prayer and Healing station in the narthex during communion.

COMMUNION HYMN . . . "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Text: Joseph Scriven - Tune: Charles C. Converse - Green Book #439
Favorite Hymn of Lucille Klovdahl, Elise Lewis, & Hal Lewis



- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

COMMUNION HYMN . . . “In the Garden”

Text & Tune: Austin Miles – hymnary.org

Favorite Hymn of Leon Klovdahl

Singing Bowl

Please Stand



1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, While the dew is
2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the
3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him Tho' the night a -



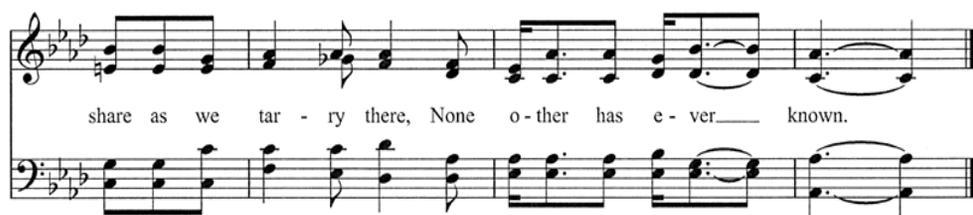
still on the ros - es; And the voice I hear, fal - ling on my ear,
birds hush their sing - ing; And the me - lo - dy that He gave to me
round me be fal - ling; But He bids me go; thro' the voice of woe,



The Son of God dis - clo - ses.
With - in my heart is ring - ing. And He walks with me, and He
His voice to me is cal - ling.



talks with me, And He tells me I am His own, And the joy we



share as we tar - ry there, None o - ther has e - ver known.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: Creator God, bless this gift of bread with the yeast of your love.

All: Flow through this gift of wine with your life-giving grace.

P: As we receive these gifts, make us one with you through the power of your Holy Spirit.

All: Nurture our lives, that we may be loaves of your generous abundance.

P: Pour your grace into our hearts, that we may be vines of loving nourishment for one another and for a world in need of growth and strength.

All: In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Loving God, in this meal you sustain the weary and heal the broken.

All: May the gift of your word made flesh, the body and blood of Christ, inspire our tongues to praise you and proclaim to the entire world the Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Be Seated

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

A Story that Sends Us Out to Love and Serve

COMMISSIONING

P: God blesses us with strength for the journey. Christ lifts us up from the raging waters of life. The Spirit guides us with dreams and visions of a glorious tomorrow.

All: We go with God.

Those who desire extra time to exit
are invited to do so during the last hymn.

SENDING OUT . . . “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Text: Henry van Dyke - Tune: Ludwig van Beethoven – Green Book #551
Favorite Hymn of Ellen & Katarina DiPaola



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve God.

All: Thanks be to God!

No Formal Ushering Out