

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*September 12, 2021*  
*10:00 a.m.*

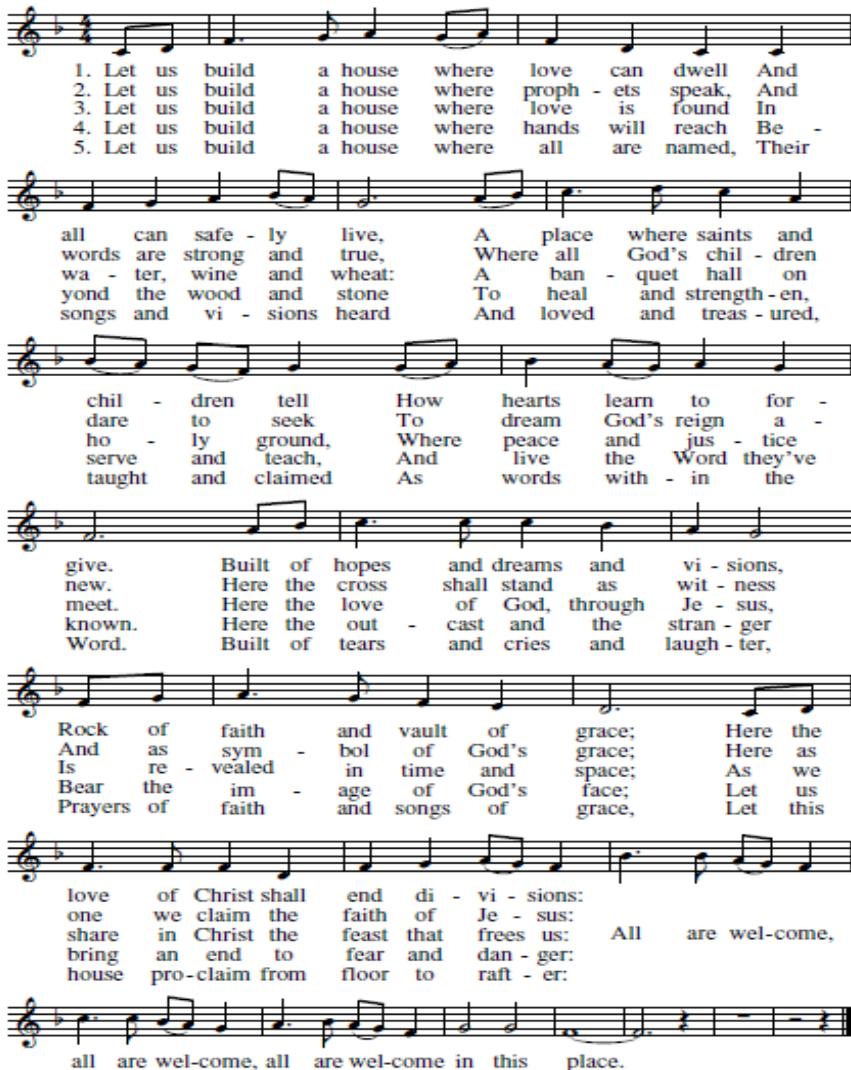
*St. John's Episcopal Church*  
*Mt. Pleasant, Michigan*

**PRELUDE** *Arabesque (Louis Vierne)*

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

## ENTRANCE HYMN

### All Are Welcome



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And  
2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And  
3. Let us build a house where love is found In  
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -  
5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their

all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and  
words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren  
wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on  
yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,  
songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,

chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -  
dare to seek To dream God's reign a -  
ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice  
serve and teach, And live the Word they've  
taught and claimed As words with - in the

give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,  
new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness  
meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus,  
known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger  
Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter,

Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the  
And as sym - bol of God's grace; Here as  
Is re - vealed in time and space; As we  
Bear the im - age of God's face; Let us  
Prayers of faith and songs of grace, Let this

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:

all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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Tune: TWO CARES, ♭ 6 8 6 8 7 10 with refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
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## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
*People* Glory to God for ever and ever.

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 S 280 *Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Powell)*



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



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



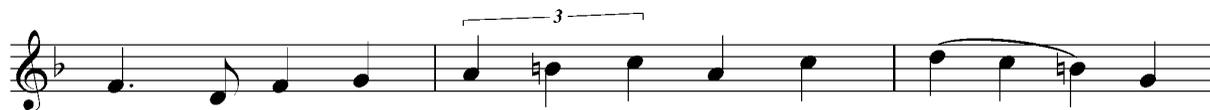
King, al - mighty - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Holy Wisdom, in your loving kindness you created and restored us when we were lost: inspire us with your truth, that we may love you with our whole minds and run to you with open hearts, through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.

<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

*Reader*            Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSE S 411 Simplified chant setting (S 411)**

Robert Knox Kennedy  
(b. 1945)



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## PSALM 116

1 I love you, O God, because you have heard the voice  
of my supplication, \*  
because you have inclined your ear to me whenever  
I **called** upon you.

2 The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took **hold** of me; \*  
I came to grief and **sorrow**.

3 Then I called upon your holy **Name**: \*  
“O God, I pray you, save my **life**.”

4 Gracious are you and **righteous**; \*  
you are full of **compassion**.

5 You watch over the **innocent**; \*  
I was brought very low, and you **helped** me.

6 Turn again to your rest, O my **soul**, \*  
for God has treated you **well**.

7 For you, O God, have rescued my life from **death**, \*  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from **stumbling**.

8 I will walk in the presence of **God**, \*  
in the land of the **living**.

## SECOND READING: James 3:1-12

A Reading from the letter of James.

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in

check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**ACCLAMATION** *Zimbabwe Alleluia - St. Gregory of Nyssa, San Francisco*

*All stand.*



**GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38**

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and

be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **THE SERMON**

### **THE 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.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Let us confess our sins to God.

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

### **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant*            The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*                **And also with you.**

# The Holy Communion

## **OFFERTORY SENTENCE** *Psalm 50:14*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

## **ANTHEM**

"Thou Art God" by Lionel Bourne

Thou art the peace of all things calm,  
Thou art the place to hide from harm,  
Thou art the light that shines in dark,  
Thou art the heart's eternal spark.

Thou art the door that's open wide,  
Thou art the guest who waits inside,  
Thou art the stranger at the door,  
Thou art the calling of the poor.

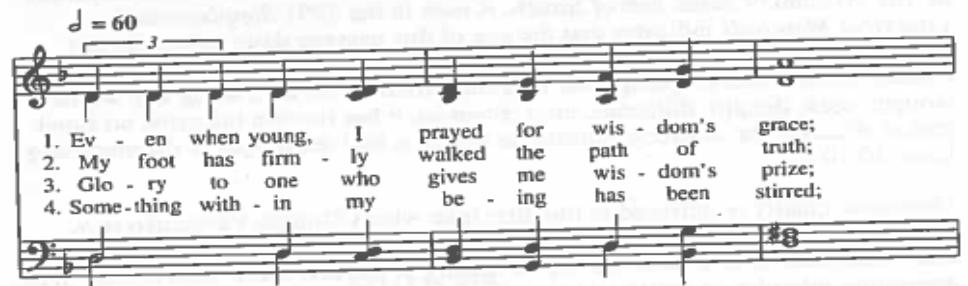
Thou art my Lord and with me still,  
Thou art my love, keep me from ill.  
Thou art the light, the truth, the way.  
Thou art my Saviour this very day.

**OFFERTORY HYMN WLP 906 A Song of Pilgrimage (Canticle B) (Pavlechko)**  
***(Diligence)* (WLP 906)**

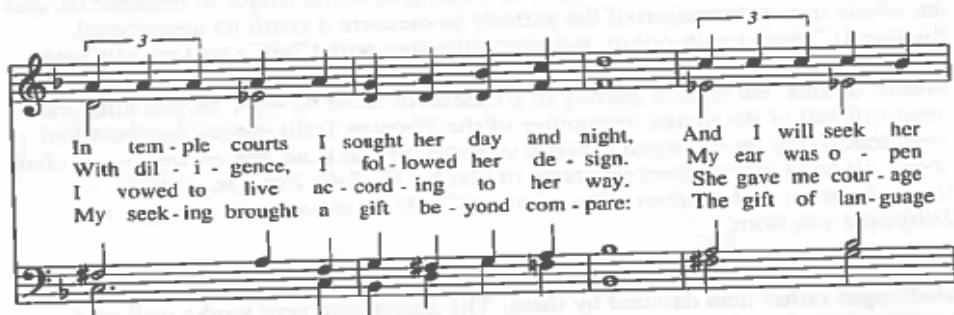
# *Priusquam errarem*

## Canticle B (metrical paraphrase)

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1. Ev - en when young, I prayed for wis - dom's grace;  
2. My foot has firm - ly walked the path of truth;  
3. Glo - ry to one who gives me wis - dom's prize;  
4. Some - thing with - in my be - ing has been stirred;



In tem - ple courts I sought her day and night, And I will seek her  
With dil - i - gence, I fol - lowed her de - sign. My ear was o - pen  
I vowed to live ac - cord - ing to her way. She gave me cour - age  
My seek - ing brought a gift be - yond com - pare: The gift of lan - guage



to the ver - y end; she is my heart's de - light.  
to re - ceive her words; Now wis - dom's skill is mine.  
from the ve - ry start; She will not let me stray.  
loosed my halt - ing tongue; God's praise is now my prayer.

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## The Great Thanksgiving

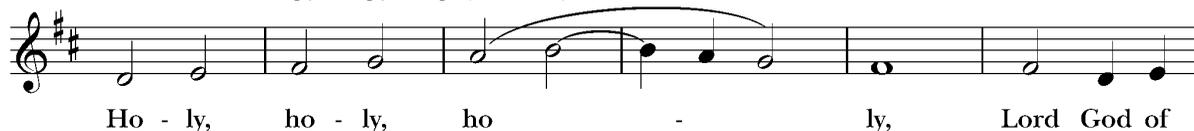
*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

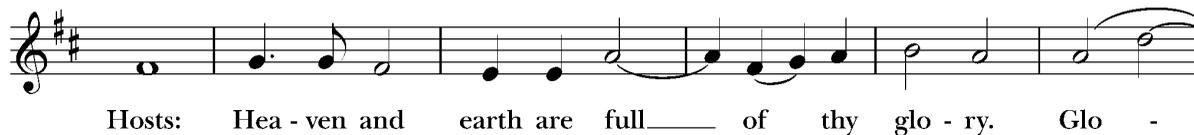
You have filled us and all creation with your blessing  
 and fed us with your constant love;  
 you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ  
 and knit us into one body.  
 Through your Spirit you replenish us  
 and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation,  
 we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

**SANCTUS S 114 Holy, holy, holy (Willan) (S 114)**



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



Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed \_\_\_ is he that com - eth -

\_\_\_ in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life.

You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves;  
we would not see your goodness in the world around us;  
and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

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."

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Remembering his death and resurrection,  
we now present to you from your creation  
this bread and this wine.

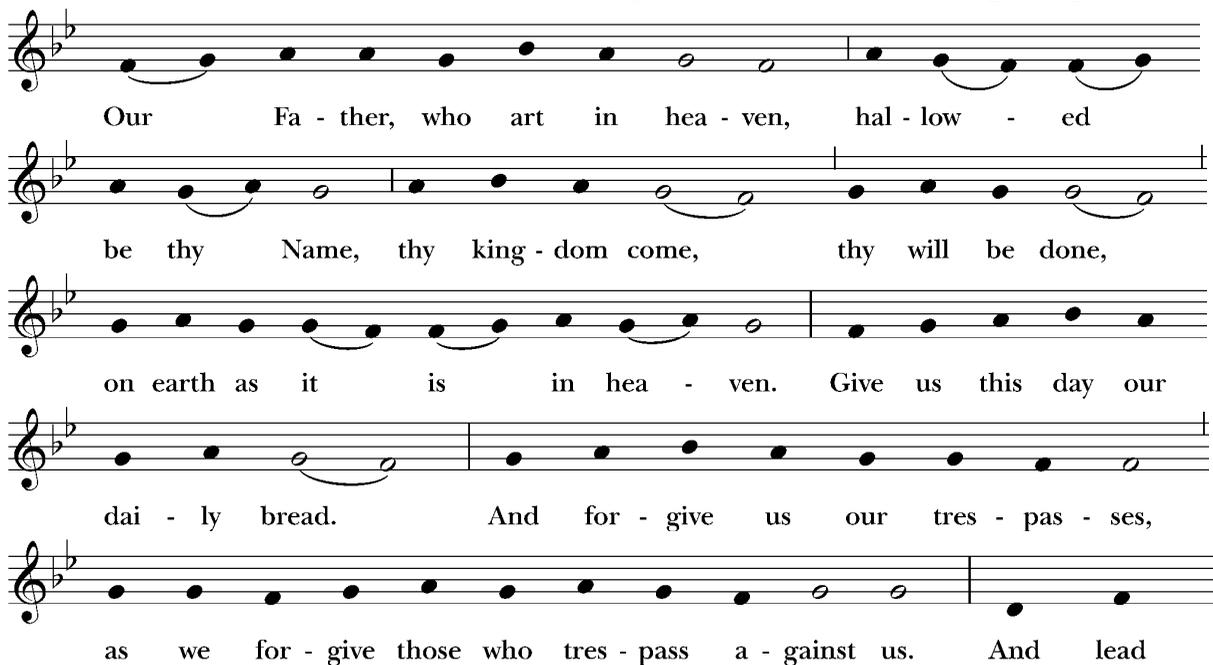
By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

**Grant that we who share these may be filled with the Holy Spirit  
and live as Christ's Body in the world.**

**Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons,  
that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come,  
we may praise your Name for ever.**

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
to you be honor, glory, and praise,  
for ever and ever. *AMEN*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER S 119 *The Lord's Prayer (Traditional) (Plainsong/Douglas)***



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  
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## The Breaking of the Bread

### FRACTION ANTHEM

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep us in everlasting life. *Amen.*

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

**God of abundance,  
 you have fed us  
 with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
 you have united us  
 with Christ and one another;  
 and you have made us one  
 with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
 Now send us forth  
 in the power of your Spirit,  
 that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
 and continue for ever  
 in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## BLESSING

### POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Take up your cross, the Savior said (Bourbon) (H 675)*



1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if  
2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill  
3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and  
4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and  
5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor



1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with  
2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your  
3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -  
4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -  
5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who



1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.  
2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.  
3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.  
4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.  
5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

## DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE *Grand Jeu (Louis Marchand)*

**Serving today:**

**Ministers of Music:** Dennis Flynn, Eric Vinciguerra, Choir

**Lector:** Carol Lauffer

**Prayers of the People:** Adam Baker

**Officiant:** Rev. Sr. Diane Stier

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