

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Sunday, June 16, 2024 ❖ 10:00 am



Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Judith (Jude) Lyons

Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump

We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome all people into our community without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

The altar flowers this morning are donated by John and Joanne Shultz in celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary and to a happy Father's Day! And by Nary Wong in loving memory of her father, Veera Vasantachart, who passed in February this year and to all fathers for Father's Day.

Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

What's Happening!

Father's Day – Sunday, June 16

Fr. Jason is out of town today and on Sunday, June 23.

We thank The Rev. Judith Lyons for joining us today as our supply clergy.

Sunday, June 23, we will have Morning Prayer led by The Rev. Celeste Stump.

Good Grief Support Group – Wednesday, June 19, 5:00pm

Youth Art Camp – July 8-12, 9am-11:45am

All kids age 5-12, \$150 per camper. Contact Claire in the church office.

Ongoing

Yoga

- **All Levels Hatha Yoga for Strength and Mobility:** Mondays 11:00 am-12:30 pm.
- **All Levels Gentle Yoga for Vital Mobility and Balance:** Wednesdays 9:00-10:30 am.

Contact: Jill Lynch at jillfenskelynych@gmail.com

Alcoholics Anonymous Thursdays and Sundays at 7:30 pm

Al-Anon Thursdays at 7:00 pm

Visit our website calendar for more events: <https://www.stfrancispalosverdes.org/>

The Word of God

Please stand as able and join in singing.

The Processional Hymn

Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People

Hymn #67, vv. 1-3



Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple,
Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth,
Make ye straight what long was crook - ed,
speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
in the des - ert far and near,
make the rough - er pla - ces plain;
com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
let your hearts be true and hum - ble,
mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load.
since the king - dom now is here.
as be - fits his ho - ly reign.
Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a - way;
For the glo - ry of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;
tell her that her sins I cov - er,
let the val - leys rise to meet him
and all flesh shall see the to - ken
and her war - fare now is o - ver.
and the hills bow down to greet him.
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.
Music: "Psalm 42," melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); harm. "Hymnal 1982."

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Almighty God,
People **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.**

Please remain standing as able and join in singing.

The Gloria

Glory to God

Hymn #900, WLP (Rutter)

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al-
13 might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
25 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin
40 of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. For
56 you a - lone are the Holy One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the most high, Je-sus Christ,
70 with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A men.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated for the Lessons.

The First Lesson: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Reader A Reading from the book of Ezekiel.

²²Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.

²³On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response: Psalm 85

Reader Let us read from Psalm 85 responsively (the People reading the text in bold).



Lord, let us see your kind-ness, and grant us your sal-va-tion.

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¹You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

²You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.

³You have withdrawn all your fury *
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation. *Refrain*

⁴Restore us then, O God our Savior; *
let your anger depart from us.

⁵Will you be displeased with us for ever? *
will you prolong your anger from age to age?

⁶Will you not give us life again, *
that your people may rejoice in you? *Refrain*

⁷Show us your mercy, O LORD, *
and grant us your salvation.

⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
**for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.**

⁹Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land. *Refrain*

¹⁰Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet. *Refrain*

The Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

Reader A Reading from Paul's Second letter to the Church in Corinth.

⁶We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord — ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able and join in singing.

The Sequence Hymn
 By All Your Saints Still Striving

Hymn #232, vv. 1-3

By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at
 All praise for John the Bap - tist, fore - run - ner of the
 Then let us praise the Fa - ther and wor - ship God the
 4 rest, your ho - ly Name, O Je - sus for ev - er - more be blessed. You
 Word, our true E - li - jah, mak - ing a high - way for the Lord. The
 Son and sing to God the Spi - rit, e - ter - nal Three in One, till
 9 rose, our King vic - to - rious, that they might wear the crown and
 last and great - est pro - phet, he saw the dawn - ing ray of
 all the ran - somed num - ber who stand be - fore the throne a -
 13 ev - er shine in splen - dor re - flect - ed from your throne.
 light that grows in splen - dor un - til the per - fect day.
 scribe all power and glo - ry and praise to God a - lone.

Words: Horatio Bolton Nelson (1823-1913); ver. "Hymnal 1982". Music: NYLAND, Finnish folk melody;
 adapt. and harm. David Evans (1874-1948)

Please remain standing as able.

The Gospel: Luke 1:57-80

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

⁵⁷The time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. ⁵⁸Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

⁵⁹On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. ⁶⁰But his mother said, "No; he is to be called John." ⁶¹They said to her, "None of your relatives has this name." ⁶²Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. ⁶³He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And all of them were amazed. ⁶⁴Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. ⁶⁵Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. ⁶⁶All who heard them pondered them and said, "What then will this child become?" For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

⁶⁷Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy:

⁶⁸"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
 for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

⁶⁹He has raised up a mighty savior for us
in the house of his servant David,
⁷⁰as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
⁷¹that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.
⁷²Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,
and has remembered his holy covenant,
⁷³the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,
to grant us ⁷⁴that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,
might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness
before him all our days.
⁷⁶And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
⁷⁷to give knowledge of salvation to his people
by the forgiveness of their sins.
⁷⁸By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,
⁷⁹to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

⁸⁰The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

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

Please be seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Judith Lyons

There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.

Please stand as able and join in saying the Nicene Creed.

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, who with the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

Please remain standing as able.

The Prayers of the People (the People read the responses in **bold**)

Reader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

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.

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Please kneel or sit as able.

The 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.**

The Absolution

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.**

Please stand as able.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Ministers and People exchange signs of peace in the name of the Lord.

Please be seated.

The Welcome and Announcements

Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:

All **Watch over your child(ren), O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem

Christ in the Stranger's Guise

David Ashley White

Recovered from Gaelic by the Reverend Kenneth MacLeod (1871-1955).

Sung by the St. Francis Choir

I saw a stranger yestreen: I put food in the eating place,
drink in the drinking place, music in the lis'ning place:
And in the sacred name of the Triune,
he blessed myself and my house, my cattle and my dear ones.
And the lark said in her song,
Often, often, often goes the Christ in the stranger's guise;
often goes the Christ in the stranger's guise;
Often, often. Amen.*

* yesterday evening

The Offertory Hymn
 Blessed Be the God of Israel

Hymn #444, vv. 1-2

Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el, who comes to set us free; he vis - its and re -
 He from the house of Da - vid a child of grace has given; a Sa - vior comes a -
 7 deems us, he grants us lib - er - ty. The pro - phets spoke of mer - cy, of
 mong us to raise us up to heaven. Be - fore him goes his her - ald, fore -
 12 free - dom and re - lease; God shall ful - fill his pro - mise and bring his peo - ple peace.
 run - ner in the way, the pro - phet of sal - va - tion, the har - bin - ger of Day.

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 Music: "Forrest Green," English melody, adapt and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1959).

Please stand as able.

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

Marty Haugen

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

Music: "Mass of Creation; Marty Haugen (b. 1950) © 1984, GIA Publications, Inc. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Please kneel or stand as able as the Celebrant continues.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection

under your Christ, and bring us To that heavenly country where, with Francis and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

Celebrant And now, as 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. 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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

The Fraction Anthem

The Lord Will Come and Be Not Slow

Hymn #462, vv. 1-2, 4-5

The Lord will come and not be slow, his foot - steps can - not err; be -
 Truth from the earth, like to a flower, shall bud and blos - som show; and
 The na - tions all whom thou hast made shall come, and all shall frame to
 For great thou art, and won - ders great by thy strong hand are done: thou

6
 fore him right - eous - ness shall go, his roy - al har - bin - ger.
 jus - tice, from her heaven - ly bower, look down on us be - low.
 bow them low be - fore thee, Lord, and glo - ri - fy thy Name.
 in thy ev - er - last - ing seat re - main - est God a - lone.

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Words: John Milton (1608-1674), alt. Music: "St. Anne," melody att. William Croft (1678-1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

The Invitation

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God, Holy gifts, for Holy people.

For our online community: an invitation to pray together the spiritual communion prayer from the National Cathedral. A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

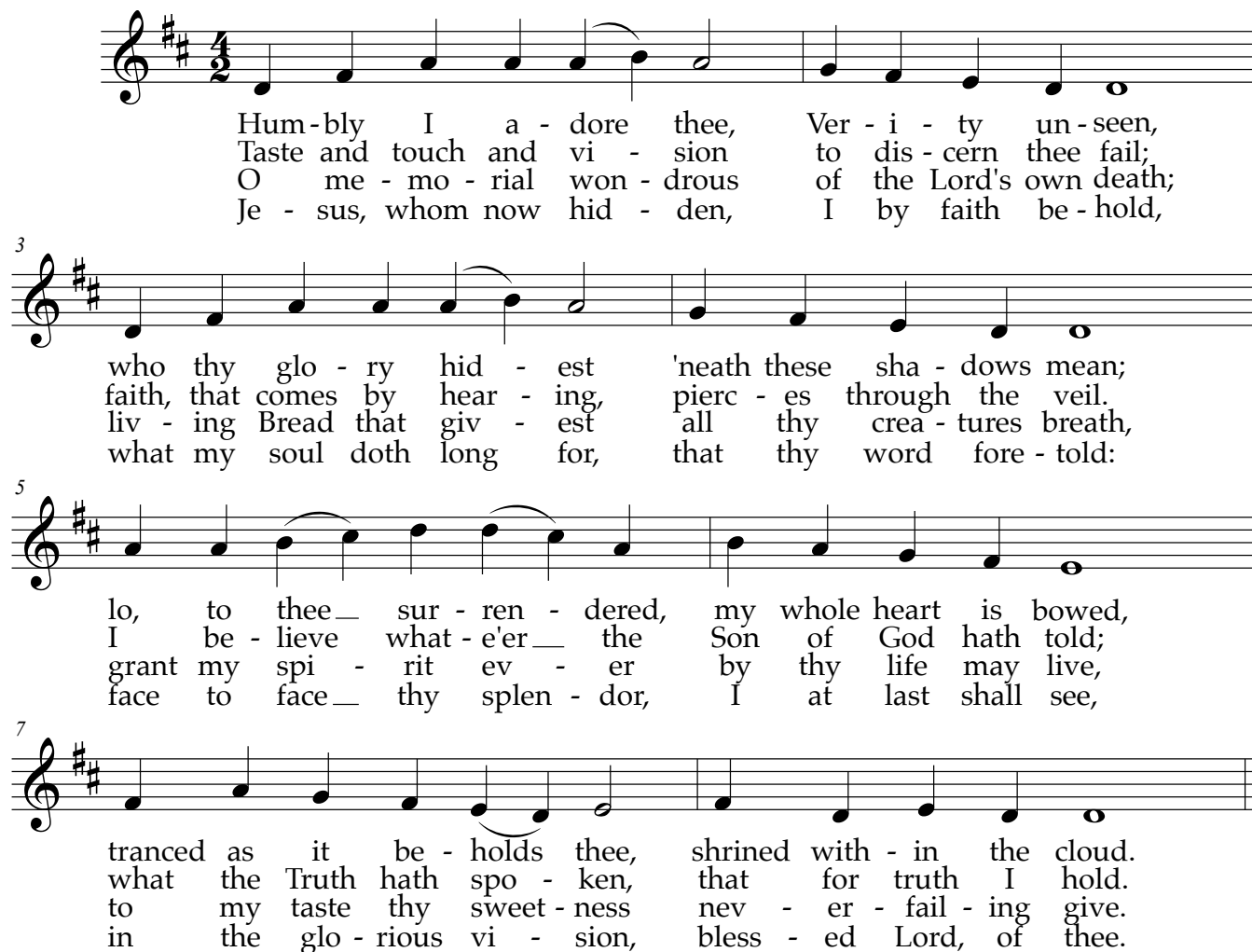
If you have come with a particular prayer concern today, after receiving Communion you may come to the Nason Prayer Chapel to the right of the altar rail where you may light a candle and, if you wish, someone will be available to pray with you.

The Communion of the People

All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. If you do not wish to receive, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish Communion to be brought to you. Gluten-free Communion wafers are available. If you require one of these, simply ask.

The Communion Hymn
Humbly I Adore Thee

Hymn #314, vv. 1-4



Hum-bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,
Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;
O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;
Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,
3
who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;
faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.
liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,
what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:
5
lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,
I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;
grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,
face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,
7
tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.
what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.
to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er - fail - ing give.
in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

Words: Att. Thomas Aquinas (1225?-1274); sts. 1-3, tr. "Hymnal 1940"; st. 4, tr. "Hymnal 1982." Music: "Adoro devote," French church melody, Mode 5, "Processionale," 1697; acc. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), alt.

Please kneel or stand as able as able.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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.**

The Blessing

Celebrant Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage, hold fast to that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the afflicted. Honor all persons. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. And, the blessing of God Almighty, The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit be with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Sending Forth

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

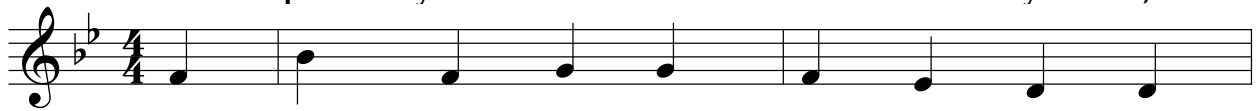
All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Please stand as able and join in singing.

The Closing Hymn

On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

Hymn #76, vv. 1-5



On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose



noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
ref - uge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of Kings.
pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944),
after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt.

Music: "Winchester New," melody from "Musicalishes Hand-Buch," 1690;
harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

The Postlude

"Te Deum"

John Rutter

Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Thomas, Drew Deley, Michael Heredia, Mark Kappelmann, Joseph Leahy, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Barry Witt, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Andrea, Jean Dicus, Daniel Drayling, Ceri Falk, Colette Furbush, George Ginis, Chris Goldsmith, Sally Hill, Blair Hinz, Loren, Judy Morgan, Patt Parker, Bruce Schaefer, Jane Sharp, Tommy, Roxanne Wall, Gail Winters, and William Zak, Sr., and for the people of the Middle East, and victims of violence everywhere.

We pray for all who have died, especially June Bacon, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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