# Pentecost 18 / Proper 20

Sunday, September 22, 2024 \* 10:00 am

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby

Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump



Welcome, Wayfarers! We are glad that you are worshiping with us this morning and look forward to being with you next week. We have been enjoying each other's company at coffee hour since you arrived in February and Pastor David and I thought it was past time that we worship together too.

The entire service is in this bulletin. The parts to be read by the congregation are in **bold.** If something is in italics it is typically offering gentle instruction. For example, before we sing the hymn that precedes the gospel, we ask that people stand as they are able. We invite your questions, comments, and outpouring of praise; either find Father Jason after the service or send us an email—clergy and staff contacts are in the back of this bulletin—and we will gladly reply. Once again, welcome! We are blessed to have you with us.

## **Coming Events**

#### Sunday, Sept. 22 and 29

- Sept. 22: Wayfarers Chapel to worship with us at the 10:00 am service.
- Sept. 29: We will worship with Wayfarers in the St. Francis Chapel at 10:15 am.
- On both Sundays, we will have our usual 8:00 am worship in the St. Francis Chapel.

## Monday, Sept. 23

- 5:30 pm St. Anne's Guild Meeting (Salad and Dessert)
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, Sept. 24, 7:00 pm – Taizé in the chapel

## Wednesday, Sept. 25

- 10:00 am Healing & Reconciliation Holy Eucharist
- 5:00 pm Good Grief Support Group

Thursday, Sept. 26 and Oct. 3, 1:00 pm – Quilting Group

Saturday, Sept. 28, 1:00 pm – John Dingee Memorial and Reception

Monday, Sept. 30, 7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

## Wednesday, Oct. 2

- 10:00 am Healing & Reconciliation Holy Eucharist
- 11:00 am Good Grief Support Group

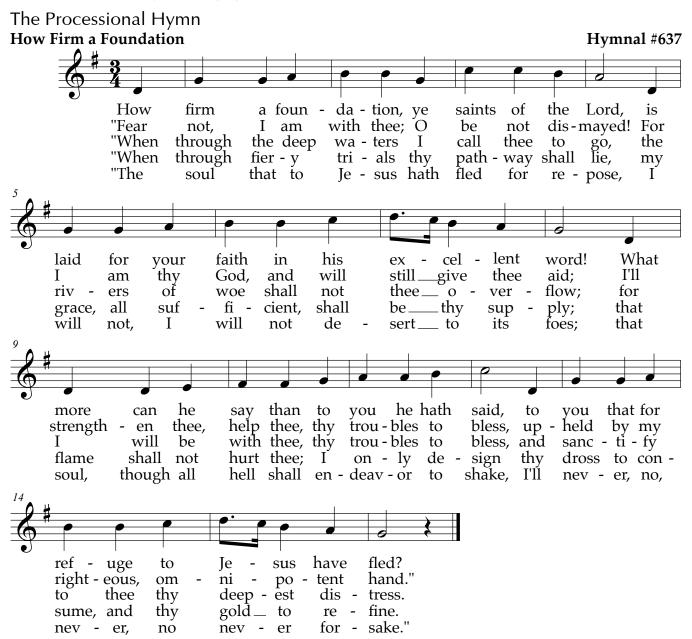
Friday, Oct. 4, 6:15 pm – Nurture Group

For more events, dates and times, visit our church calendar: https://bit.ly/stfranciscalendar

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

## The Word of God

Please stand as able and join in singing.



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## 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,

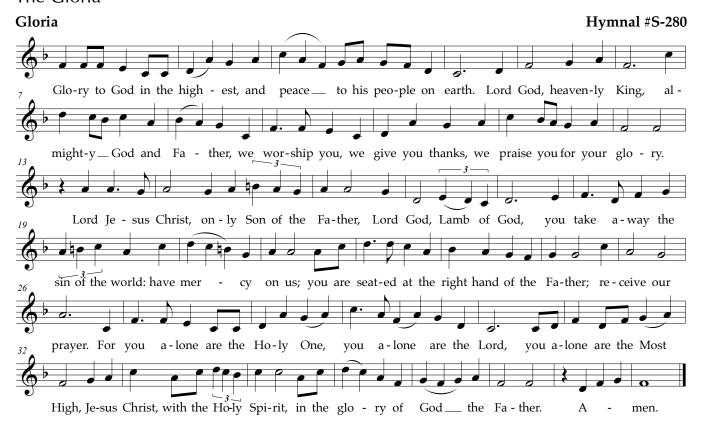
People to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:

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



Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932), S-280 The Hymnal, 1982

## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

*Please be seated for the Lessons.* 

The First Lesson: Wisdom 1:16--2:1, 12-22

*Reader* A Reading from the book of Wisdom.

<sup>16</sup>The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death; considering him a friend, they pined away and made a covenant with him, because they are fit to belong to his company.

<sup>24</sup>For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves, "Short and sorrowful is our life, and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end, and no one has been known to return from Hades.

<sup>12</sup>"Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training. <sup>13</sup>He professes to have knowledge of God, and calls himself a child of the Lord. <sup>14</sup>He became to us a reproof of our thoughts; 15the very sight of him is a burden to us, because his manner of life is unlike that of others, and his ways are strange. <sup>16</sup>We are considered by him as something base, and he avoids our ways as unclean; he calls the last end of the righteous happy, and boasts that God is his father. <sup>17</sup>Let us see if his words are true, and let us test what will happen at the end of his life; <sup>18</sup> for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries. <sup>19</sup>Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is, and make trial of his forbearance. <sup>20</sup>Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected."

<sup>21</sup>Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray, for their wickedness blinded them, <sup>22</sup>and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hoped for the wages of holiness, nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

Reader The Word of the Lord People Thanks be to God.

## The Response: Psalm 54

Reader Let us read from Psalm 54 responsively (the People reading the text in bold).



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<sup>1</sup>Save me, O God, by your Name; \*

in your might, defend my cause.

<sup>2</sup>Hear my prayer, O God; \*

give ear to the words of my mouth.

<sup>3</sup>For the arrogant have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, \*

those who have no regard for God.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, God is my helper; \*

it is the Lord who sustains my life.

<sup>5</sup>Render evil to those who spy on me; \*

in your faithfulness, destroy them.

<sup>6</sup>I will offer you a freewill sacrifice \*

and praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.

<sup>7</sup>For you have rescued me from every trouble, \*

and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

Refrain

Refrain

The Second Lesson: James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

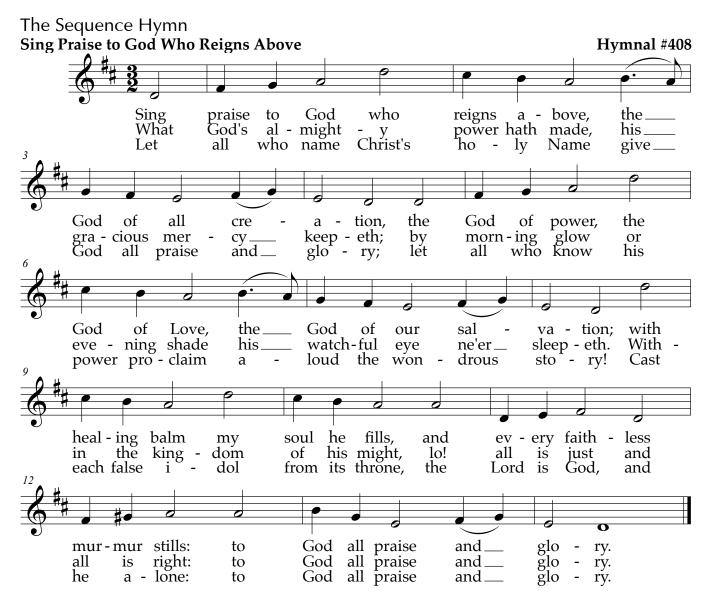
Reader A Reading from the letter of James.

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.<sup>4</sup>

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. 7Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8aDraw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Reader The Word of the Lord People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able and join in singing.



Words: Johann Jacob Schuetz (1640-1690), tr. Frances Eliazbeth Cox (1812-1897). Music: "Mit Freuden zart," melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529; adapt. "Psaumes cinquante de David," 1547, and "Kirchengesang darinnen die Heubtartikel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset, 1566; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), after Henirich Reimann (19 cent.).

Please remain standing as able.

The Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>30</sup>Jesus and the disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;<sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child

and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ""Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

The Sermon The Rev. Jason Shelby

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 *I Standin' in the Need of Prayer* 

Traditional Spiritual, arr. Carl Haywood

Refrain:

It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord, Standin' in the need of prayer; It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord, Standin' in the need of prayer.

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer, Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer Susan Tsuji, tenor

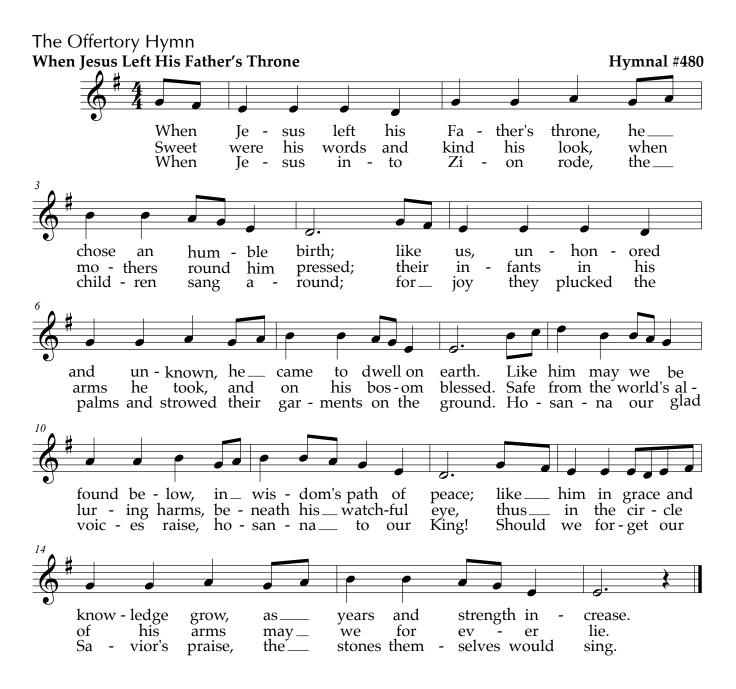
Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer, Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer. Lloyd Mistele, bass

Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer, Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.

Wendy Pratt, soprano

Not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer, Not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.

St. Francis Choir



Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854). Music: "Kingsfold," English folk melody, adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Please stand as able.

## The Great Thanksgiving

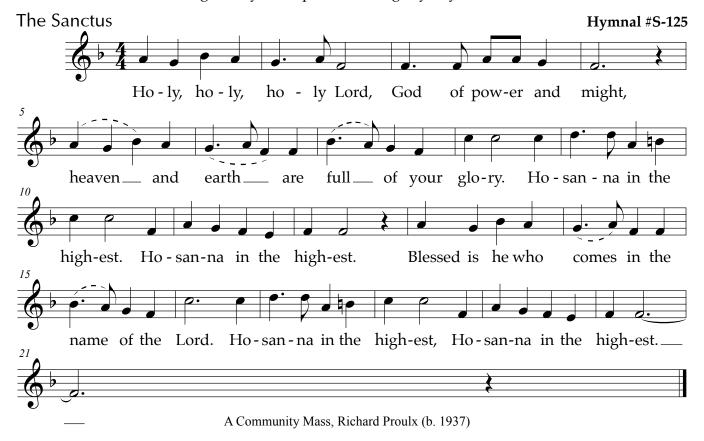
Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And also with you. Celebrant Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. People

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise. People

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:



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.

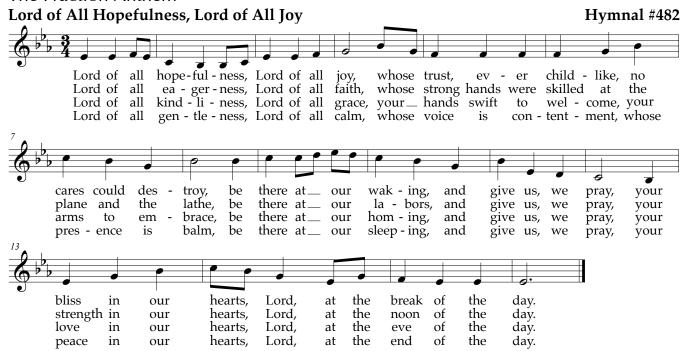
## The Breaking of the Bread

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



Words: Jan Struther (1901-1953). Music: "Slane," Irish ballad melody; adapt. "The Church Hymnody," 1927; harm. "Hymnal 1982."

#### 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)

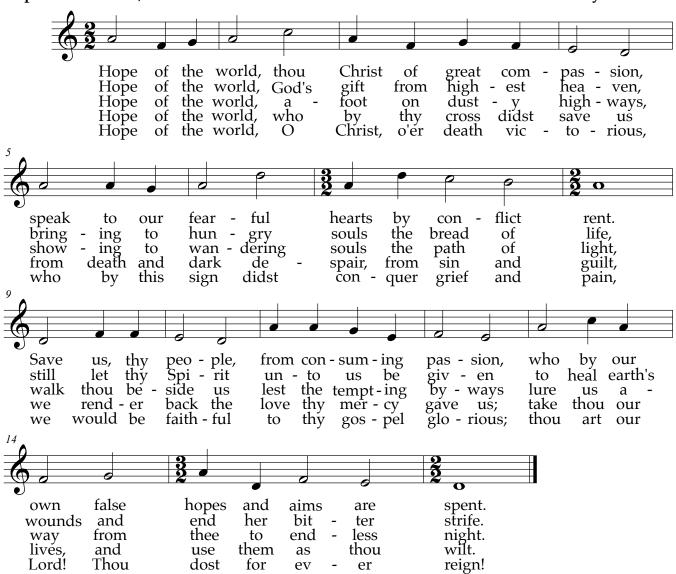
If you have come with a particular prayer concern today, after receiving Communion you may come to the Nason Prayer Chapel to the right of the altar rail where you may light a candle and, if you wish, someone will be available to pray with you.

## 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 Song Hope of the World, Thou Christ

Hymnal #472



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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.

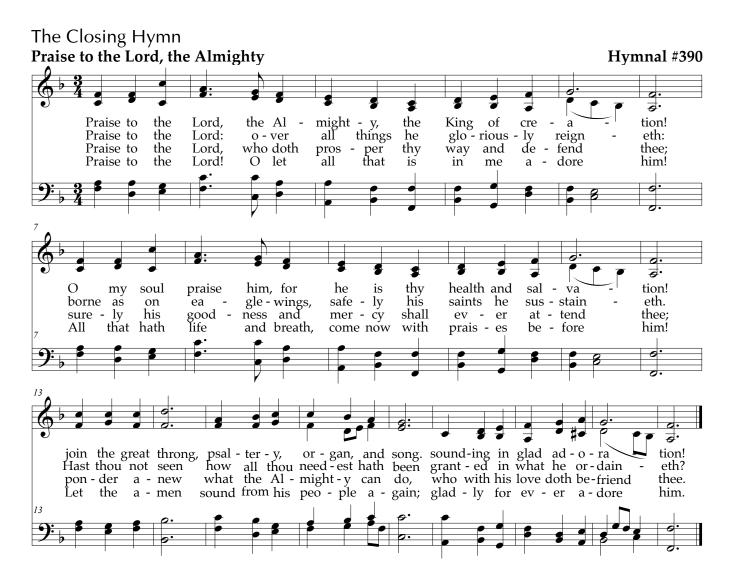
All Amen.

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.



Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. "Hymnal 1940," alt. Music: "Lobe den Herren," melody from "Erneuerten Gesangbuch," 1665; harm. "The Chorale Book for England," 1863; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971).

The Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in C minor (BWV 847)

J.S. Bach

## 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: Albert, Andrea, Bruce Schaefer, Ceri Falk, Chris, Chris Goldsmith, Colette Furbush, Daniel Drayling, Erica, Gail Winters, George Ginis, Hector Gutierrez, Jane Sharp, Jean Dicus, Judy Morgan, Kristen, Loren, Patt Parker, Richard Cantine, Roxanne Wall, Russell, Sally Hill, Sandy, Stephen, Tommy, Tony Lowe, and William Zak Sr., and for the people of the Middle East, and victims of violence everywhere.

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

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