



# Pentecost 25 / Proper 27 Veteran's Sunday

Sunday, November 10, 2024 ❖ 10:00 am

*Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby*

*Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump*

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*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.*

*Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Geoffrey Leo Gunther and in thanksgiving for Christian unity at St. Francis Church.*

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

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## Coming Events

### **Sunday, Nov. 10**

- 10:00 am Veteran's Day Celebration
- 11:30 am Altar Guild meeting

### **Monday, Nov. 11**

- Veteran's Day: church office closed
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### **Wednesday, Nov. 13**

- 10:00 am Healing & Reconciliation Holy Eucharist
- 10:00 am Blue Bin Sorting
- 11:00 am Good Grief Support Group
- 6:00 pm Men's Corner

**Thursday, Nov. 14** – 1:00 pm Quilters and Knitters Group

**Friday, Nov. 15** – Lunch Prep for St. Luke's

**Saturday, Nov. 16** – St. Luke's Breakfast Outreach

### **Tuesday, Nov. 19**

- 5:00 pm Good Grief Support Group
- 6:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting
- 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting

### **Wednesday, Nov. 20**

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

**Thursday, Nov. 21** – 1:00 pm Quilters and Knitters Group

**For more events, dates and times, visit our church calendar:**

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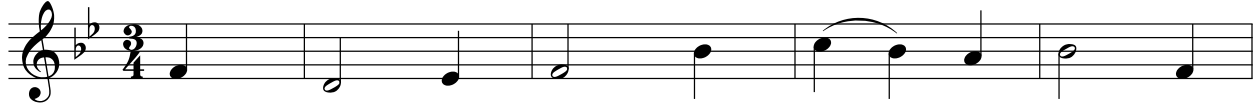
# The Word of God

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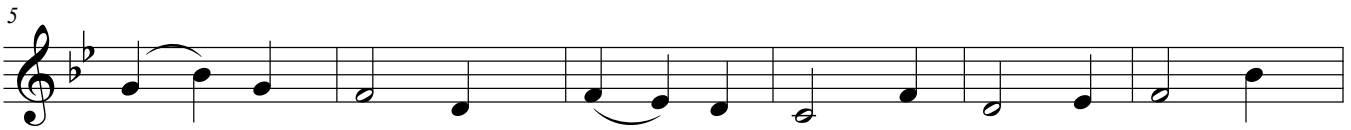
## The Processional Hymn

### Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel

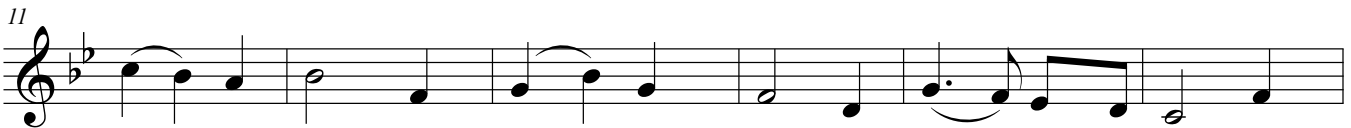
Hymnal #574



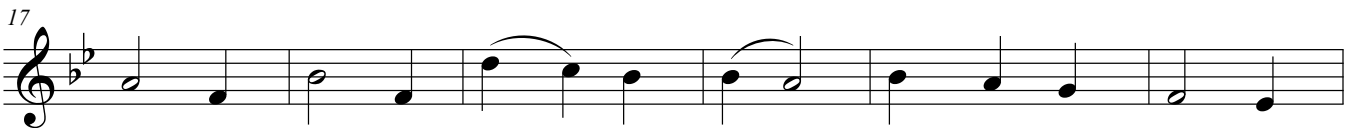
Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give  
Search out our hearts and make us true; help  
For sins of heed - less word and deed, for  
Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our



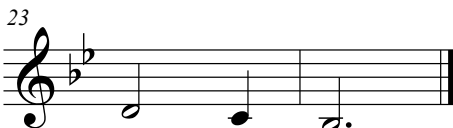
us — a con - science quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to  
us — to give to all — their due. From love of plea - sure,  
pride am - bi - tious to — suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and  
in - most spi - rits pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge



un - der - stand the mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what -  
lust of gold, from sins — which make the heart grow cold, wean  
sub - tle snare to catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for  
out the shame; O God, be with us in — the — flame; a



e'er the pain and shame may be, — bring us, O Fa - ther,  
us and train us with — thy rod; teach us to know our  
lives be - reft of pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O  
new - born peo - ple may — we rise, more pure, more true, more



near - er thee.  
faults, O God.  
Lord, we cry.  
no - bly wise.

Words: William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), alt. Music: "St. Petersburg," Dimitri S. Bortniansky (1751-1825).

## 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

### Gloria

Hymnal #S-280

7 Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace — to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heaven-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.  
19 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
26 sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re - ceive our  
32 prayer. 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 Spi-rit, in the glo - ry of God — the Fa - ther. A - men.

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.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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: 1 Kings 17:8-16

*Reader* A Reading from the First book of Kings.

<sup>8</sup>The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, <sup>9</sup>“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup>So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” <sup>11</sup>As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup>But she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” <sup>13</sup>Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup>For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.” <sup>15</sup>She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord

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

## The Response: Psalm 146

*Reader* Let us read from Psalm 146 responsively (the People reading the text in bold).



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<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul! \*

**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

<sup>2</sup>Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \*

**for there is no help in them.**

<sup>3</sup>When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \*

**and in that day their thoughts perish.**

*Refrain*

<sup>4</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*

**whose hope is in the LORD their God;**

<sup>5</sup>Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*

**who keeps his promise for ever;**

<sup>6</sup>Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*

**and food to those who hunger.**

*Refrain*

<sup>7</sup>The LORD sets the prisoners free;

the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; \*

**the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;**

<sup>8</sup>The LORD loves the righteous;

the LORD cares for the stranger; \*

**he sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD shall reign for ever, \*

**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Hallelujah!**

*Refrain*

The Second Lesson: Hebrews 9:24-28

*Reader*            A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

<sup>24</sup>Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. <sup>25</sup>Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; <sup>26</sup>for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup>And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, <sup>28</sup>so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

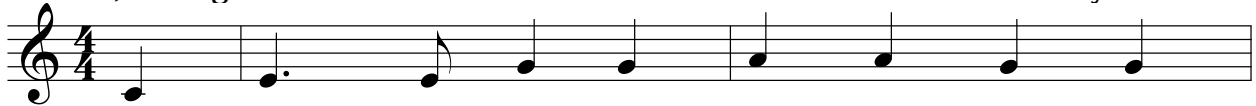
*Reader*            The Word of the Lord

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

*Please stand as able and join in singing.*

The Sequence Hymn  
Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Hymnal #608



E - ter - nal Fa - ther; strong to save, whose  
O Christ, whose voice the wat - ers heard and  
Most Ho - ly Spi - rit, who didst brood up -  
O Trin - i - ty of love and power, thy



arm hath bound the rest - less wave, who bids't the might - y  
hushed their ra - ging at thy word, who walk - edst on the  
on the cha - os dark and rude, and bid its an - gry  
chil - dren shield in dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest,



o - cean deep its own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O  
foam - ing deep, and calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O  
tu - mult cease; and give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: O  
fire and foe, pro - tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus



hear us when we cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
hear us when we cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
hear us when we cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
ev - er - more shall rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Words: William Whiting (1825-1878), alt. Music: "Melita," John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

*Please remain standing as able.*

The Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

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

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

<sup>38</sup>As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup>and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup>They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

<sup>41</sup>He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup>A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup>Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury.

<sup>44</sup>For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

*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**)

*Deacon*        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*

*Deacon*        Lord, in your mercy  
*People*        **Hear our prayer.**

*Deacon*        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*

*Deacon*        Lord, in your mercy  
*People*        **Hear our prayer.**

*Deacon* 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*

*Deacon* Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Deacon* 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*

*Deacon* Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Deacon* 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*

*Deacon* Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Deacon* 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*

*Deacon* 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

*Deacon* 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 Sentence

*Celebrant* Walk in love as Christ loves us, bring offerings of praise and thanksgiving to his table.

## The Offertory Anthem

*The Image of God*

*Craig Courtney*

*In the beginning God shaped and formed me. I am skillfully and wonderfully made.  
I am the image of my Creator, In every part of me his likeness is displayed.  
Life flows from life and love from loving; gifts of the Father by nature and by grace.  
A heart made glad, a soul unshaken; unbounded joy, in every breath a song of praise.  
For his own purpose, God shaped and formed me. I have a place within His plan.  
I am the image of my Creator, My past and future are secure within His hand.  
Life flows from life and love from loving; gifts of the Father by nature and by grace.  
A heart made glad, a soul unshaken; unbounded joy, in every breath a song of praise.*

*St. Francis Choir*

## The Offertory Hymn

### Blest Are the Pure in Heart

Hymnal #656



Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the  
Lord, we thy pres-ence seek; may ours this bless-ing be; give



se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.  
us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.

Words: Sts. 1 and 3, John Keble (1792-1866); sts. 2 and 4, William John Hall (1793-1861), alt.  
Music: "Franconia," melody John Balthasar König (1691-1758);  
adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870).

*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

Hymnal #S-125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
 5 heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the  
 10 high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
 15 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est, Ho - san-na in the high-est.  
 21

— A Community Mass, Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

*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 St. 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  
Once He Came In Blessing

Hymnal #53

Once he came in bless - ing, all our ills re -  
 Still he comes with - in us, still his voice would  
 Thus, if thou canst name him, not a - shamed to  
 One who thus en - dur - eth bright re - ward se -

4  
 dress - ing; came in like - ness low - ly, Son of God most  
 win - us from the sins that hurt us, would to Truth con -  
 claim him, but wilt trust him bold - ly nor dost love him  
 cur - eth. Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, from our sins re -

8  
 ho - ly; bore the cross to save - us,  
 vert - us: not in tor - ment hold - us,  
 cold - ly, he will then re - ceive thee,  
 lease - us; let us here con - fess - thee

12  
 hope and free - dom gave - us.  
 but in love en - fold - us.  
 heal thee, and for - give thee.  
 till in heaven we bless thee.

Words: Jan Roh (1485?-1547); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.  
 Music: "Gottes Sohn ist kommen," melody Michael Weisse (d. 1534); harm. Jack W. Burnam (b. 1946).

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.*

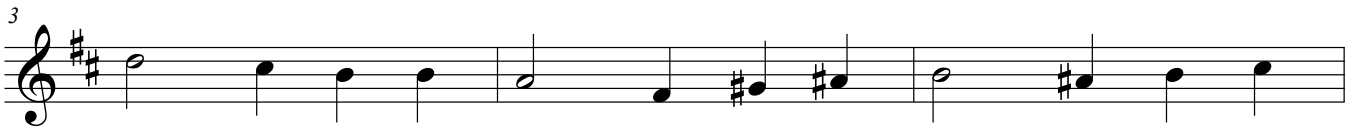
## The Communion Song

### Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

Hymnal #593



Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace; where there is  
Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is  
Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -  
May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to  
Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark



hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -  
gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow  
soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing  
love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -  
night to end - less day; Lord, make us ser - vants of your



give; where there is strife, may we make one.  
light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.  
hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.  
ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.  
peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

Words: James Quinn (b. 1919), based on prayer att. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226).

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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* Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

*People* **Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

*Celebrant* And, the blessing of God Almighty, ✚ The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit be with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Sending Forth

*Celebrant* 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  
I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath

Hymnal #429

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of a series of quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are aligned with the notes. The score is divided into six systems, each starting with a measure number (1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11). The lyrics are as follows:

1 I'll praise my Ma - ker while I've breath; and  
 How hap - py they whose hopes re - ly on  
 The Lord pours eye - sight on the blind; the  
 I'll praise him while he lends me breath; and

3 when my voice is lost in death, praise  
 Is - rael's God, who made the sky and  
 Lord sup - ports the faint - ing mind and  
 when my voice is lost in death, praise

5 shall em - ploy my no - bler powers. My  
 earth and seas with all their train; whose  
 sends the la - boring con - science peace. He  
 shall em - ploy my no - bler powers. My

7 days of praise shall ne'er be - past while  
 truth for ev - er stands se - cure, who  
 helps the strang - er in dis - tress, the  
 days of praise shall ne'er be past while

9 life and thought and be - ing last, or  
 saves the'op - pressed, and the feeds - the poor. And  
 wid - owed and the the fa - ther - less, and  
 life and thought and be - ing last, or

11 im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.  
 none shall find his pro - mise - vain.  
 grants the pris - oner sweet re - lease.  
 im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); alt. John Wesley (1703-1791), alt.; para. of Psalm 146.  
 Music: "Old 113th," melody from "Strassburger Kirchenamt," 1525; harm. Vicar Earle Copes (b. 1921).

*The Postlude*

*Down by the Riverside*

*Traditional*  
*arr. Gwyneth Walker*



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## 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, Carlos, Ceri Falk, Chris, Chris Goldsmith, Colette Furbush, Daniel Drayling, Erica, Gail Winters, George Ginis, Hector Gutierrez, Jean Dicus, Judy Morgan, Kristen, Loren, Patt Parker, Richard Cantine, Roxanne Wall, Russell, Sally Hill, Sandy, Stephen, Tommy, Tony Lowe, 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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