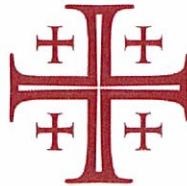


CELEBRATION  
*of*  
FULL COMMUNION

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH *in* AMERICA



THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SAINT PETER  
AND SAINT PAUL  
WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL  
WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2001  
11:00 A.M.

# CELEBRATION *of* FULL COMMUNION

## GATHERING

*During the gathering music, several processions will enter the cathedral:*

- *representatives of dioceses and synods*
- *church officers, members of the Executive Council, Church Council, and staff*
- *ecumenical guests*
- *drafting team, joint coordinating committee, and ecumenical executives*

*The assembly remains seated for the music and these processions.*

GOSPEL PRELUDE ON "WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS" William Bolcom

### CANTATE DOMINO

Cantate Domino canticum novum;  
cantate Domino, omnis terra,  
et benedicite nomine ejus;  
annuntiate de die in diem salutare ejus;  
annuntiate inter gentes gloriam ejus,  
in omnibus populis mirabilia ejus.

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

*Oh, sing unto the Lord a new song;  
sing unto the Lord, all the earth,  
and bless his name;  
show forth his salvation from day to day;  
declare his glory among the nations,  
his wonders among all people.*

*Psalm 96:1-3*

A SONG OF THANKSGIVING

John Ferguson

Lord! You have been our refuge from one generation to another.  
Your love never ceases, your mercies never end.  
For you are good, O Lord.  
Your steadfast love endures forever.

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Lord! You have been our refuge from one generation to another. Amen

*Psalm 90:1; Lamentations 3:22; Psalm 100:5*  
*Martin Rinkhart, tr. Catherine Winkworth*

PRAYER (SPIRITUAL SONGS)

Kenneth Jennings

Prayer the Church's banquet, Angel's age,  
God's breath in man returning  
to his birth,  
The soul in paraphrase,  
heart in pilgrimage,  
The Christian plummet sounding  
heav'n and earth:  
Engine against th' Almighty, sinner's tow'r,  
Reversed thunder, Christ-side-piercing  
spear,  
The six days—world transposing  
in an hour,

A kind of tune, which all things hear  
and fear;  
Softness, and peace, and joy, and love,  
and bliss,  
Exalted manna, gladness of the best,  
Heaven in ordinary, man well drest,  
The milky way, the bird of Paradise,  
Church-bells beyond the stars heard,  
the soul's blood,  
The land of spices;  
something understood.

*George Herbert*

THE SHEPHERDS SING (THREE MYSTICAL CAROLS)

Conrad Susa

Nova, nova ave fiit ex Eva.  
The shepherds sing; and shall I silent be?  
My God, no hymn for thee?  
Nova, nova ave fiit ex Eva.

My soul's a shepherd too: a flock it feeds  
Of thoughts, and words, and deeds.  
The pasture is thy word;  
the streams thy grace  
Enriching all the place.  
Nova, nova ave fiit ex Eva.



Shepherd and flock shall sing,  
 and all my pow'rs  
 Outsing the daylight hours.  
 Then we will chide the sun  
 for letting night  
 Take up his place and right:  
 We sing one common Lord;  
 wherefore he should  
 Himself the candle hold.  
 I will go searching, till I find a sun  
 Shall stay, till we have done;  
 A willing shiner, that shall shine as gladly  
 As frostnapt suns look sadly.

Then we shall sing, and shine  
 all our own day,  
 And one another pay:  
 His beams shall cheer my breast,  
 and both so twine,  
 Till ev'n his beams sing,  
 and my music shine.

Nova, nova ave fit ex Eva.

*George Herbert*

# LIGHT EVERLASTING

Olaf C. Christiansen

O Light everlasting, O Love never failing,  
 illumine our darkness, and draw us to thee;  
 may we from thy spirit receive inspiration  
 as children together thy wisdom may see.  
 Make known to all nations thy peace and salvation,  
 and help us, O Father, thy temple to be.

# MY SOUL'S BEEN ANCHORED IN THE LORD

arr. Moses Hogan

In the Lord,  
 my soul's been anchored in the Lord.

Before I'd stay in hell one day,  
 my soul's been anchored in the Lord;  
 I'd sing an' pray myself away,  
 my soul's been anchored in the Lord.

Goin' shout an' pray an' never stop,  
 my soul's been anchored in the Lord;  
 until I reach the mountaintop,  
 my soul's been anchored in the Lord.

Do you love him? Oh, yes!  
 Do you love him? Hallelujah!  
 Do you love him? Oh, yes! God almighty.  
 Are you anchored? Oh, yes!  
 Yes, I'm anchored,  
 my soul's been anchored in the Lord.

Will you serve him?...

Will you praise him?...

Are you anchored? Yes, I'm anchored.

Lord, I'm anchored. Oh, yes!

Lord, I love you. Oh, yes!

Yes, I'll serve you. Oh, yes!

Lord, I'll praise you. Oh, yes! Hallelujah!

My soul's been anchored in the Lord,

God almighty,

my soul's been anchored in the Lord.

*Traditional spiritual*





KYRIE, GOTT HEILIGER GEIST (BWV 671)

J. S. Bach

*All stand as the liturgical procession moves to the front of the assembly.*

GREETING

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

There is one Body and one Spirit;  
There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
One God and Father of all.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
the star of our Lord's birth shines for us today.  
As the Magi were brought together  
to know the glory of God's presence among us  
as Jesus of Nazareth,  
so too have we been brought to this place  
to show forth his glory  
and to answer God's call  
that all may be one  
as Christ and the Father are one.  
We join together in Jesus' name  
to share in his sacraments, in his ministry, and in his mission,  
as one Body in the power of one Spirit.  
By water and the Spirit  
we have inherited our share in God's kingdom,  
and to this end  
we begin by remembering our new life in Christ.



PROCESSION TO THE FONT



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
change and doubt keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
Christ sus - tains us, as of old. Here the ser - vants  
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!



RENEWAL OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.

Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through it you led the children of Israel

out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.

In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John

and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ,

to lead us, through his death and resurrection,

from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism.

In it we are buried with Christ in his death.

By it we share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son,

we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith,

baptizing them in the Name of the Father,

and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you,

by the power of your Holy Spirit,

that it may be for all assembled here

a sign and reminder of our baptism

into the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

Amen



Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends,  
we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death,  
and raised with him to newness of life.  
I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises  
and vows of Holy Baptism,  
by which we once renounced Satan and all his works,  
and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.  
And as a right beginning to our call to common mission,  
let us join in remembering our new life in Christ  
through water and the Holy Spirit.

Do you believe in God the Father?  
I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.



Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,  
repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example  
the Good News of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons,  
loving your neighbor as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,  
and respect the dignity of every human being?

**I will, with God's help.**

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit,  
and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins,  
keep us in eternal life by his grace,  
through Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

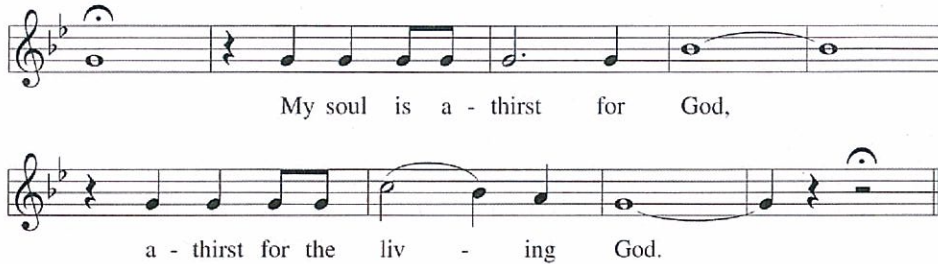
*The entire assembly is sprinkled with baptismal water as a sign and reminder of  
our Baptism into the risen life of the Risen Christ.*





*The refrain is sung first by the choirs, then by all.*

Psalm 42:1-10, 15



As the deer longs for the water-brooks,  
so longs my soul for you, O God.  
My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God;  
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

*Refrain*

My tears have been my food day and night, while all day long  
they say to me, "Where now is your God?"  
I pour out my soul when I think on these things:  
how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,  
with the voice of praise and thanksgiving,  
among those who keep holy-day.

*Refrain*

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul?  
And why are you so disquieted within me?  
Put your trust in God; for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

*Refrain*

My soul is heavy within me;  
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,  
and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.  
One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts;  
all your rapids and floods have gone over me.  
The LORD grants his loving-kindness in the daytime;  
in the night season his song is with me,  
a prayer to the God of my life.  
Put your trust in God; for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

*Refrain*



HYMN OF PRAISE

*All* This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Choir* Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

*All* This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Women* Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*All* This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Men* Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - - - tion:



*All* Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - - men.  
*All* This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.  
 Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Choir* For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*All* This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.  
 Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.  
 And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

*Be seated*



W O R D

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6, 9

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.  
  
Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses arms.  
Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.  
  
For the coastlands shall wait for me,  
the ships of Tarshish first,  
to bring your children from far away,  
their silver and gold with them,  
for the name of the LORD your God,  
and for the Holy One of Israel,  
because he has glorified you.

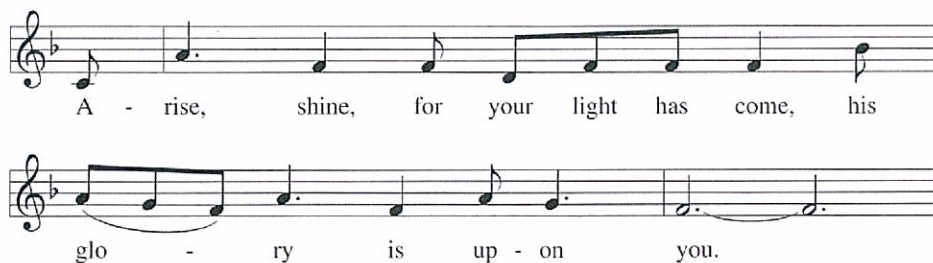
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.





## P S A L M O D Y

Psalm 72:1-2, 10-17

*The refrain is sung first by the cantor, then by all.*

God, give your king judgment,  
 the son of the king your sense of what is right;  
 help him judge your people and do right for the powerless.

*Refrain*

Kings from Tarshish and the islands will bring their riches to him.  
 Kings of Sheba, kings of Saba will carry gifts to him.  
 All kings will bow before him, all the nations serve him.

*Refrain*

He will rescue the poor at their call, those no one speaks for.  
 Those no one cares for he hears and will save,  
 save their lives from violence, lives precious in his eyes.

*Refrain*

Every day they pray for him and bless him all his life.  
 Long life to him! Gold to him from Saba!

*Refrain*

May wheat be thick in the fields, fruit trees sway on the slope.  
 May cities teem with people, thick as the forests of Lebanon.  
 May his name live on for ever, live as long as the sun.  
 May all find blessing in him, and he be blest by all.

*Refrain*



## SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Choir, then all:*



We observed his star in the East,  
and have come to pay him homage.

*The refrain is repeated by all.*



G O S P E L

Matthew 2:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.


The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

S E R M O N



*Stand*


HYMN OF THE DAY




all 1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's  
all 2 Come, heav'n - ly Bride - groom, light di - vine, and deep with - in  
men 3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there falls  
women 4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us, when




own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!  
from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.  
not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's Son, our Lord and mas -  
In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch -  
Your Word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls  
Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him



ter, you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly!  
es of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing.  
with heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!  
here and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion.



Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich in  
Now, though dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and dis -  
Let your mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! for you  
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life for -



bles - sing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.  
teach us God's own love through you has reached us.  
ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!





*all* 5 What joy to know, when life is past,  
the Lord we love is first and last,  
the end and the beginning!  
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,  
transport us to that happy place  
beyond all tears and sinning!  
Amen! Amen!  
Come, Lord Jesus!  
Crown of gladness!  
We are yearning  
for the day of your returning.

*all* 6 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!  
Our joy be all with music crowned,  
our voices gaily blending!  
For Christ goes with us all the way—  
today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
His love is never ending!  
Sing out! Ring out!  
Jubilation!  
Exultation!  
Tell the story!  
Great is he, the King of glory!

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the one holy catholic and apostolic Church,  
its members and its mission.

Holy God,  
you bind the baptized as one people,  
built upon Christ the sure foundation.  
Look with mercy upon your Church.  
Heal the wounds that divide its members.  
Rid it of all arrogance, inspire its teaching,  
and strengthen its witness to your suffering love  
poured out for the world in Christ Jesus.

*In the course of the silence after each prayer, the people offer their prayers  
either silently or aloud.*

God of mercy,  
hear our prayer.



Let us pray for all who serve the baptized in ministries of oversight,  
Sacrament, Word, and service.

O God,  
you provide for your people  
by raising up faithful servants of your Word and stewards of your mysteries.  
Grant wisdom and courage to all ministers  
who care for and nurture your people,  
especially our presiding bishops, Frank and George.  
Prosper their work and defend them  
that the world might see and know the riches of your grace.

*Silence*

God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the whole creation: the earth and sky,  
the rivers and seas, the galaxies beyond our knowing.

O God,  
you fill the world with wonders  
and satisfy the hunger of every living thing.  
Forgive us when we hoard your bounty  
and abuse the earth for selfish gain.  
Open our eyes that we might see our rightful place in your design  
and join creation's song of praise.

*Silence*

God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for this nation, its leaders, its citizens,  
the sojourners and the refugees among us.

O God,  
look with compassion upon this country,  
rich in power, yet lacking wisdom.  
Guide those who govern.  
Sustain those who work for justice.  
Grant to all who come to this land a full measure of its bounty.

*Silence*

God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**





Let us pray for the well-being of the world, the health of its nations,  
and the welfare of its peoples.

O God,  
your ways are just, your paths are peace.  
You grieve to see the world at war,  
divided by walls, poisoned by hatred.  
Fill us with a longing for your righteousness,  
until every nation shares in the commonwealth of creation  
and each child sleeps in safety and awakens to peace.

*Silence*

God of mercy,  
hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the poor, the oppressed, and those who have no helper.

O God,  
you come among us as One who is despised.  
Draw near to all who are cast aside or ignored.  
Incline our ears to hear the cries of those held captive.  
Make us bold to break the chains of violence and inequity.  
And give us eyes to see you in the least of these,  
our brothers and sisters.

*Silence*

God of mercy,  
hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those in need, the sick, the grieving, the lonely,  
and despairing, and those to whom death draws near.

O God,  
you are the solace of those in pain,  
the comfort of all who mourn,  
and the companion of the dying.  
Do not forsake those who call upon you.  
Surround them with your healing presence  
and fill them with your abundant life.

*Silence*

God of mercy,  
hear our prayer.



Let us give thanks for the saints in light, those remembered by many,  
those dear to a few, and those held only in the memory of your love.

Holy God,  
you gather your people from the ends of the earth  
and feed them with heaven's bread.  
In this meal bind us to you  
and to the great cloud of witnesses  
whose lives reveal the breadth and depth of your mercy.

*Silence*

God of mercy,  
hear our prayer.

Into your wide and merciful embrace, O God,  
we place all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your unfailing love  
made manifest to us in Jesus,  
your Son, our Lord, the Light of the world.  
Amen

M E A L
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P E A C E

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

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*Be seated*

P R E S E N T A T I O N   O F   T H E   G I F T S

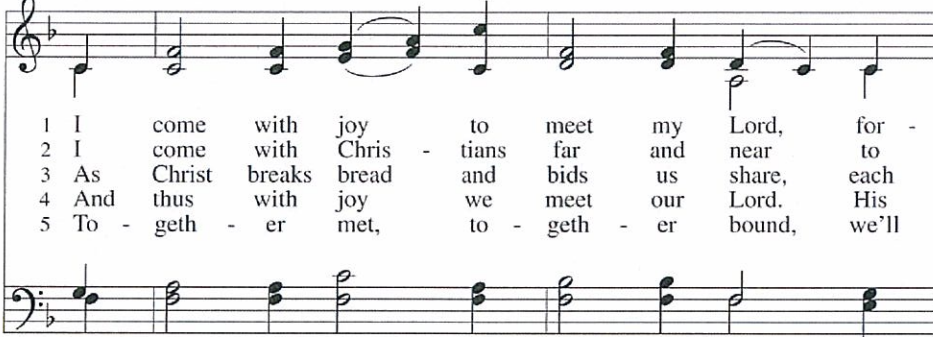
*The collection will help to support cooperative ministries between the Episcopal Relief  
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*As the gifts are received, the choir offers an anthem by Leo Sowerby.*

Now there lightens upon us a holy daybreak. Alleluia.  
Come, all good people, and praise the Lord with gladness.  
For the star which we have looked for shines forth a sign to all. Alleluia.

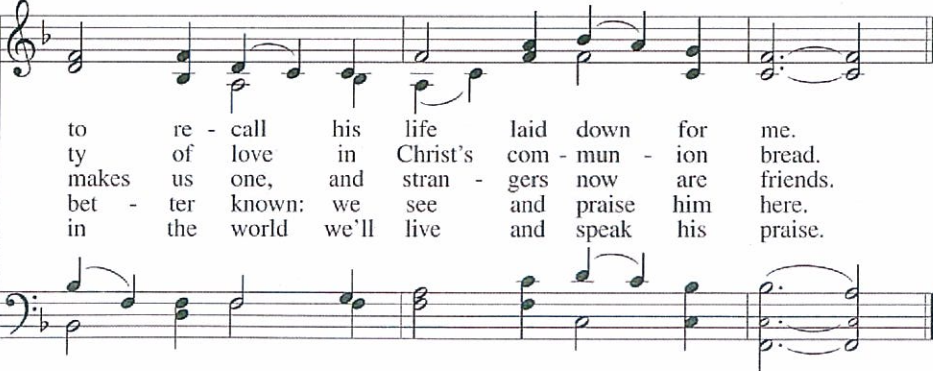
*As the gifts are presented, all stand.*



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
2 I come with Chris - tians and near to  
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll



giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
go our dif - f'rent ways, and as his peo - ple



to re - call his life laid down for me.  
ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
bet - ter known: we see and praise him here.  
in the world we'll live and speak his praise.



# GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh,  
you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts,  
to give the knowledge of your glory  
in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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



As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,  
 Our Father in heaven,  
 hallowed be your Name,  
 your kingdom come,  
 your will be done,  
 on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins  
 as we forgive those  
 who sin against us.  
 Save us from the time of trial,  
 and deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power,  
 and the glory are yours,  
 now and for ever. Amen

BREAKING OF THE BREAD



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun - do:  
 O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world:

ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so - tros.  
 have mer-cy up - on us, have mer-cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe - ca - do del  
 O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a - way the sin of the

mun-do: Da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.  
 world: Grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.



*Be seated*

# COMMUNION

*Move to a communion station at the direction of an usher.*

HERE, O LORD, YOUR SERVANTS GATHER

*Sing stanza one in either English or Japanese, as you prefer.*



1 Here, O Lord, your ser - vants gath - er, hand we link with hand;  
 Se - ka - i no to - mo to te o tsu - na - gi,  
 2 Man - y are the tongues we speak, scat - tered are the lands,  
 3 Na - ture's se - crets o - pen wide, chang - es nev - er cease.  
 4 Grant, O God, an age re - newed, filled with death-less love;



look - ing toward our Sav - ior's cross, joined in love we stand.  
 Jyu - ji - ka no mo - to ni ta - tsu wa - re - ra,  
 yet our hearts are one in God, one in love's de - mands.  
 Where, oh where, can wea - ry souls find the source of peace?  
 help us as we work and pray, send us from a - bove



As we seek the realm of God, we u - nite to pray:  
 Ka - mi no mi - ku - ni o me a te to shi,  
 E'en in dark - ness hope ap - pears, call - ing age and youth;  
 Un - to all those sore dis - tressed, torn by end - less strife;  
 truth and cour - age, faith and power, need - ed in our strife:



Je - sus, Sav - ior, guide our steps, for you are the Way.  
 Shu Ye - su no mi - chi o su - su - mi yu - kan.  
 Je - sus, teach - er, dwell with us, for you are the Truth.  
 Je - sus, heal - er, bring your balm, for you are the Life.  
 Je - sus, mas - ter, be our Way, be our Truth, our Life.



CHRISTUS PARADOX

French folk tune, setting by Alfred Fedak  
arranged by John Ferguson

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.  
You, Lord, are both prince and slave.  
You, peacemaker and sword-bringer  
of the way you took and gave.  
You, the everlasting instant;  
you, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain,  
stripped of might upon the cross,  
shining in eternal glory,  
beggar'd by a soldier's toss,  
You, the everlasting instant;  
you, who are both gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us,  
sit in power at God's side.  
You, who preach a way that's narrow,  
have a love that reaches wide.  
You, the everlasting instant;  
you, who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus!  
Worthy is our cosmic Christ!  
Worthy your defeat and victory.  
Worthy still your peace and strife.  
You, the everlasting instant;  
you, who are our death and life.

*Sylvia Dunstan*

WE KNOW THAT CHRIST IS RAISED



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em-braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold; and our de -  
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life, as liv - ing  
The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the church of God. Bap - tized we  
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood. The u - ni -



spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men  
live with God the Three in One.  
verse re - stored and whole will sing:





# HERE IS THE LITTLE DOOR

Herbert Howells

Here is the little door, lift up the latch, oh lift!  
We need not wander more but enter with our gift;  
Our gift of finest gold. Gold that was never bought nor sold;  
Myrrh to be strewn about His bed; incense in clouds about His head;  
All for the Child that stirs not in His sleep, but holy slumber holds with ass and sheep.

Bend low about His bed, for each has a gift;  
See how His eyes awake, lift up your hands, O lift!  
For gold, He gives a keen-edged sword. (Defend with it Thy little Lord!)  
For incense, smoke of battle red; myrrh for the honored happy dead;  
Gifts for His children, terrible and sweet,  
Touched by such tiny hands and oh such tiny feet.

Frances Chesterton


## HALLELUJAH! WE SING YOUR PRAISES

*Refrain—sung twice each time*

Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais-es, all our  
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your  
prais-es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

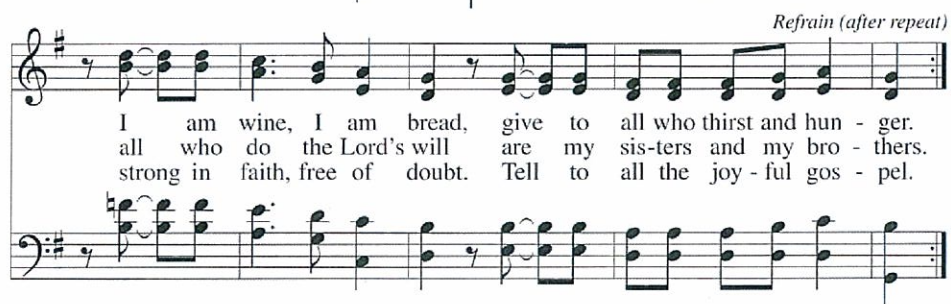


*Sing each stanza twice*



1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,  
 2 Je - sus says to us still: All who do the Lord's will,  
 3 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

*Refrain (after repeat)*



I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.  
 all who do the Lord's will are my sis-ters and my bro - thers.  
 strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

## S E N D I N G

*Stand*

### 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,

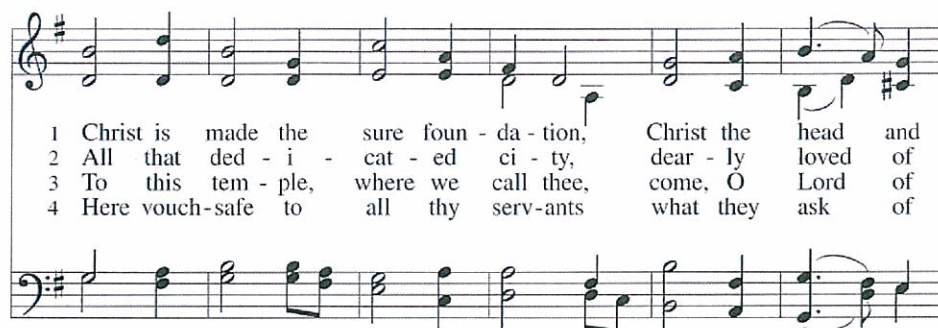
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world

and continue for ever

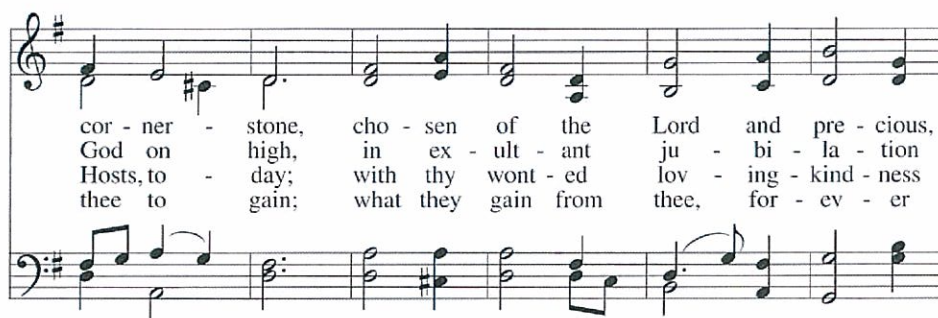
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen




PROCESSION TO THE FONT



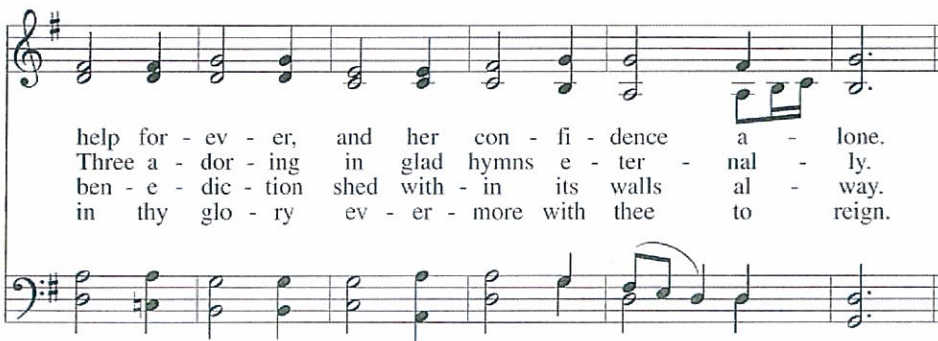
1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and  
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of  
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of  
 4 Here vouch-safe to all thy serv-ants what they ask of



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion  
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness  
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for - ev - er



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in  
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est  
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter



help for - ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.  
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.  
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.



B L E S S I N G

May Almighty God, who led the Magi by the shining of a star  
to find the Christ, the Light from Light,  
lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord.

**Amen**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten  
at his baptism in the Jordan River,  
pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth.

**Amen**

May God, by the power that turned water into wine  
at the wedding feast at Cana,  
transform your lives and make glad your hearts.

**Amen**

And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you for ever.

**Amen**

D I S M I S S A L

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

P O S T L U D E

FINAL (SYMPHONIE III)

Louis Vierne  
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