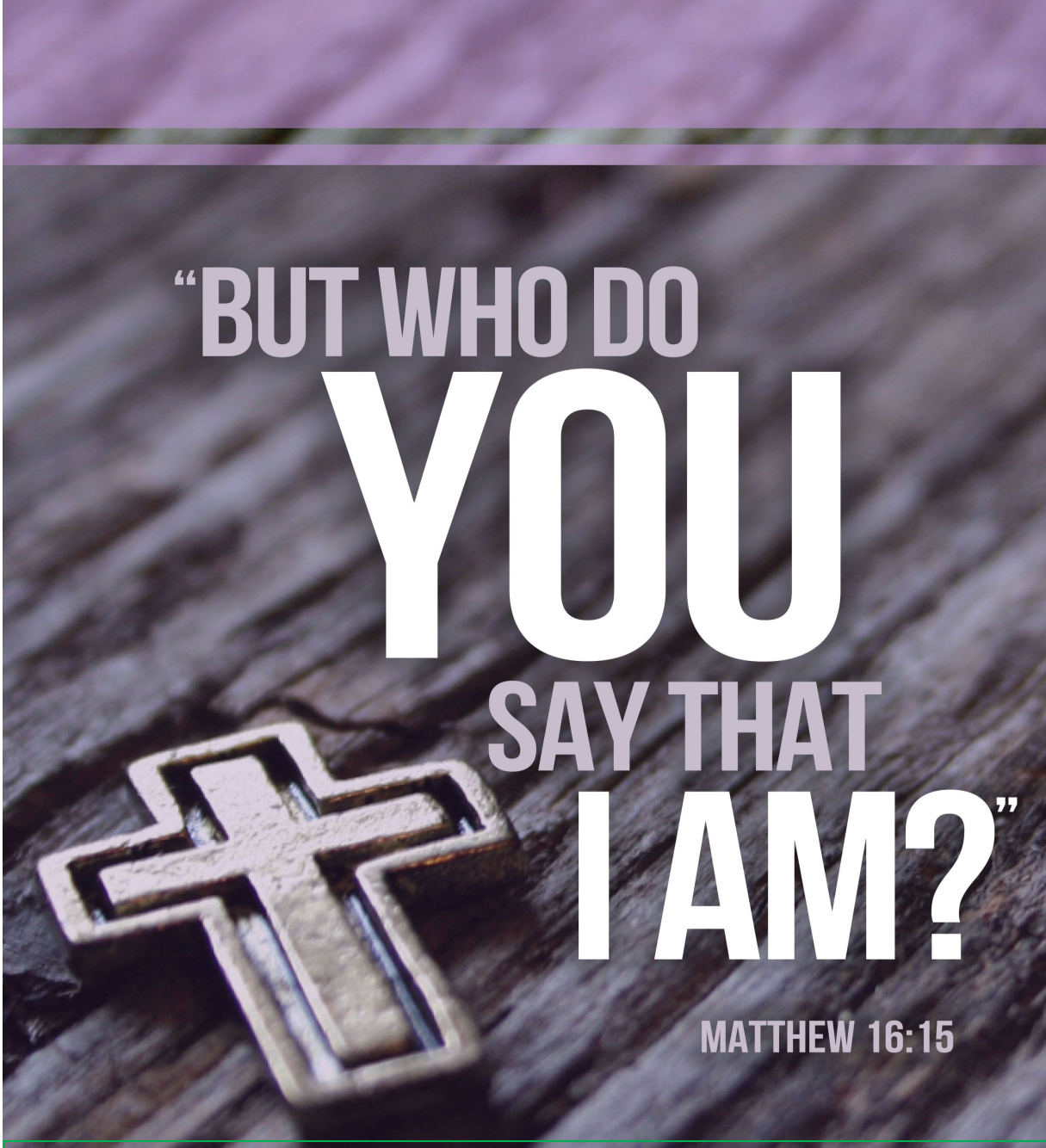




**“BUT WHO DO
YOU
SAY THAT
I AM?”**

MATTHEW 16:15

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Jesus Loves Me

Carillon Bells

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

**C: Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free
ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.**

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."
In the name of God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.
Amen., and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

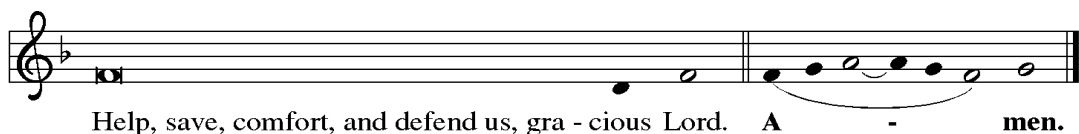
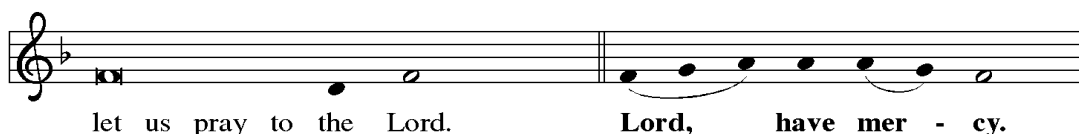
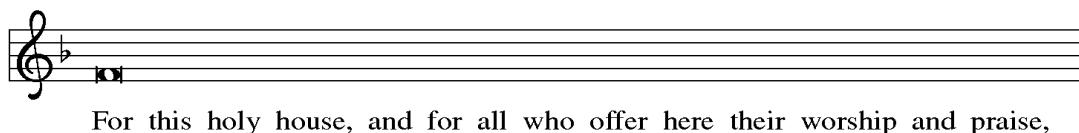
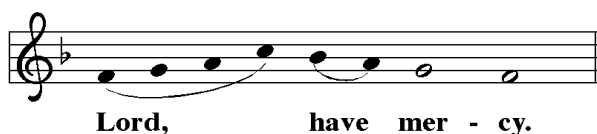
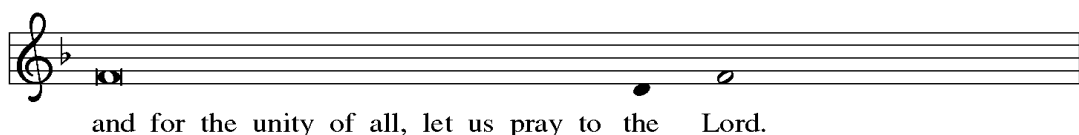
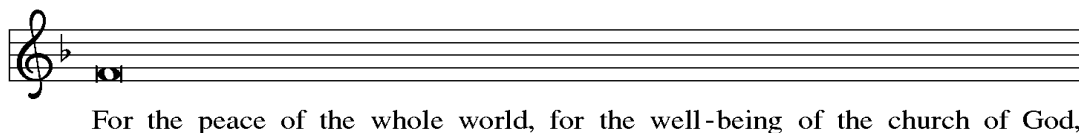
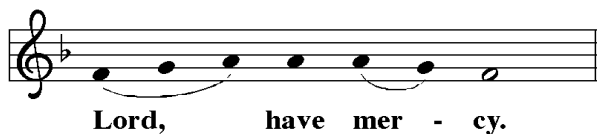
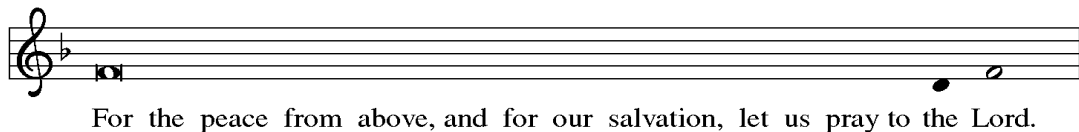
GATHERING SONG

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

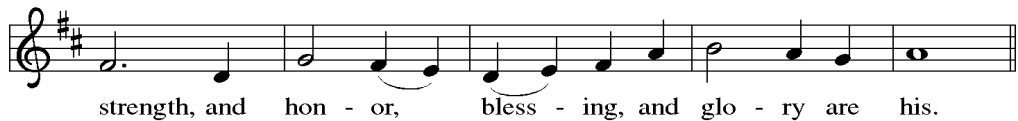
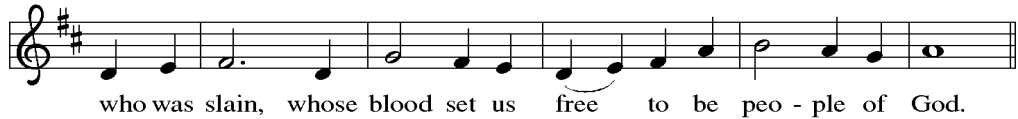
Hymn # 597
4 verses

GREETING AND KYRIE

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**



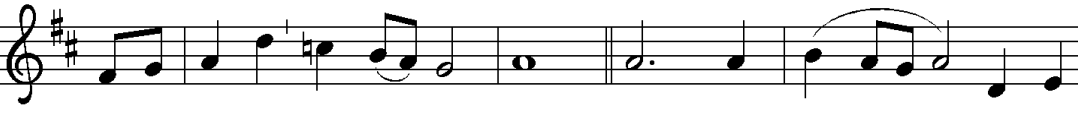
This Is the Feast



Refrain



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



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Lord Be With You.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING:**Isaiah 51:1-6**

- ¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
- ² Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
- ³ For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.
- ⁴ Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me and my justice for a light to the peoples.
- ⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly; my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
- ⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats, but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

P: The word of the Lord.... C: Thanks be to God.

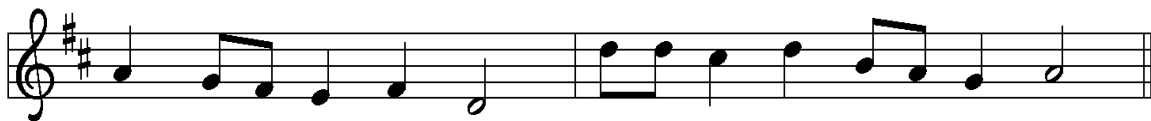
SECOND READING:**Romans 12:1-8**

- ¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.
- ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

P: The word of the Lord.... C: Thanks be to God.



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:13-20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Shawn O'Brien

HYMN OF THE DAY

Built on a Rock

Hymn #652
5 verses

APOSTLES' CREED

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
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.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Please offer those around you a sign of peace as you are comfortable.. this can be a handshake, a thumbs up, a fist bump or simply a smile...)



AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

Refrain

Congregation:

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
 gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;
 so may all your peo - ple from all the ends of earth be
 gath-ered in - to one in you.

Verses

1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst, _____
2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when _____

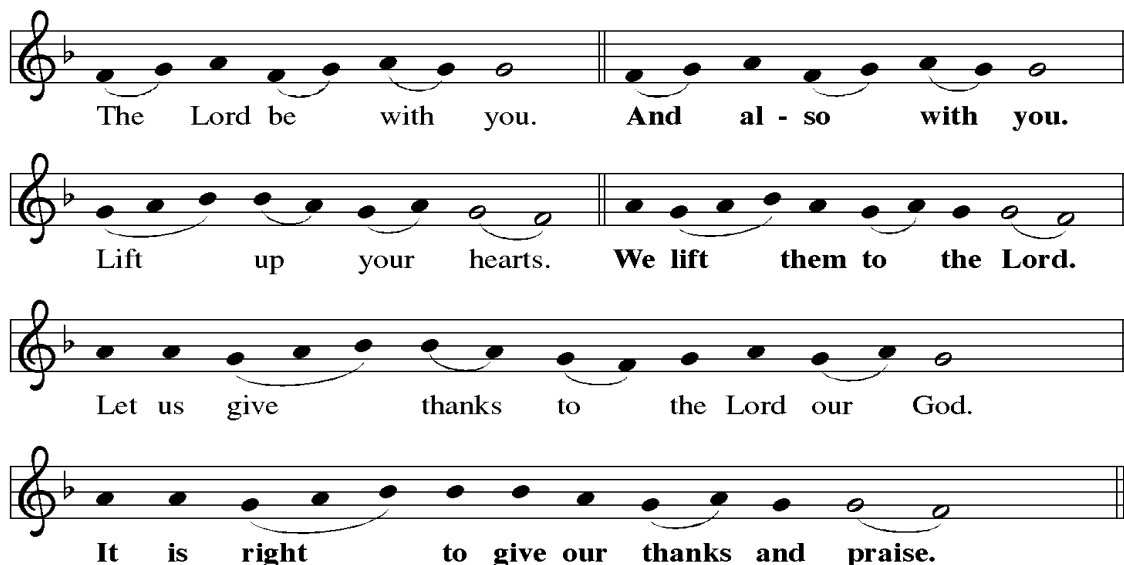
To refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
 all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

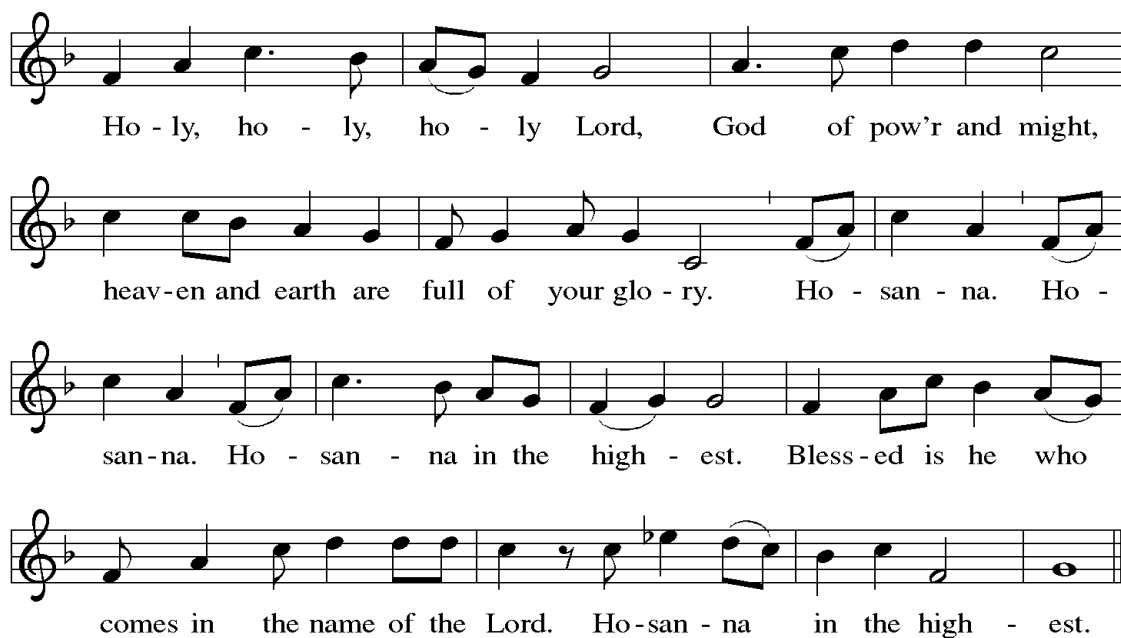
OFFERING PRAYER

P: Loving God,

C: we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty God, through our Savior Jesus Christ who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, and with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:



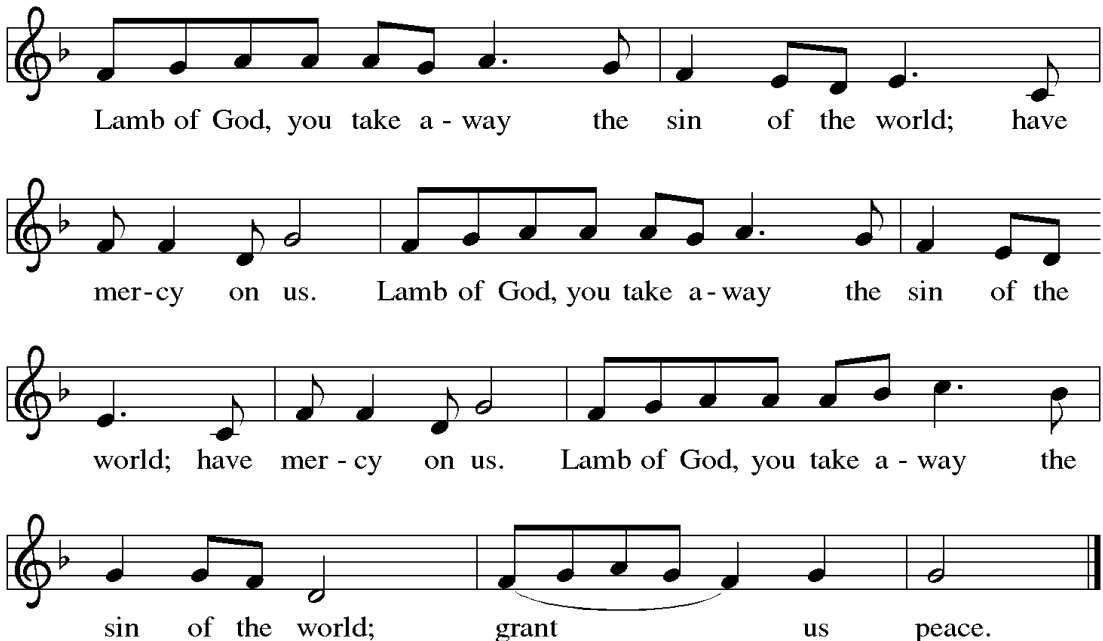
THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL: 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 forever.
Amen**



THE DISTRIBUTION



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Compassionate God,

C: through the gifts of bread and wine, our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **C: Amen**

SENDING SONG

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymn # 858
4 verses

DISMISSAL

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Welcome!

St. John practices "open communion". All who are baptized and instructed are welcome to share the Lord's Supper with us today. Starting with the right side of the church, followed by the left when they are finished, the Pastor will distribute the bread and the communion assistant will serve the wine. We will also have pre-sealed elements available for those who would prefer the more hygienic option (or those who wish to receive grape juice instead of wine). Indicate to the Pastor that you would like pre-sealed elements and skip the wine server. Those who wish to receive a blessing should indicate their wishes to the Pastor by crossing their arms over their chest.