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Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 13, 2020

GATHERING HYMN

Father, We Praise You

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1 Fa - ther, we praise you, now the night is o - ver, Ac - tive and
 2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions; Ban - ish our
 3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty

watch - ful, stand - ing now be - fore you; Sing - ing, we of - fer
 weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing; Bring us to heav - en,
 bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion; Yours is the glo - ry,

prayer and med - i - ta - tion; Thus we a - dore you.
 where your saints u - nit - ed Joy with - out end - ing.
 gleam - ing and re - sound - ing Through all cre - a - tion.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thought of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Please kneel, sit or stand

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

Stand

GREETING

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.

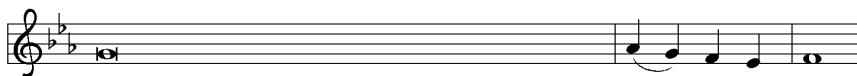
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



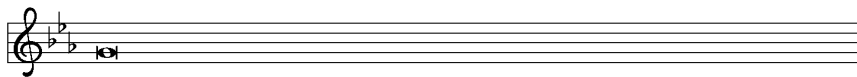
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



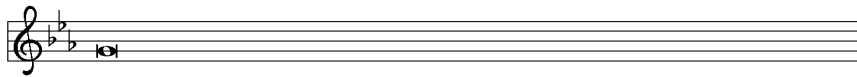
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Chorus:



Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God in the high - est.

5



fine

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God; peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

9

1. *Verse One:*



Al-migh-ty God, au-thor and king of cre - a - tion, we give you glo-ry,

13



(to chorus)

we give you praise, we give you hon - or, the e - ver-last - ing God.

17

2. *Verse Two:*



Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lamb of God, you

22



(to chorus) 3. *Verse Three:*

take a - way our sin. Have mer - cy on us. Ho - ly Spi - rit,

26



Lord and gi-ver of life, em-pow-er and sanc-ti-fy us. As you have called us,

30



(to chorus)

send us forth to de - clare the glo - ry of God:

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Pastoral Prayer

C **Amen.**



Be seated

FIRST READING: GENESIS 50:15-21

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: ¹⁷ 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

¹⁸ His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.

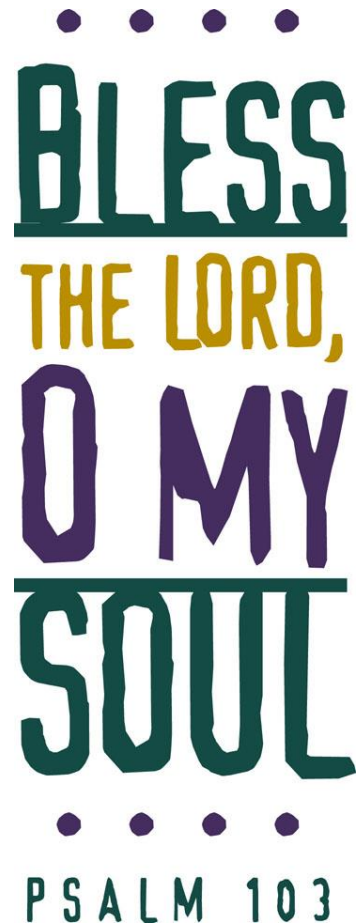
¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹ So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 103:1-12

- R ¹ Praise the LORD, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
- C ² **Praise the LORD, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits—**
³ who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,
⁴ **who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion,**
⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- ⁶ **The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all the oppressed.**
⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,
his deeds to the people of Israel:
- ⁸ **The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.**
⁹ He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbor his anger forever;
¹⁰ **he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.**
¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;
¹² **as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**



SECOND READING: ROMANS 14:1-12

¹Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. ²One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. ³The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. ⁴Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. ⁶Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. ⁸If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. ⁹For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. ¹¹It is written:

“‘As surely as I live,’ says the Lord,
‘every knee will bow before me;
every tongue will acknowledge God.’”

¹²So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

R The word of the Lord.

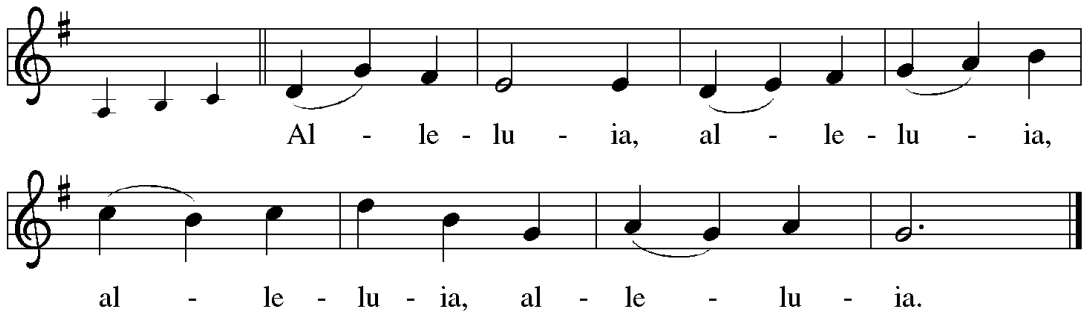
C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT



Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:21-35

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”

²² Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³ “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

²⁶ “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ ²⁷ The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

²⁸ “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

²⁹ “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

³⁰ “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³² “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵ “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Be seated

SERMON

Moment of silent reflection after sermon

Pastor Phil Hohulin

O Boundless Salvation

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BOOTH 11.11.11.11. with repeat

William Booth, 1829-1912

Attributed to J. Ellis, 19th century

1. O bound-less sal - va - tion, deep o - cean of love! O full - ness of
 2. My sins, they are man - y, their stains are so deep, And bit - ter the
 3. The tide now is flow - ing; I'm touch - ing the wave, I hear the loud
 4. And now, hal - le - lu - jah! The rest of my days Shall glad - ly be

mer - cy Christ brought from a - bove, The whole world re - deem - ing, so
 tears of re - morse that I weep; But weep - ing is use - less - thou
 call of "the Might-y to save." My faith's grow - ing bold - er - de -
 spent in pro - mot - ing His praise, Who o - pened His bos - om to

rich and so free, Now flow - ing for all men, Now flow - ing for
 great crim - son sea, Thy wa - ters can cleanse me, Thy wa - ters can
 liv - ered I'll be! I plunge 'neath the wa - ters, I plunge 'neath the
 pour out this sea Of bound-less sal - va - tion, Of bound-less sal -

all men, Now flow - ing for all men - Come, roll o - ver me!
 cleanse me, Thy wa - ters can cleanse me - Come, roll o - ver me!
 wa - ters, I plunge 'neath the wa - ters - They roll o - ver me!
 va - tion, Of bound-less sal - va - tion, For you and for me!

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

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 into hell.

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.

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.

Kneel/sit/stand

THE PRAYERS

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their need:

A God of love, you have forgiven us of our sins, known and unknown and restored us to a right relationship with you through Christ. Help us to forgive others who have hurt or disappointed us, that we may be freed from the suffering of holding a grudge and they might know your grace. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

God of Light, bring your comfort and protection to all those who are away from home - either at school, college, in the military, or away for work. Watch over them and return them home safely when their tasks are completed. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Bring peace of mind and heart, and wholeness and healing of body and spirit, to all who suffer from any illness or distress. [We pray particularly for ...] Grant them a sense of your constant presence through those who care for them. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

God our protector, grant safety to those who work and study in our local schools. Give wisdom to administrators as they navigate the challenges presented by this pandemic. We ask that you hinder its progression, limit the loss of life, hasten the development of a vaccine, and use this threat to draw many to faith in the only One who can grant us eternal life. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Lord of the church, empower us to follow Jesus with our whole lives and to make disciples of all nations that your name may be praised and honored in all the earth. Bless also the leaders of our church, our bishop Dan Selbo, his assistants Mark, Brad, David, Gemechas, Phillip, Andrew, our seminary president, Eric, those preparing for ministry, and all pastors in the NALC. Help them to lead with integrity, faith, energy, enthusiasm, creativity, and love. Guide them with your Holy Spirit and speak your word through them. Through the faithful proclamation of your word, draw our nation back to you. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Stand

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P Let us share a sign of Christ's peace.



Be seated

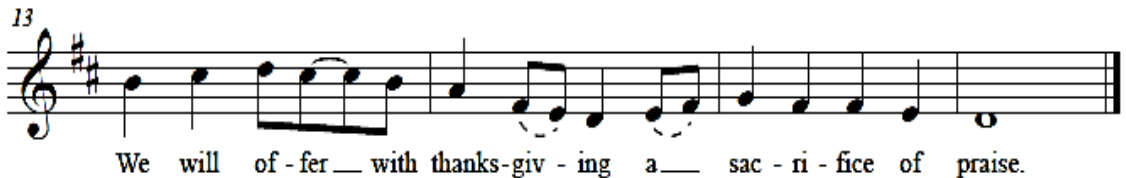
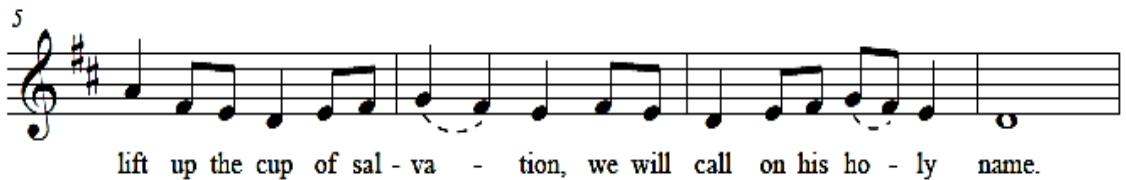
OFFERING

Special Music

***In order to reduce the risk of infection, our ushers will not pass the offering plate during the offertory. Please use this time to engage in silent prayer, reflection, and worship. Later in the service, as you approach the altar for communion, please drop your offering in the offering plate located near the front of the sanctuary.*

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OFFERTORY

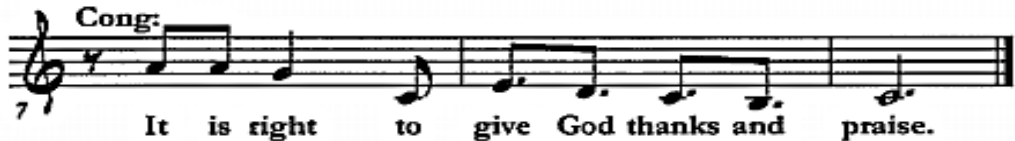
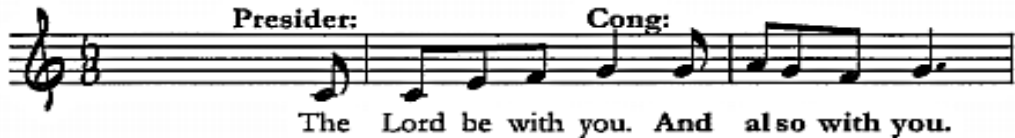


OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Christ our Lord. Amen

DIALOGUE

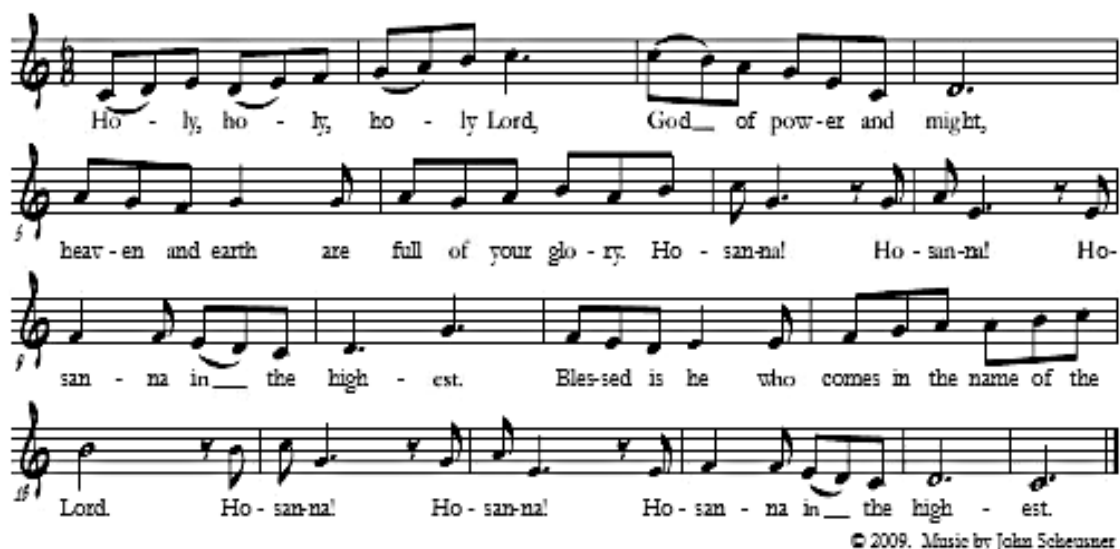


Music: John Scheusner

PREFACE

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 and merciful 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, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth, and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na! Ho - san-na! Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san-na! Ho - san-na! Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

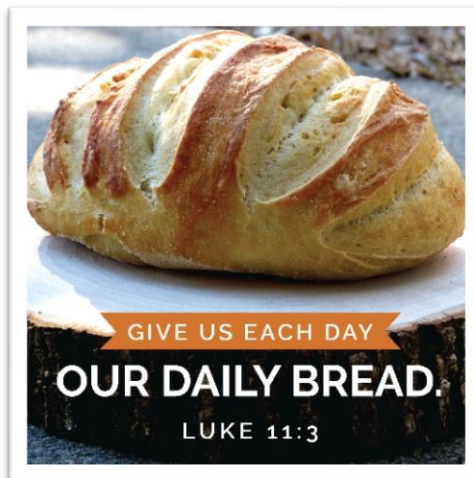
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C **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.**



Be seated

COMMUNION

**Grape juice and/or gluten-free wafers available upon request.*

We believe that Holy Communion is the sacrament of the real presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ. As we partake of the *bread and the *wine, we trust Jesus' promise that we receive His Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sin and strength to service in our lives. If you are a baptized and repentant Christian who desires to commune with us, you are thereby publicly declaring your oneness in faith with us, and you too recognize the Lord's Body and Blood as fulfilling God's Covenant of Grace for us.

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: Amen.

From John 1:29

O Christ, the Lamb of God, you take away our sin. Have

mer - cy on us; have mer - cy on us. This is our

hope, this is our pro-mise: We are cleansed by the blood of the

Lamb of God, we are freed by the bo - dy and the blood. O

Christ, the Lamb of God, you take away our sin. Have

mer - cy on us and grant us your peace.

Stand

PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn our hearts to yours, and nourished us at your table with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Now send us forth in the power of your Holy Spirit to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



CANTICLE (Vs 2 only)

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,
2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low
3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture
4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



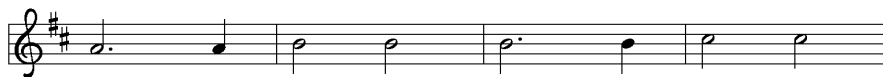
from this meal of love and grace;
af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;
God has called us to re - ceive;
cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion
bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed
pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,
mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise.
to re - lease and to con - sole.
Spir - it - ed then let us live.
from this day and un - to death.



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



God, the won - der of our days.
Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

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BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

SENDING HYMN

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



- 1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
- 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
- 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.

Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



The flowers for this Sunday are placed in celebration of George and Becky Reinhart's
56th wedding anniversary!



September Servant Schedule

| | <u>Assistant Minister</u> | <u>Lector</u> | <u>Cantor</u> |
|---------|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Sept 6 | Sandy Rice | George Reinhart | Cynthia Michael |
| Sept 13 | Joe Costantino | Deb Ross | Kylene Terhune |
| Sept 20 | Sandy Rice | Julie Hohulin | Erika Wattrick |
| Sept 27 | Joe Costantino | Gary Ross | Roseann Costantino |

As a congregation of the
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we are guided by four core values:

1. Christ Centered
2. Mission Driven
3. Traditionally Grounded
4. Congregationally Focused

