



ST. THOMAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

HOLY EUCHARIST

10:00 AM

Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.

**The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

Psalm 103:8



*Hearing assistive devices are available.
Please ask an usher.*

Childcare for children ages 4 and under is available 9am-1pm in the Ebsworth Life Center.

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VOLUNTARY *Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren*, BWV 650 Johann Sebastian Bach

All rise as able as the bell tolls.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

All sing.

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - - tion.
need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - - eth?
might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

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1680); tr. *Hymnal*
1940, alt.
Music: *Lobe den*
Herren, melody
from *Erneuerter*
Gesangbuch, 1665;
harm. *Chorale Book*
for England, 1863

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Almighty God, 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.

All Amen.

GLORIA

All sing.



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

Hymnal 1982, S 278 ©; Setting: William Matthias (1934-1992)

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

7. 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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Lector A reading from the Book of Genesis (50:15-21).

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them,

“Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 103:1-13

chant by Kellow J. Pye

Benedic, anima mea

Sung by the choir.

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, ***
and forget not all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave ***
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The Lord executes righteousness ***
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, ***
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, ***
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, ***
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

THE SECOND READING

Lector A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans (14:1-12).

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

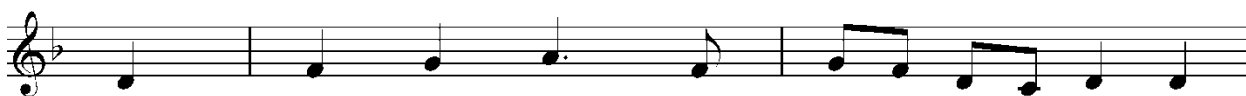
Lector The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

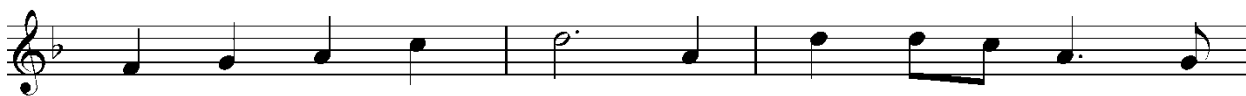
SEQUENCE HYMN

Forgive our sins as we forgive

All rise as able and sing.



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give" you
2 How can your par - don reach and bless the
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and

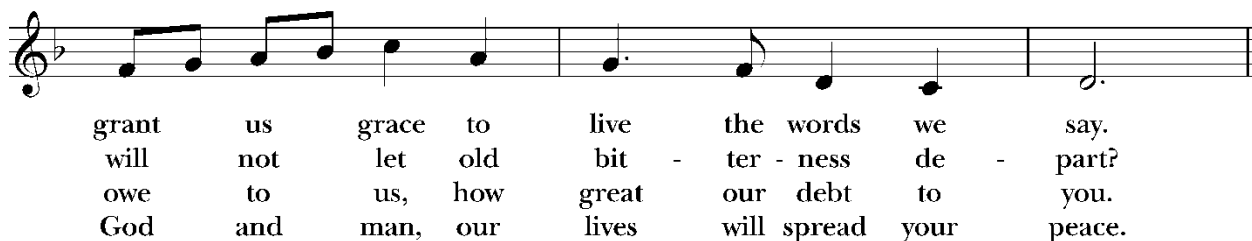


taught us, Lord, to pray; but you a - lone can
un - for - giv - ing heart that broods on wrongs and
truth we dim - ly knew, how small the debts men
bid re - sent - ment cease; then, re - con - ciled to

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Herklots (1905-
1987)

Music: *Detroit*, from
Supplement to
Kentucky Harmony,
1820



All rise, as able.

THE GOSPEL

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (18:21-35).

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Tom Ortung

All may be seated.

Silence follows the sermon.

All rise, as able.

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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor Trusting in the God whose kingdom grows from the smallest seed and works quietly like yeast in the dough, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all in need.

For the Church throughout the world, that we may faithfully sow the seeds of God's kingdom and bear witness to Christ's love in all we do. In the Anglican Communion, we pray especially for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. In the Diocese of Olympia, we pray for St. Germain, Hoodspoint and St. Benedict's, Lacey.

Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For St. Thomas Church, that in this season of transition we may treasure both the gifts of our past and the new things God is bringing forth among us.

Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For the nations of the world and all who hold authority, that justice, mercy, and peace may take root and flourish for the good of all people.

Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for students and teachers returning to school, and for all who work in schools and universities. Grant them wisdom, patience, and joy as they begin a new school year.
Lord, in your mercy,
All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For the women of St. Thomas who will be on retreat next weekend; that they may together experience spiritual renewal and growth.
Lord, in your mercy,
All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For all who are sick, grieving, lonely, or burdened by any trouble. We pray especially for:
All **Jeremy, Estelle, Fred, Jeff, Alan, Olivia, The Carson Family, Richard, Aaron, Ed, Laurie, The Blundell Family, Gene & Nikki, Dave, Robyn, Jim, Greg, Joan, Lynn, Kellee, Louise, George, and Martha.**

Intercessor Grant them healing, comfort, and hope.
Lord, in your mercy,
All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For those who have died, and for all who mourn, especially:
All **Dorothy Bishop, JoAnn Scheyer, Jim Blundell, Shawn Bovey, The Rev. Cheryl Fear, Marsha Mae Davis, Egon Molbak, Janet Andrews, and Kathy Kestle.**

Intercessor May they be gathered into the fullness of your kingdom, where every tear is wiped away.
Lord, in your mercy,
All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Please add the intercessions and thanksgivings you hold in your heart, either silently or aloud.

Silence is held.

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy,
All **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Gracious God, you have revealed your kingdom in hidden treasure, in a pearl of great price, in a mustard seed, and in yeast that leavens the whole loaf. Give us eyes to recognize your presence, hearts to value your gifts above all else, and courage to follow wherever you lead; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
All **Amen.**

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia has about 469,000 members and a unique structure that brings together three cultural streams—Māori, Pākehā, and Pasefika—in one church. It includes seven dioceses in New Zealand, five Māori Hui Amorangi, and the Diocese of Polynesia, which serves communities across the Pacific. The church supports ministries in parish life, education, social justice, and theological training, with each cultural group shaping its own mission and leadership. Together, they form a diverse and vibrant province of the Anglican Communion.

CONFESSION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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.

All Amen.

All rise, as able.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

We greet one another with a sign of peace.

All may be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We share some of the many ways to be engaged in the life of our community.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

An offering is received to support the mission of St. Thomas. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed, using the QR code at right, at stthomasmedina.org/giving, or at Paypal with email donations@stthomasmedina.org.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

There's a wideness in God's mercy

Maurice Bevan

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice
Which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of man's mind.
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow
By false limits of our own;
And we magnify its strictness
With a zeal he will not own.

There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands
Of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations
In that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple,
We should take him at his word;
And our lives would be all gladness
In the joy of Christ our Lord.

text: Frederick W. Faber

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

For the fruit of all creation

All rise as able and sing.



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be
3 For the har - vests of the Spi - rit, thanks be to

God. For his gifts to ev - ery na - tion,
done. In the help we give our neigh - bor,
God. For the good we all in - her - it,

thanks be to God. For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing,
God's will be done. In our world-wide task of car - ing
thanks be to God. For the won - ders that as - tound us,

si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in
for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing, in the har - vests
for the truths that still con - found us, most of all that

earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
love has found us, thanks be to God.

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BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

During the presentation hymn, children and youth are invited to bring their backpacks and place them in front of the altar for a blessing. Backpacks may remain there until the end of the service.

Celebrant O God of light and life, we ask your blessing on these backpacks and other signs of the work to which we have been called. Hallow our learning and our labor, that our minds might be open to your wisdom, and our hearts to the goodness of your creation. Give each of us, young and old, inquiring and discerning hearts, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Finally, keep company with us as we take up our work, and help us to know that even in the midst of our busy lives, our hearts rest in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who abides with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

All Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant 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:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

All sing.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven 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.

Hymnal 1982, S 128
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Celebrant

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

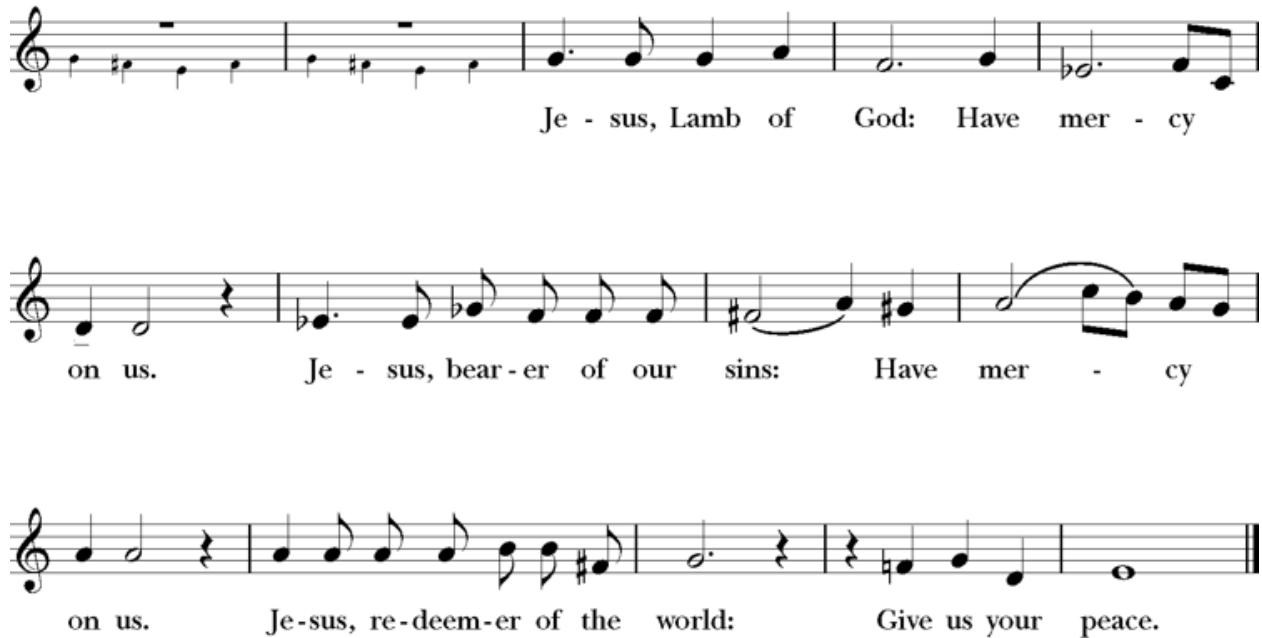
All Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Bread is broken.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Agnus Dei

All sing.



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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All may be seated for the time of Communion.

*Ushers will guide each row to the altar to receive Holy Communion. Please follow their instructions. Intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is **not** available at this time. If you prefer to receive a blessing (or not to receive bread and/or wine), place your arms across your chest as a sign. Gluten-free Holy Communion wafers are available upon request. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please inform the priest at the altar rail.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake

Richard Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,
Lay not our sins to our charge.
But forgive that is past,
And give us grace to amend our sinful lives.
to decline from sin, and incline to virtue,
That we may walk in a perfect heart,
Before thee now and evermore.
Amen.

text: *Lidley's Prayers*, 1566

COMMUNION HYMN

Let us break bread together on our knees

All sing.



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____



when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____



3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____



let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____



when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____

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Music: Let us break bread together, Afro-American spiritual*

All rise as able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR BLESSING ** *When appropriate.*

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

***All* We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

BLESSING

Celebrant The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

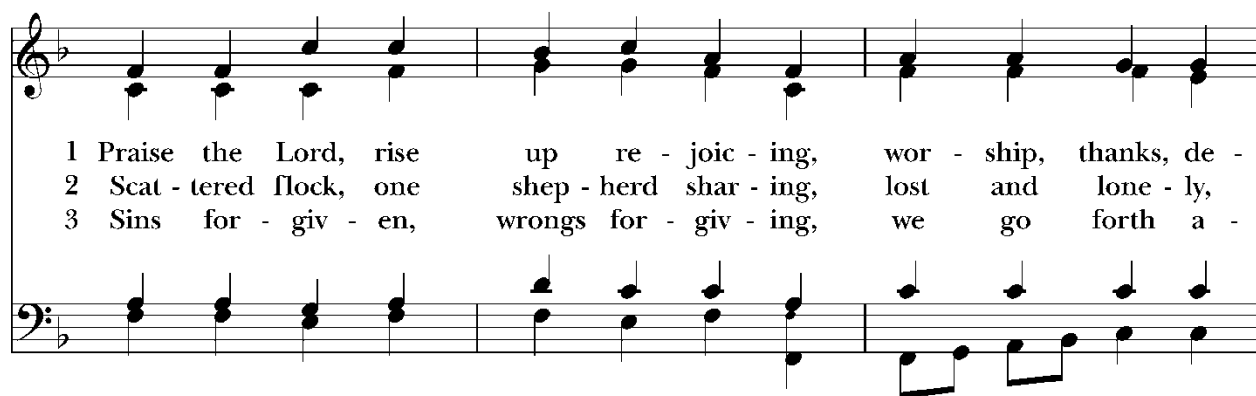
***All* Amen.**



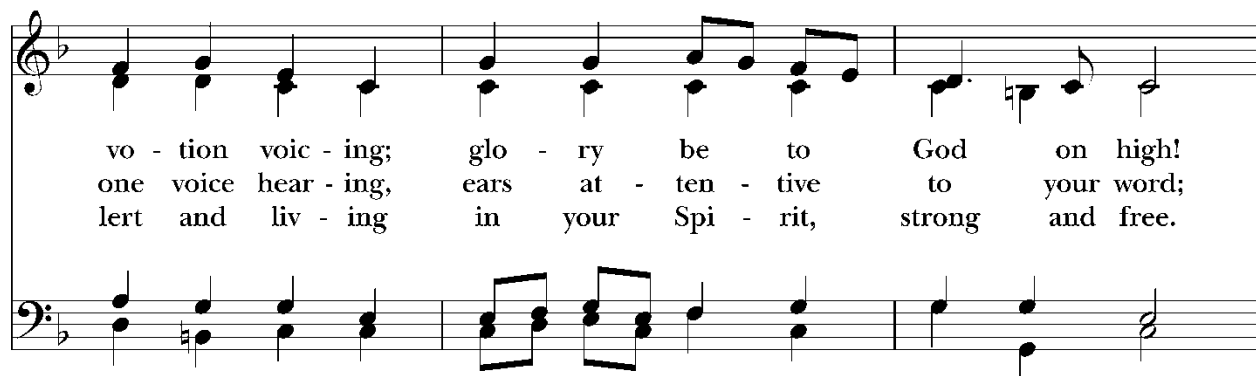
HYMN AT THE CLOSING

Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing

All sing.



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
 2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
 3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing; glo - ry be to God on high!
 one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
 lert and liv - ing in your Spi - rit, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this Eu - cha -
 by your Blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your Bo - dy,
 Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
 firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
 ev - ery na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - lowers be.

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Music: Alles ist an Gottes Segen, melody att. Johann Balthasar König (1691-1758), alt.; harm. Johann Löhner (1654-1705), after chorale ver. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Toccata in F major, BuxWV 157

Dietrich Buxtehude

*Please join us for coffee and refreshments, immediately following the service,
in the Great Hall of the Ebsworth Life Center,
just across the courtyard.*



SERVING AT ST. THOMAS CHURCH TODAY

The Rev. Tom Ortung
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