



ST. THOMAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 29, 2023

Holy Eucharist
10:00 am

*God has called you out of darkness,
into his wonderful light.
May you experience kindness and blessings,
and be strong in faith, in hope and in love.*

*Because you are followers of Christ,
who appeared on this day as a light shining in darkness,
may he make you a light to all your sisters and brothers.*

*The wise men followed the star,
and found Christ who is light from light.
May you too find the Lord
when your pilgrimage is ended.*

Solemn blessing, Roman rite

You have chosen to be here today, and we welcome you.

*We invite you to prepare your heart for worship with the words of the
Collect for Purity.*

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. Amen.



CALL TO WORSHIP

The pealing of the bells calls us to prayer.

PRELUDE

Prelude in A Minor

Johann Pachelbel

At the sound of the bell, all rise as able and sing.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

1 God the Om - ni - po - tent! King, who or - dain - est
2 God the All - mer - ci - ful! earth hath for - sak - en
3 God the All - right - eous One! earth hath de - fied thee;
4 God the All - prov - i - dent! earth by thy chas - tening

thun - der thy clar - ion, the light - ning thy sword;
thy ways all ho - ly, and slight - ed thy word;
yet to e - ter - ni - ty stand - eth thy word,
yet shall to free - dom and truth be re - stored;

show forth thy pi - ty on high where thou reign - est:
bid not thy wrath in its ter - rors a - wak - en:
false - hood and wrong shall not tar - ry be - side thee:
through the thick dark - ness thy king - dom is haste - ning:

give to us peace in our time, O Lord.
give to us peace in our time, O Lord.
give to us peace in our time, O Lord.
thou wilt give peace in thy time, O Lord.

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

All And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

GLORIA

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 -
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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

All are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

A Reading from the Prophet Micah (6:1-8)

Hear what the LORD says:
Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

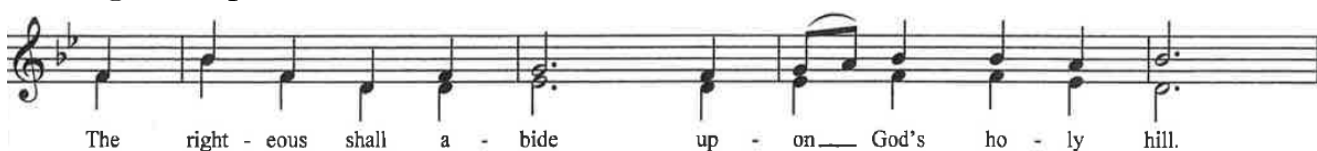
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
All Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

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Carl Daw & Kevin Hackett

All sing the antiphon.



LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
who may abide upon your holy hill?
Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right,
who speaks the truth from his heart.

Antiphon

There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend;
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

Antiphon

In his sight the wicked is rejected,
but he honors those who fear the LORD.
He has sworn to do no wrong
and does not take back his word.

Antiphon

He does not give his money in hope of gain,
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
Whoever does these things
shall never be overthrown.

Antiphon

THE SECOND READING

A Reading from the First Book of Corinthians (1:18-31)

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All **Thanks be to God.**



All rise as able and sing.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN



1 What does the Lord re - quire for praise and of - fer - ing?
2 Ru - lers of earth, give ear! Should you not jus - tice show?
3 Still down the a - ges ring the pro - phet's stern com - mands.
4 How shall my soul ful - fill God's law so hard and high?



What sac - ri - fice de - sire, or trib - ute bid you bring?
Will God your plead - ing hear, while crime and cruel - ty grow?
To mer - chant, work - er, king he brings God's high de - mands.
Let Christ en - due our will with grace to for - ti - fy.



Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
Then just - ly; in mer - cy we'll (hum - bly walk with God.)



hum - bly walk with God.

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THE GOSPEL

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (5:1-12)

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All may be seated.

THE SERMON The Rev. Elizabeth (Liz) R. Costello

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 In this season of Epiphany, let us, too, come bearing our own gifts, using our individual talents and gifts in your service. Help us to share the light of God's love with others through our words and actions. God of Light,

***All* Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for our President, Joe, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority. Unite all public servants to work together to serve the good of all people. God of light,

***All* Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for the poor and the vulnerable. We pray especially for those experiencing housing and food insecurity, for those who live paycheck to paycheck, and struggle to provide for their family's basic needs. God of abundance, expand the human family's imagination so that we might build a world where there is enough for all people. God of light,

***All* Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for all those harmed by global climate change and natural disasters throughout the world. We pray that we might be good stewards of God's creation, our earthly home, and that we may wisely use our natural resources for the good of all God's family. God of light,

***All* Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for the people of Ukraine, especially for those who are without heat, light or homes this winter. We pray that world leaders will work together to bring peace to Ukraine and all war-torn parts of the world. God of light,

***All* Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for all victims of gun violence. We pray especially for the family and friends of the most recent victims from Monterey Park, Half Moon Bay, and Oakland. God of peace, help the human family to put a stop to gun violence. God of light,

***All* Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Let us pray for all in need of healing, peace, and comfort, especially
***All* Mary, Laurie Jean, Aaron, John, Roger, Charlie, Jim, John, Mary Jane, Mike, Marella and children, Frank, Ruth, Nancy and David, Kathy, Catherine, Kim, Peter and family, Larry, Rich, Dodie, Anita, Greg, Jeannie, Marian, Meredith, Gene and Nikki, Becca, Rollie, Pelly and family, and Peggy.**

Intercessor And we pray for the blessed departed, especially
All Bill Reifel and Wendy Green.

Intercessor Please add your own intercessions and thanksgivings at this time.

Intercessor Life giving Spirit,
All Hear our prayer.

Presider Saving Spirit, we give you thanks for entrusting us with your mission of hope and compassion. Help us to abandon our small ungenerous ways, our defensive barriers and the excuses that keep us from a more courageous life in your service. Bring us fully into the company of your faithful both near and far, and with Blessed Mary, Blessed Thomas, and all the saints, help us to proclaim your saving love. Through Christ we pray.
All Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
All God of mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
All Amen.



THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

We greet one another with the sign of peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *As stewards of all that God has given us, we share the many ways to be engaged in the life of our community.*

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Arise, Shine, for Thy Light Has Come* Kenneth Jennings

Arise, shine, for thy light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee.
For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people:
But the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.
And the nations shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.
Arise shine, for thy light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee.

--Isaiah 60: 1-3



All rise as able and sing.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

1 Re - jice, ye pure in heart! Re - jice, give thanks, and sing! Your
2 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of earth, pour
3 Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le - lu - ias loud; while

1 glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
2 out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
3 an - swering ech - oes up - ward float, like wreaths of in - cense cloud.

Refrain

Re - jice, re - jice, re - jice, give thanks, and sing.

re - jice, re - jice,

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

All sing.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven 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. _____

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including eighth, quarter, and half notes, as well as rests. Trills are indicated by a '3' over a group of notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the corresponding notes.

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Presider

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."

Presider 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:

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

Presider 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 St. Thomas and 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.

***All* Amen.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
***All* Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
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.

All sing.

FRACTION ANTHEM



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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All may be seated for the time of Communion.

This is Jesus' table. All find a welcome invitation to share in Holy Communion.

Ushers will guide each row to the altar rail to receive Holy Communion. Please follow their instructions. 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.

THOSE WORSHIPPING AT HOME ARE INVITED TO PRAY THE FOLLOWING PRAYER:

O Christ, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts,
 Eternal goodness, deliver us from evil,
 Eternal Power, be our support,
 Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance,
 Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

--Alcuin (735-804)

All sing.

COMMUNION HYMN

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

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

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

All rise as able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray.

All Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. AMEN.

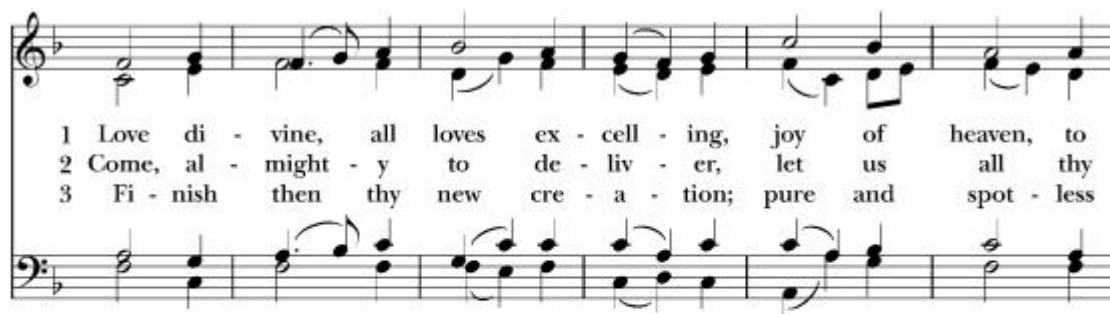
THE BLESSING

Presider May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

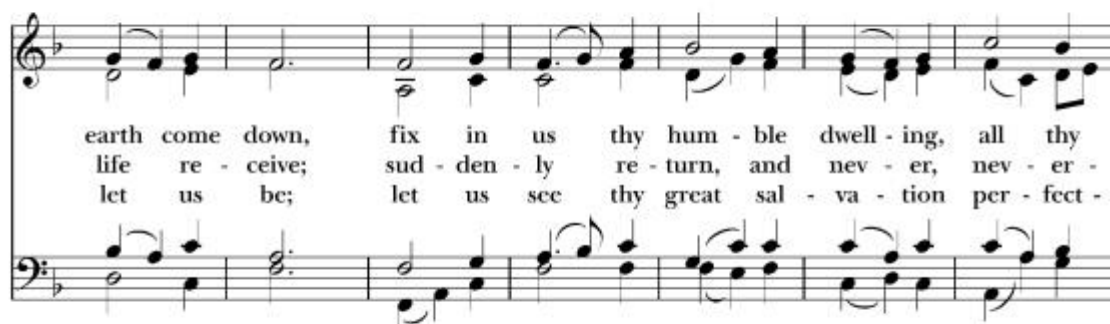
All Amen.

All sing.

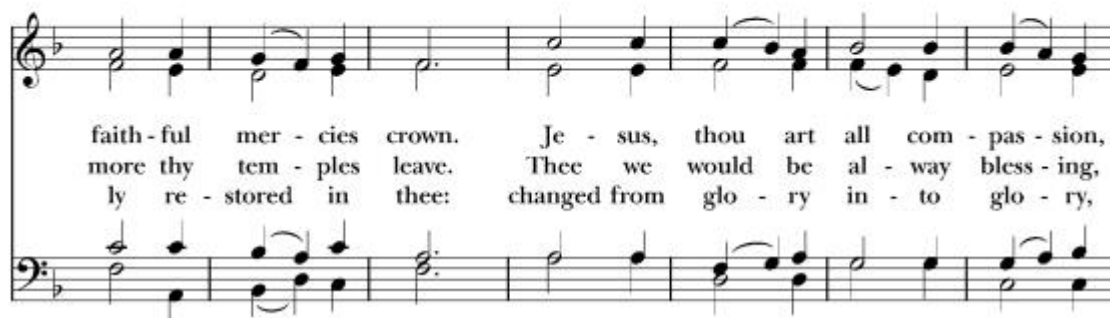
HYMN AT THE RECESSION



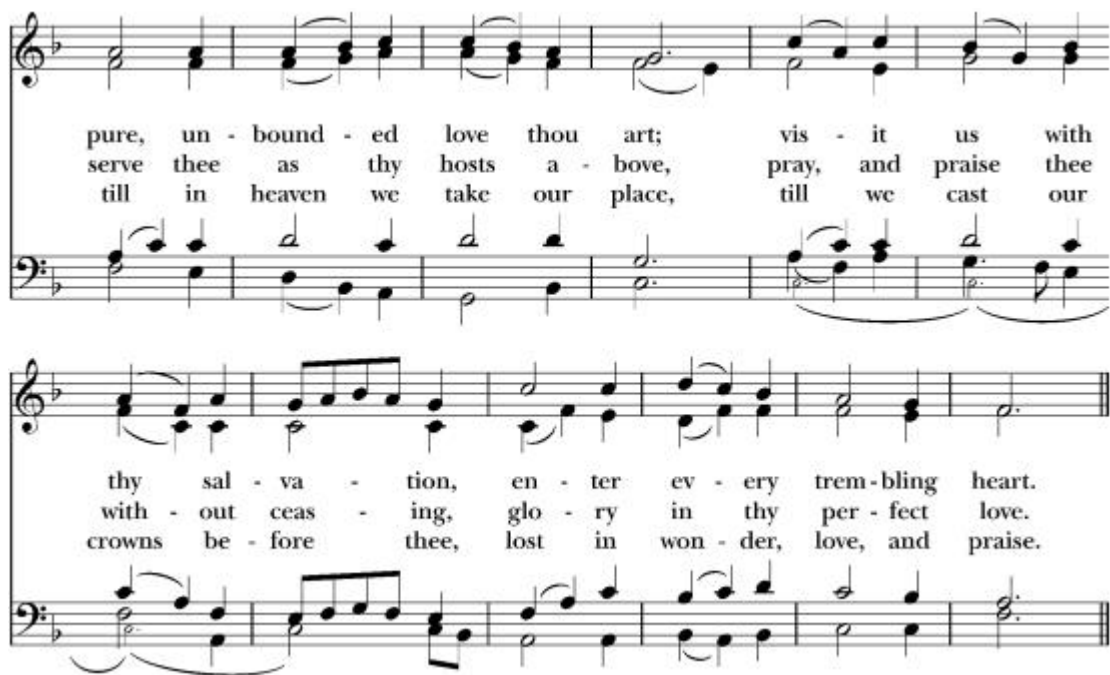
1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

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THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Prelude in C Major

Johann Pachelbel



SERVING THIS WEEK

The Rev. Elizabeth (Liz) R. Costello

Preaching & Presiding



Doug Cleveland

Director of Music



Greg Tiffany

Tenor



St. Thomas Choir

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