



ST. THOMAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

Holy Eucharist

10:00am

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Schools and Colleges
Book of Common Prayer

Childcare for children ages 4 and under is available 9am-1pm in the Ebsworth Life Center.
Access the Childcare Room from the north lobby, nearest the main parking area, just past the elevator.
Follow the signs or please ask an usher to escort you to Room 109.



VOLUNTARY

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound

George Shearing

CALL TO WORSHIP

The pealing of the bells calls us to prayer.

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:

*Hymnal 1982, 569 ©; Words: St. 1-2, Henry Fothergill Chorley (1808-1872), alt.; st. 3-4, John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt.
Music: Russia, Alexis Lvov (1799-1870)*

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.

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



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.

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

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.**

All may be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Lector A reading from the Book of Exodus (32:7-14).

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

*Miserere mei, Deus**Sung by the choir.*

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.

THE SECOND READING

Lector A reading from the first letter to Timothy (1:12-17).

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

All rise as able and sing.

SEQUENCE HYMN

There's a wideness in God's mercy

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;
There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed;
If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word;

there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

*Hymnal 1982, 470 ©; Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt.
Music: Beecher, John Zundel (1815-1882), alt.*

THE GOSPEL

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (15:1-10).
All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Elizabeth (Liz) R. Costello

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 Loving Father, you know our needs better than we know them, and are with us in all that we do. Graciously grant the petitions we place before you this day. All gracious Father, we pray for the church universal and all those who labor to spread your message of divine love and forgiveness. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa. In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, the Order of Saint Francis, and Earth Ministry.

Loving God,

All hear our prayer.

Intercessor We humbly ask your blessing on the people of this congregation, our clergy and lay leaders. Support them and sustain them so that, under their leadership, we may be united in the Holy Spirit and go forth to serve the world.

God of all grace,

All hear our prayer.

Intercessor Loving God, we pray for our nation and give thanks for all the rights and freedoms it affords us. Help us work to ensure that all our people share in those rights and freedoms. We pray for all those in positions of authority, that they will govern with integrity, wisdom, and for the good of all people of our nation. Let there be an end to our divisions.

Reconciling God,

All hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for those being married at St. Thomas this fall: Barbara & Stephen, Hailey & Jared, and Valerie & David.
God of Love,
All **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Lord, you said “My peace I give you”. We ask you to bring your peace to Palestine, Israel, Iran, Ukraine, the Sudan and all areas of continuing violence. We pray for their people, especially for those suffering from starvation, and for all refugees from war. Help us be peacemakers in your world.
God of Peace,
All **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Lord of all, during Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month, we give thanks for all our Hispanic and Latino brothers and sisters, and their many contributions to our society. Bless those seeking refuge and those who live daily in fear. Help us to work for justice.
God of all people,
All **hear our prayer.**

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

Intercessor We give thanks for all healers of body, mind or spirit. And we commend to your love and care all those in need of comfort, peace and healing, especially:
All **Nancy, Mary Ann, Nancy, Joseph, Joanne, Mary, Martha, Haitham, Molly, Jean, Hannah, Cam, Jane, Catherine & Jim, and Sarah.**

Intercessor Loving God, welcome into your kingdom all the blessed departed for whom we pray:
All **Guenter Odlozinski, Maria Beaudouin, Fritz Bauer, CJ Fogarty, Beth Philips, Susan Neville, Daryl Weyen, Jack Caldwell, Rick Presby, and Bob Buerle.**

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

Celebrant Lord God, help us to walk in ways that are pleasing to you, making known to others through our words and actions the way of love and forgiveness. Bring us fully into the company of your faithful, and with Blessed Mary, Blessed Thomas, and all the saints, as we strive devoutly to serve you.
All **Amen.**

The Anglican Church of South America is an autonomous province of the Anglican Communion, covering Argentina, Bolivia, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay. Established in 1981 as the Province of the Southern Cone of America, it was renamed in 2014 to better reflect its regional identity. The province comprises six dioceses and serves approximately 41,600 members, with the majority residing in Argentina. Headquartered in Buenos Aires, it is led by Presiding Bishop Brian Williams, who also serves as the Bishop of Argentina. The church is known for its commitment to evangelism, social justice, and community development across the region.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

All are seated.

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 HOLY COMMUNION

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, or at stthomasmedina.org/giving.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O for a closer walk with God

Charles Villiers Stanford

O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy Dove, return!
Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.

text: William Cowper

All rise as able and sing.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

The musical score for 'The Presentation Hymn' is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp). It consists of three systems of staves. The first system begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: '*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise'. The second system continues the melody and harmony, with lyrics: 'him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye'. The third system concludes the hymn with the lyrics: 'heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.' The music features a mix of half notes, quarter notes, and eighth notes, with a final cadence in the third system.

*Hymnal 1982, 380 ©; Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3 Thomas Ken (1637-1711)
Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

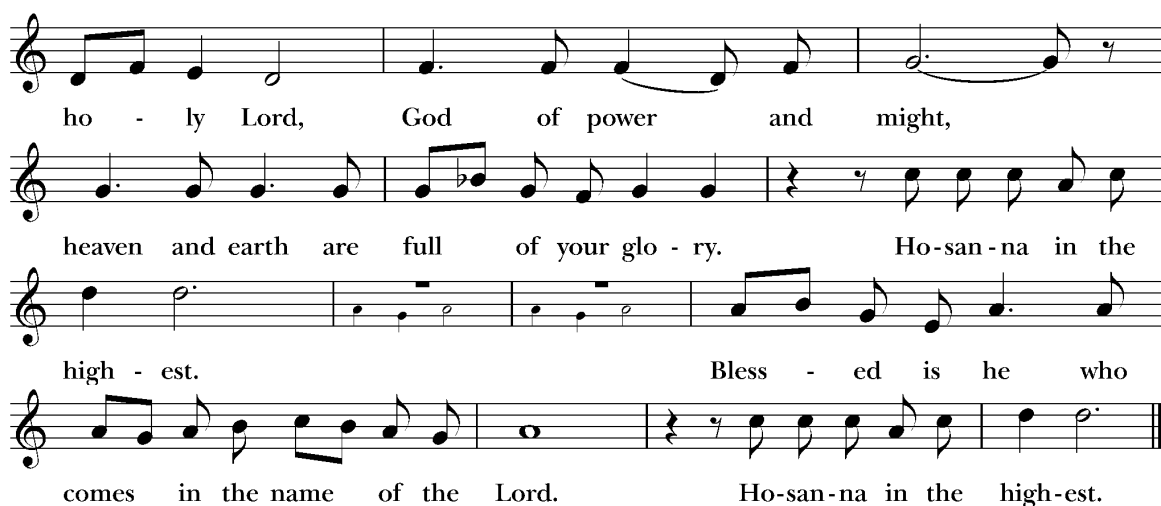
All It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

All sing.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

The musical score for 'Sanctus & Benedictus' is written for a single part in G major (one sharp). It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly,'. The music features a mix of half notes, quarter notes, and eighth notes, with a final cadence.



Hymnal 1982, S 128 ©; Setting: William Mathias (1934-1992)

Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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.

All AMEN.

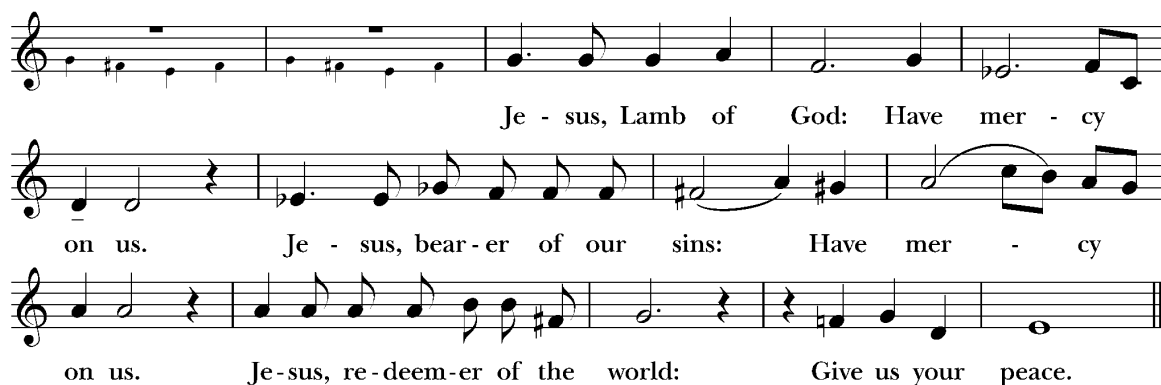
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant 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



Hymnal 1982, S 165 © Setting: William Mathias (1934-1992)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*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 with a perfect heart before thee,
now and evermore.
Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

1 The great Cre - a - tor of the worlds, the sov - ereign God of heaven,
2 He sent no an - gel of his host to bear this might - y word,
3 He sent him not in wrath and power, but grace and peace to bring;
4 He sent him down as send - ing God; in flesh to us he came;
5 He came as Sa - vior to his own, the way of love he trod;

1 his ho - ly and im - mor - tal truth to all on earth hath given.
2 but him through whom the worlds were made, the ev - er - last - ing Lord.
3 in kind - ness, as a king might send his son, him - self a king.
4 as one with us he dwelt with us, and bore a hu - man name.
5 he came to win us by good will, for force is not of God.

6 Not to oppress, but summon all
their truest life to find,
in love God sent his Son to save,
not to condemn mankind.

*Hymnal 1982, 489 ©; Words: Epistle to Diognetus, ca. 150; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.
Music: Tallis' Ordinal, Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585)*

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 a Eucharistic Visitor is present.*

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.**

THE 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.**



All sing.

HYMN AT THE CLOSING

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
* 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Hymnal 1982, 671 ©; Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5, John Rees (19th cent.)

Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921); harm. Austin Cole Lovelace (1919-2010)

THE DISMISSAL

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

All Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Allegro con brio, op. 65 no. 4

Felix Mendelssohn

SERVING THIS DAY

The Rev. Elizabeth (Liz) R. Costello

Rector



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Director of Music & Organist

The Rev. Edmund Harris

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