

**3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 6**

**JUNE 14, 2026**

**10:00 AM**

**WELCOME!**

*YOU are welcome here, regardless of age, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, sex, national origin, marital status, family makeup, socioeconomic status, or political persuasion. St. John's Episcopal Church is a community of people who gather to acknowledge our need for divine and human love, and to respect our common humanity. At St. John's, ALL ARE WELCOME.*

*It is our pleasure to have you join us for worship today. If this is your first visit, or even if you've been attending for a little while, and you'd like to learn more about us, please take a 'Welcome' card from our pews, complete and place the 'Connect' side in the offering plate or hand it to one of our greeters or clergy so that we may follow up with you. Or, feel welcome to contact us using the information on the back of this bulletin.*

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***Our mission***

*LINKING LIVES IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST*



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***Our vision***

*WE JOYFULLY GATHER TO PRAY, WORSHIP, LEARN AND SERVE  
AS WE SEEK TO FOLLOW JESUS, AND INVITE ALL TO JOIN US  
ON A SACRED JOURNEY OF HOPE AND TRANSFORMATION*

Following the pattern of THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER – RITE II (EXPANSIVE LANGUAGE)

Prelude

Welcome

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Opening Acclamation

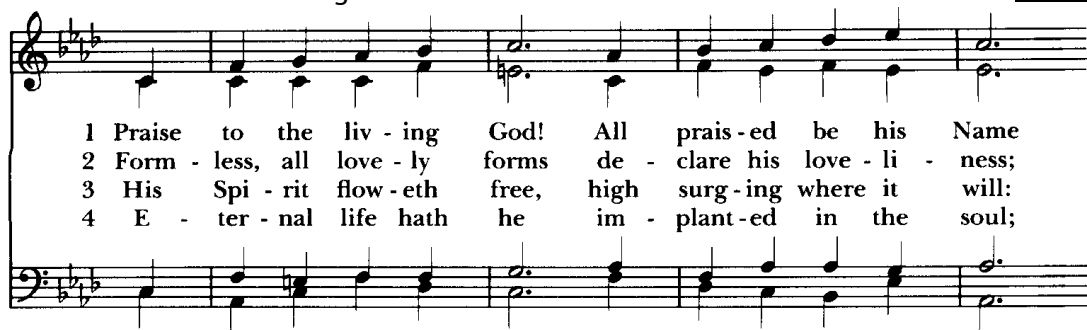
Celebrant Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

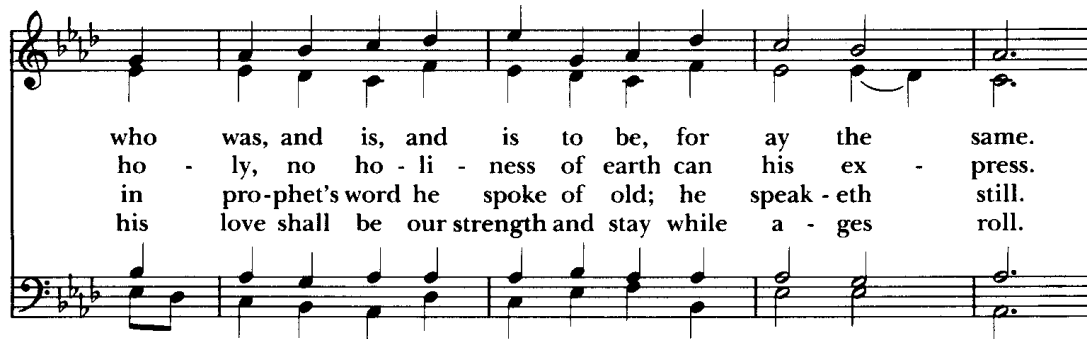
All are invited to stand, as able

### Opening Hymn - "Praise to the living God!"

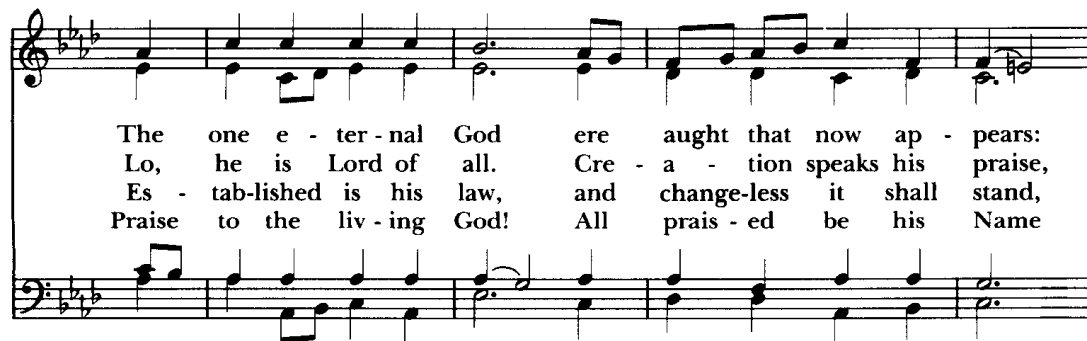
#372 in The Hymnal 1982\*



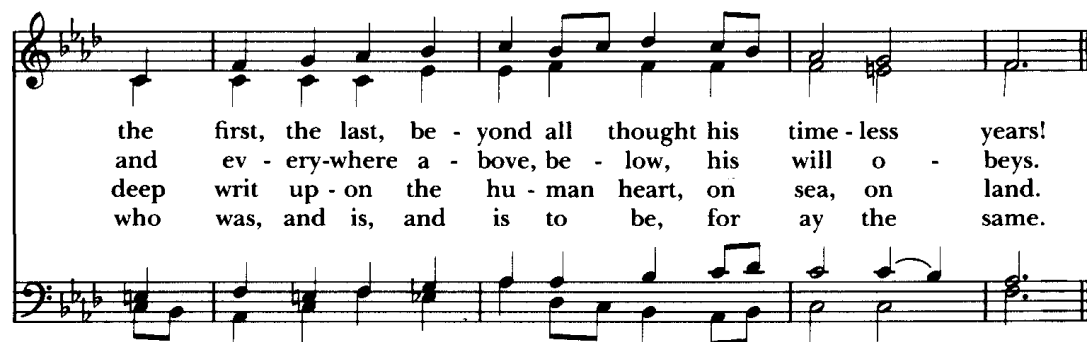
1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name  
 2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;  
 3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:  
 4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;



who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.  
 ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.  
 in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.  
 his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.



The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:  
 Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,  
 Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,  
 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name



the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!  
 and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.  
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.  
 who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All are invited to be seated*

## The Lessons

### First Lesson - Exodus 19:2-8a

*Steve Leeper*

Reader A reading from Exodus.

The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do."

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

**People Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 100 - *Jubilate Deo*

The Portland Psalter\*

*All are invited to read responsively by verse*

1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

**2 Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

**4 For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

**Second Lesson** - Romans 5:1-8

Charles Bash

Reader A reading from Romans

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

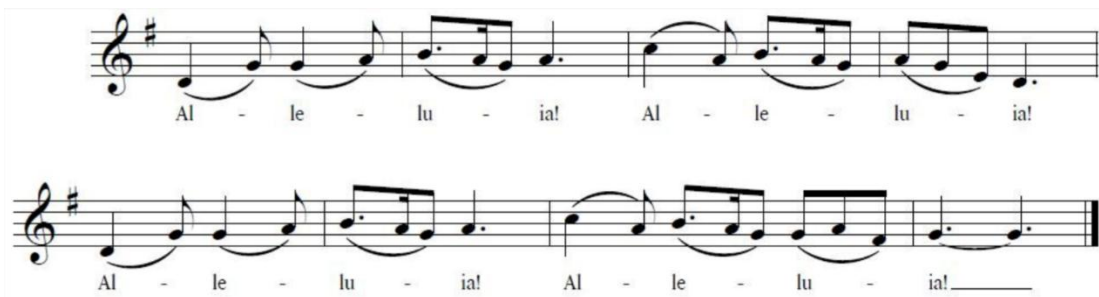
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People Thanks be to God.**

*All are invited to stand, as able, for the Gospel Procession*

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Cantor will invite the congregation to join in on the refrain.*



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Verse: Lord, you call us to give,  
and have shown us all your compassion.  
We proclaim your news – the kingdom of heaven is near!

**Gospel Reading** - Matthew 9:35-10:8

*The Very Rev. Alissa G. Anderson*

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax

collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Reader           The Gospel of our Savior.  
People           **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

*See previous page . . .*

*All are invited to be seated*

### **The Sermon**

*The Very Rev. Alissa G. Anderson*

*All are invited to stand, as able, and say together*

### **The Nicene Creed**

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

**who 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**

*Marnie Bash*

Leader In this green, growing season of summer, let us embrace the abundance of creation as we pray for the Church and for the world.

Gracious God, we pray for your Church, that it may be a refuge of peace and renewal. We pray for the people and leaders of the Diocese of the Great Lakes, and we pray especially for our bishop search committee and for the one who will be called as our first bishop. May all who confess the name of Jesus be united in the truth of love and grow communities of care. God our loving Creator,

**People You hear our prayers.**

Leader Guide the leaders of this and every land, that they may govern your creation with justice and integrity. Inspire them to decisions, statements, and actions that cultivate wellbeing; and help them to grow peace in your world. God our sovereign Creator,

**People You hear our prayers.**

Leader We give thanks for the earth and for the abundance of summer: for the warmth of the sun, the lush beauty of plants, and the company of animals. Keep us mindful of our place in this family, and help us to cherish these gifts as we care for the earth, our home. God our wondrous Creator,

**People You hear our prayers.**

Leader Bless all whose lives are linked with ours, and grant that we may see the face of Christ in all God's children, loving one another as we are loved. Help us form and grow places of sanctuary and revival in our hearts, our homes, our church, and our town, and show us your will in our communities. God our inspiring Creator,

**People You hear our prayers.**

Leader Pour out your comfort and healing on all those who are sick, sad, suffering, or imprisoned. We pray for Cathy & Juan, Char, Henry, Chris, Yvonne, Charlene, Julie, Vicki, Shelby, Eric, Dave, Bob, Guy, Tony, Tellie, EllaRose, Jayden & Elaine, and Betty & Bud Schartow & family; for those living and dying in the turmoil of war, violence, and hate; for those affected by environmental disasters; and for all those we name, silently or aloud. *[The people are invited to offer their own prayers.]* Sustain them with courage and hope, and bring us all into your abundant joy. God our healing Creator,

**People You hear our prayers.**

Leader We entrust to your loving presence all who have died and those we name, silently or aloud. We pray that when our work on earth is done, we too may

feast in the company of all your saints and know your everlasting abundance. God our eternal Creator,

**People: You hear our prayers.**

Celebrant Creating and cultivating God, you have charged us to care for your whole creation; hear our prayers and help us grow as faithful stewards, that we might see the world through your eyes, love it with your heart, and be your hands and feet bringing blessing; through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Spirit. **Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin**

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

*Silence*

**Together 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 our Savior 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 the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

*All are invited to greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.*

### **Announcements**

#### **Thanks and Recognition for our Children & Youth Volunteers**

#### **Prayer for Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Other Milestones**

**Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



*All are invited to stand or kneel, as able*

Celebrant Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all.

Jesus 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 Savior 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 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

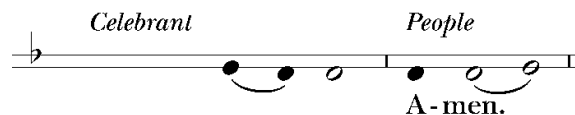
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.



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### The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Together** **Our Father in heaven,**  
**hallowed be your Name,**  
**your kingdom come,**

your will be done,  
 on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins  
 as we forgive those  
 who sin against us.  
 Save us from the time of trial,  
 and deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power,  
 and the glory are yours,  
 now and for ever. Amen.

### Fraction Anthem

#S 154 in The Hymnal 1982\*

(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)  
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
 there - fore let us keep the feast.  
 (Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

*All are invited to be seated*

### Holy Communion

*All are welcome to receive communion. St. John's uses gluten-free bread, and wine. You may eat your bread/wafer and return to your seat, or hand it to a chalice-bearer who will intinct (dip) the bread and hand it back to you. Individually sealed cups with gluten-free, allergen-friendly hosts, and grape juice are available by request. Please follow the directions of our ushers.*

### A Prayer in lieu of Sacramental Reception

attributed to *The Rev. Charles Curtis*

*Those worshipping with us on our live stream are invited to use the following prayer as our in-person congregation receives Communion.*

O blessed Jesus, our Savior and Lord, we believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of your body and Blood. We love you above all things, and we long for you in our souls. Since we cannot now receive you in your sacramental Presence, grant that we may still be fed by your Holy Spirit in our hearts. We welcome you and embrace you, and unite ourselves wholly to you; and grant, most gracious Lord, that we may evermore dwell in you, and you in us. Amen.

Communion Hymn - "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

#136 in **Lift Every Voice and Sing\***

1. I have de - cid - ed \_\_\_\_\_ to fol - low Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Though no one join me, \_\_\_\_\_ still I will fol - low, \_\_\_\_\_  
3. The world be - hind me, \_\_\_\_\_ the cross be - fore me, \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_ I have de - cid - ed \_\_\_\_\_ to fol - low Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Though no one join me, \_\_\_\_\_ still I will fol - low, \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ The world be - hind me, \_\_\_\_\_ the cross be - fore me, \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_ I have de - cid - ed \_\_\_\_\_ to fol - low Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Though no one join me, \_\_\_\_\_ still I will fol - low, \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ The world be - hind me, \_\_\_\_\_ the cross be - fore me, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ No turn - ing back, \_\_\_\_\_ no turn - ing back! \_\_\_\_\_  
(no turn - ing back,)

Words: Ascribed to an Indian Prince; as sung in Garo, Assam  
Music: Indian Folk Melody; arr. Norman Johnson  
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**Post-Communion Prayer**

Celebrant Let us pray.

**Together** **Almighty and everliving God,**  
**we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food**  
**of the most precious Body and Blood**  
**of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;**  
**and for assuring us in these holy mysteries**

that we are living members of the Body of Christ,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### Blessing

*The priest blesses the people*

**People      Amen.**

*All are invited to stand, as able*

**Closing Hymn** - "Christ for the world we sing!"

#537 in **The Hymnal 1982\***

1 Christ for the world we sing!      The world to  
2 Christ for the world we sing!      The world to  
3 Christ for the world we sing!      The world to  
4 Christ for the world we sing!      The world to

Christ we bring with lov - ing zeal;      the poor, and  
Christ we bring with fer - vent prayer;      the way - ward  
Christ we bring with one ac - cord;      with us the  
Christ we bring with joy - ful song;      the new - born

them that mourn, the faint and o - ver - borne,  
and the lost, by rest - less pas - sions tossed,  
work to share, with us re - proach to dare,  
souls, whose days, re - claimed from er - ror's ways,

*Continued on next page ...*

sin - sick and sor - row-worn, whom Christ doth heal.  
 re - deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.  
 with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.  
 in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

Words: Samuel Wolcott (1813-1886)

Music: *Moscow*, melody Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916,  
 based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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### Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior.

People **Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

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*The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God and  
 in loving memory of Ethal & Gordon Marcou and Shirley & Glwynn Baker by John & Jan Marcou and  
 in celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by Mike & Cathy Strong.*



**HEAD OF THE CHURCH – JESUS CHRIST**  
**MINISTERS – ALL OUR MEMBERS**

**Clergy**

The Very Rev. Alissa G. Anderson .....*Rector*

**Staff**

Dr. Amon Eady ..... *Director of Music*  
 Travis Fader ..... *Director of Operations & Organist/Pianist*  
 Linda Germain..... *Children & Youth Director*  
 Colleen O'Dell ..... *Bookkeeper*  
 Ellen Woodard..... *Administrative Assistant*  
 Nick Lowthian..... *Sexton*  
 Vickie Densmore ..... *Janitor*

**SERVING**

Presiding ..... The Very Rev. Alissa G. Anderson  
 Preaching..... The Very Rev. Alissa G. Anderson  
 Cantor..... Amon Eady  
 Organist/Pianist ..... Travis Fader  
 Greeter/Usher..... Jacques Randolet  
 Element Bearer..... Barb Tazelaar  
 Lectors..... Steve Leeper, Charles Bash  
 Intercessor..... Marnie Bash  
 Crucifer/Eucharistic Minister..... Ellen McVey  
 Eucharistic Minister ..... Marnie Bash  
 Altar Guild ..... Jacques Randolet, Andrea Burditt  
 Broadcast Technician ..... Bill Kent  
 Coffee Hour Host ..... Children & Youth Director  
 (signup sheet posted on the bulletin board outside Williams Hall)

**OUR VESTRY – OUR ELECTED LEADERS**

**Class of 2027**

Eric Heglin, *Clerk*  
 Fred Schuster, *Co-Warden*

**Class of 2029**

Nykkooa Lurie  
 Mike Spencer

**Class of 2028**

John Adams  
 Doug Germain  
 Ann Wright, *Co-Warden*

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