

Holy Baptism and the Holy Eucharist:
Rite Two
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost:
Proper 21

The Season of Creation September 29, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, we welcome you and invite your full participation in today's worship.

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St. Paul's Cathedral acknowledges that we gather on unceded Kumeyaay land. We value the knowledge, culture, and worldview of Indigenous people. We commit to the vital work of educating ourselves, increasing community awareness, and promoting reconciliation with our Indigenous neighbors. As we examine actions and practices that perpetuate harm against Indigenous communities, we pledge to work toward a meaningful and respectful relationship as we follow their example in honoring this sacred land. — *Approved by the Cathedral Chapter, May* 2023

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The people gather and prepare for worship during the following voluntary.

Organ Voluntary

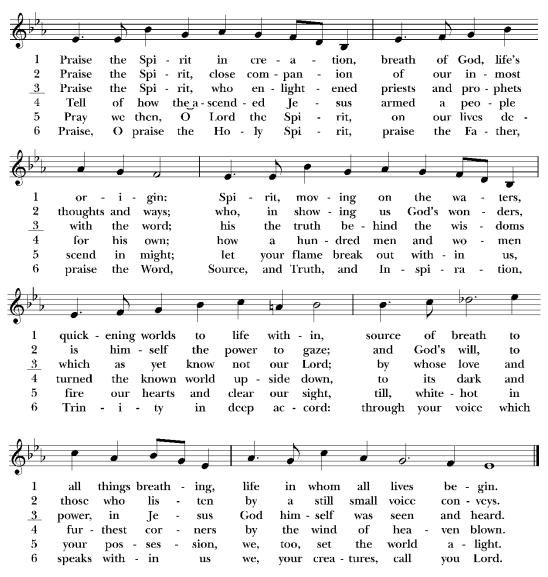
Aria

Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

Welcome and Announcements

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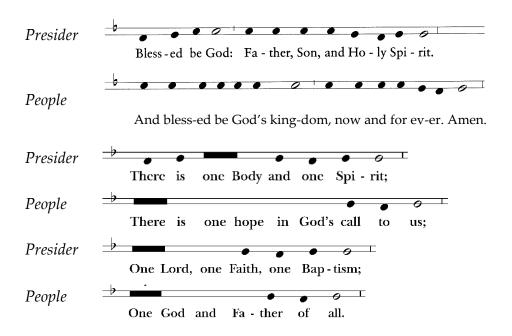
Hymn 506



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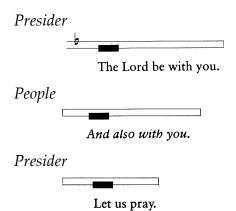
Opening Acclamation

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The Collect of the Day



Presider

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

§ Please be seated.

The Lessons

The First Lesson is read, the Reader first saying A Reading from the Book of Numbers.

Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

After each Lesson the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

Answer Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19:7-14 Caeli enarrant (choir)

7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; * the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; * the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; * the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, * sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, * and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? * cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; * then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *
 O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

In this Season of Creation, we will sometimes select the second lesson from alternative, non-Scriptural texts provided by the Episcopal Church.

chant: T.A. Walmisley

The Second Lesson is read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from This Here Flesh: Spirituality, Liberation, and the Stories that Make Us.

Cole Arthur Riley

Have you ever stood in the presence of a tree and listened to the wind pass through its leaves? The roots and body stand defiant and unmoved. But listen. The branches stretch out their tongues and whisper *shhhhh*.

Trees make symphonies without their trunks ever moving, almost as if the stillness of their centers amplifies their sound. The tree may appear still, but if you look closer, you'll see that each leaf flails with breath. The tree may seem alone, but plow deep and you'll unearth its secret gnarled roots—the grotesque and the beautiful—creeping in the soil, reaching toward the ancestors.

Thomas Merton said, "No writing on the solitary, meditative dimensions of life can say anything that has not already been said better by the wind in the pine trees." I hold this close.

The Reader may say Here ends the Reading.

§ Please stand as able when the Presider stands.

Alleluia Verse (Cantor, then all repeat)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

Give me understanding, / O Lord, * and I shall keep / your law with all my heart.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

The Holy Gospel Mark 9:38-50

The Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to

enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

§ Please be seated at the introduction of the sermon.

The Sermon

The Reverend Robert Bryant

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

§ Please remain seated.

The Presider says The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

James Villasenor Nolan

The candidates who are unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their parents and godparents, as follows

I present *N*. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Presider

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Presider

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Then the Presider asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infant

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that

rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy

The creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

§ Please stand as you are able

The Presider addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

People We will.

The Presider then says

Let us join with this person who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking

of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,

repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as

yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the

dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Presider then says to the people

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions as the Clergy and People process to the Baptismal Font.

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Presider says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Presider then says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.

Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Presider touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

The candidate is presented by name to the priest or deacon, who pours water upon the candidate, saying

N, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism, and saying:

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

After the Baptism, a candle (which may be lighted from the Paschal Candle) may be given to each of the newly baptized or to a godparent, using these or similar words:

N., receive the light of Christ, a sign of the new life enkindled within you.

When this action has been completed, the Presider prays over the newly baptized, saying Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, 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. **Amen.**

Presider Let us welcome the newly baptized, saying together

Presider and People

We receive you into the household of God.
Confess the faith of Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

As the procession returns to the sanctuary, the Presider asperges the People as the Choir sings 'Vidi Aquam'.

I saw water issuing forth from the temple, flowing from the right side, and all those to whom that water was given obtained salvation. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good: his mercy endures for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

§ The People offer each other a sign of the Peace.

§ Please be seated.

The Holy Communion

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The Offertory

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Offertory Anthem

Be thou my vision Stephen Sturk (b. 1950)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; all else be nought to me, save that thou art—thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

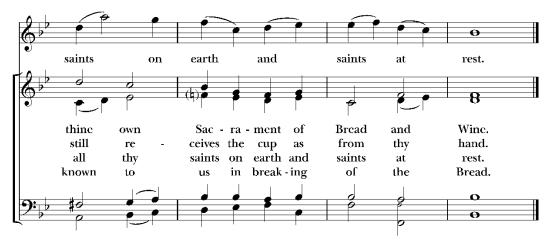
Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father; thine own may I be; thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

High King of heaven, when victory is won, may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Today is the first performance of this newly commissioned anthem and is conducted by the composer.

Hymn 305





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Please remain standing as able for the Great Thanksgiving. The children may come forward to the sanctuary steps for their participation in the Eucharistic Prayer.

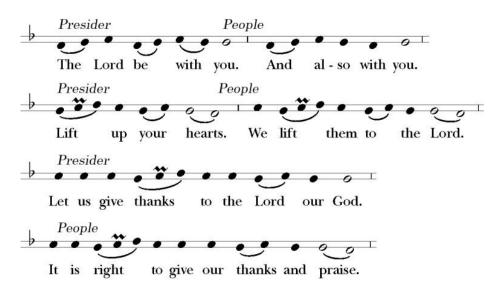
The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer C

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Lift up your hearts

Sursum corda

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The Presider continues

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers and stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

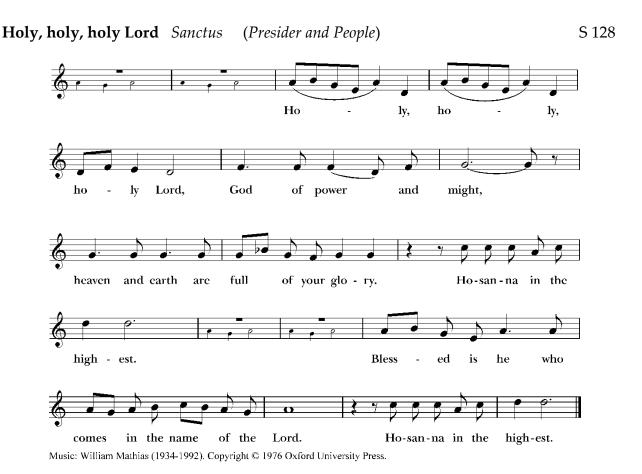
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



The Presider continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Miriam, Deborah, and Ruth; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the worlds about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. ▼ Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

Presider and People:

A-men.

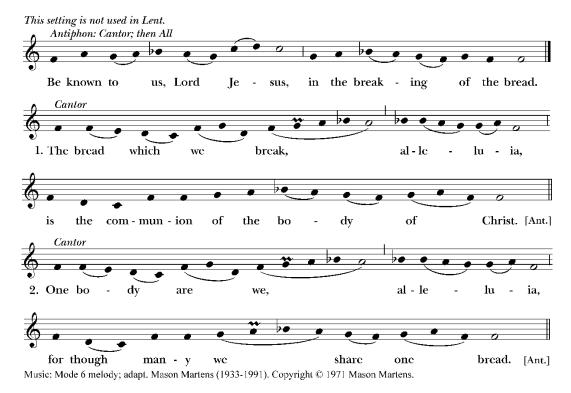
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer (Presider and People)



The Fraction: The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence follows as the Bread is broken.



The Invitation

This is the table, not of the church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed; come, not because the Church invites you; it is Christ, and he invites you to meet him here.

The Iona Community Worship Book

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

After the Invitation has been given, please be seated until you are ushered to the communion stations at the altar. Please take your purse or valuables with you.

At Communion time we will offer the Host with the option to have it partially intincted (dipped) by the Eucharistic Minister into the wine and placed in the communicant's hand. For the time being we will not offer the option of drinking from the Common Cup. You may choose to receive only the dry Host or to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament.

As you come forward, please use one of these three gestures to indicate your preference:

- ❖ To receive the host with wine, extend both your hands, palm up.
- ❖ To receive only the host, extend one hand, palm up.
- ❖ To receive a blessing, cross your hands at your shoulders

If you need to receive a gluten-free wafer, please go to the station at the extreme left.

+ Laying on of hands for healing – for your own needs or for the needs of another person - is available during Communion at the healing station at the south wall near the pulpit.

At the Communion, Agnus Dei (choir) Mass in G

Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant us thy peace.

Anthem O salutaris hostia Eriks Ešenvalds (b. 1977)

> O saving Victim, opening wide O salutaris Hostia, The gate of Heaven to man below; Quae caeli pandis ostium: Bella premunt hostilia, Our foes press hard on every side; Da robur, fer auxilium. Thine aid supply; thy strength bestow. Uni trinoque Domino To thy great name be endless praise, Sit sempiterna gloria, Immortal Godhead, One in Three. Qui vitam sine termino Oh, grant us endless length of days, Nobis donet in patria. In our true native land with thee. Amen.

Amen.

§ After a moment of silence, please stand as you are able for the following prayer

The Postcommunion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

All God our Creator,

you feed your people with the bread from heaven:

let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage

that we may come to that place

where your people hunger and thirst no more and your creation is restored to its full glory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Deacon may send forth the Lay Eucharistic Minister(s) with a prayer.

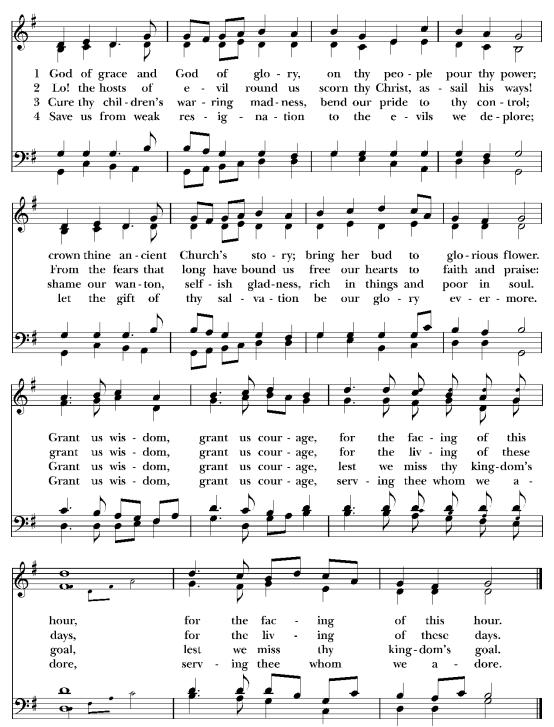
The Presider may bless the people.

Go forth now to care for God's world. Use resources wisely. Share your knowledge. Sacrifice where necessary. Live in harmony with all creation. Go out into all the world as prophets of a new way of living and preach the good news to all.

And the blessing of the ♣ Creator God, the Risen Son, and the Promised Holy Spirit bless you that you might be a blessing to others today and always.

Amen.

Hymn 594



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The Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses them with these words

Let us bless our God and all Creation.

People Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary

Praeludium in g-minor, BuxWV 149 Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

§ The clergy, altar party, and people depart.

If you choose not to remain for the Organ Voluntary, please leave quietly out of respect for those who would like to stay and pray for a while.

Thank you.

Everyone is invited to coffee hour in the Fifth Avenue Queen's Courtyard.

Ministers of the Liturgy

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Deacon: The Rev. Cn. Brooks Mason
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- o North porch doors to Fifth Avenue Courtyard
- o South transept east and west doors to Nutmeg Street
- o Northeast hallway door to Fifth Avenue breezeway
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