

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SANTA CLARITA
THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – PROPER 22

10:00 A.M.
OCTOBER 2, 2022

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

Prayer of Meditation

Before the service begins, we encourage you to use the following for meditation.

God is the sole provider for those who seek to venture into His love. Any effort of ours is only brought to maturity or fruition by God's grace and provision. Br. Sean Glenn, SSJE

Prelude

Amazing Grace

American Folk Tune

Please stand as you are able.

Entrance Hymn #655

“O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee”

Nyland

1. O Je - sus, I have pro - mised to serve thee to the end:
2. O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
3. O Je - sus, thou hast pro - mised to all who fol - low thee,
be thou for ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;
that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;
I shall not fear the bat - tle, if thou art by my side,
O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
and, Je - sus I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
nor wan - der from the path - way, if thou wilt be my guide.
O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.
O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

THE WORD OF GOD

Priest: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

Collect for Purity

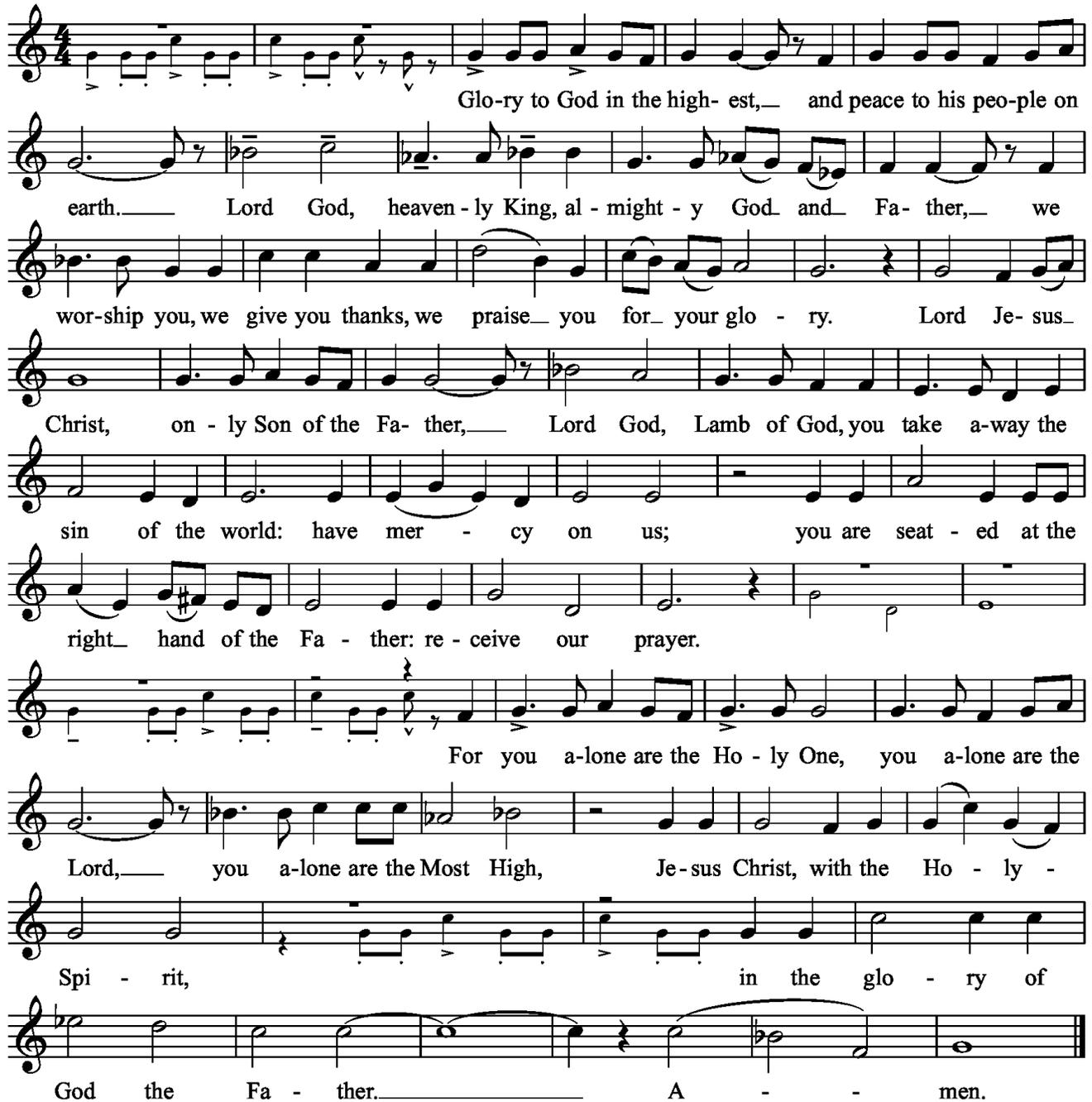
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Children's Greeting

All Sunday School age children are invited to come forward at this time to share in a special greeting with the priest before departing for Sunday School.

Gloria #S 278

Mathias



Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his peo-ple on
earth. 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. Lord Je- sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa- ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the
Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho - ly -
Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSONS

The First Reading Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Reader: Richard Holdredge

A Reading from the Book of Habakkuk.

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous--therefore judgment comes forth perverted. I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 37:1-10

Reader: Tessa Lucero

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.
- 3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 Take delight in the Lord, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the Lord *
and wait patiently for him.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- 10 For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.

The Second Reading 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Reader: Tessa Lucero

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn #635

“If thou but trust in God to guide thee”

Wer nur den lieben Gott

1. If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through all thy ways,
2. Sing, pray, and keep his ways un-serv-ing; so do thine own part faith-ful-ly,
He'll give thee strength what-e'er be-tide thee, and bear thee through the e-vil days.
and trust his Word, though un-de-serv-ing; thou yet shalt find it true for thee;
Who trusts in God's un-chang-ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.
God nev-er yet for-sook in need the soul that trust-ed him in-deed.

The Gospel Reading Luke 17:5-10

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Christopher Montella
Rector

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Please stand as you are able.

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:
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

Reader: Steve Plote

Grace, mercy, and peace from God and Christ Jesus. Let us pray together, saying, “O God you are our portion, therefore will we hope in you.”

Give to your Church, O God, the strength to hold to sound teaching, the grace to treasure the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus, and the help of the Holy Spirit to please you in all things.

Silence

Intercessor: O God, you are our portion

People: Therefore will we hope in you.

Liberate the nations and kingdoms of this world from the ways of violence and war. Have mercy on the victims of war – especially those who are considered collateral damage – and on those who perpetrate violence that they might be converted to the ways of love.

Silence

Intercessor: O God, you are our portion

People: Therefore will we hope in you.

Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, O God. Bless the earth and its creatures. May we be good and worthy stewards.

The congregation may add their own thanksgivings.

Silence

Intercessor: O God, you are our portion

People: Therefore will we hope in you.

Great Governor, your mercies are new every morning: We pray today for all those who are negatively affected by our political processes and partisan divisions. We pray that you would inspire our leaders to act selflessly and with generosity.

Silence

Intercessor: O God, you are our portion

People: Therefore will we hope in you.

Everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: through your Son Jesus, comfort, heal and deliver your people, especially those we name now. We pray for all those on the prayer list especially Malcolm, Elida, Jim and Judy.

The congregation may add their own petitions.

Silence

Intercessor: O God, you are our portion

People: Therefore will we hope in you.

Loving God, in your Christ you abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel: bless the dying and dead, especially Paula Lind and Marilyn Primero, and give to us all eternal life.

Silence

Intercessor: O God, you are our portion

People: Therefore will we hope in you.

Priest:

O Gracious God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, the one, holy and undivided Trinity; God, Son & Spirit now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession

Let us confess our sins to God.

**God of all 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.**

Absolution

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

The Peace

Priest: The peace of Christ be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Members of the congregation who are present are encouraged to remain at their seats to pass the peace.

Members of the congregation who are joining us via livestream are encouraged to post "Peace be with you" in the comments or to use the "like" or "love" reaction button to take part in the virtual exchange of God's peace with the rest of the congregation at this time.

Please be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

We are pleased to celebrate the following birthdays: Marv Aardahl on September 28th, Katarina Nelson on October 3rd and Peggy Stable on October 5th.

Offertory Prayer

The People remain seated and say together:

Loving God, you alone are the source of every good gift. Everything we have, and all that we are, comes from you. Now, help us to be grateful, accountable, and, with praise and thanksgiving, to give of ourselves generously, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Offertory

My Faith Looks Up to Thee
St. Stephen's Parish Choir

Jeff Wächter

Please stand as you are able.

Presentation

Old 100th

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures,
here below. Praise God, you hosts in heav'n above;
Praise God the Trinity of Love. Amen.

Chords: G, D, Em, Bm, G, D, G, D, Em, C, G, D, Em, D, G, Am, G/B, C, F#dim/A, Em, D/F#, G, C#dim/ED, C, G/D, D7, G, G7, C, G

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Priest: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

Sanctus Hymn #S 28

Mathias

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Standing or kneeling as you are able.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Priest and people say together:

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Stephen and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Please remain standing during the Fraction Anthem.

Fraction Hymn #S 154

Hurd

Cantor will sing the refrain first, followed by the congregation.



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.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to receive communion. The table we set belongs to God.

Wherever you find yourself on your spiritual journey you are welcome to receive the Bread made holy.

The church teaches that temporal isolation cannot constrain the sacrament's ineffable power. Calling us to "massive, corporate, spiritual communion,"

The Invitation to Holy Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Priest and People say together:

Grant, O Christ, that as the hem of your garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch your body, so the soul of your servant may be healed by like faith in you, whom I cannot now sacramentally receive; through your tender mercy, who lives and reigns with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit ever one God. Amen.

Please be seated.

Please follow usher instructions for taking communion.

Communion LEVAS #189

Great is Thy Faithfulness

William M. Runyan

Verses:



1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;
Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Chorus:



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed, Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

1. We praise thee, O God, For the son of thy
 2. We praise thee, O God, For thy spir - it of
 3. All glo - ry and praise To the lamb that was
 4. Re - vive us a - gain, Fill each heart with thy
 love, For Je - sus who died And is now gone a - bove.
 light, Who has shown us our Sav - ior, And scat - tered our night.
 slain, Who has borne all our sins And has cleansed ev' - 'ry stain.
 love, May each soul be re - kin - dled With fire from a - bove.
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry, Hal - le - lu - jah! A -
 men, Hal - le - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry, Re - vive us a - gain.

Please stand as you are able.

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

**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 your Son,
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
 And now, Father, send us out
 to do the work you have given us to do,
 to love and serve you
 as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
 To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Blessing

May God give you grace never to sell yourself short;
 Grace to risk something big for something good;
 Grace to remember that the world is too dangerous
 for anything but truth, and too small for anything but Love.
 And the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit
 be with all of you now, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

1. O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,
 2. From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3. Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that we may find re - lease
 4. Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,
 re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,
 where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and na - tion and blind - ness to your way,
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign
 in love and mer - cy guide — us and heal our strife - torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray!
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

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From *The Hymnal 1982*: #607 "O God of every nation", Words: William Watkins Reid, Jr. (b. 1923), alt. Music: *Llangloffan*, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eghwys yng Nghymru*, 1865; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906. Words: Copyright © 1958 by The Hymn Society of America. All rights reserved. Used by permission. #635 "If thou but trust in God to guide thee" Words: Georg Neumark (1621-1681); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Wer nur den lieben Gott*, Georg Neumark (1621-1681). #S 278 Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*, Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934). #655 "O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee", Words: John Ernest Bode (1816-1874), alt. Music: *Nyland*, Finnish folk melody; adapt. David Evans (1874-1948). #S 128 *Sanctus*, Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934).

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