

**ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SANTA CLARITA**  
**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**10:00 A.M.**  
**MAY 15, 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.*

The wise act not out of fear, but in anticipation and trust of the good. Be courageous. Step out to take risks. Live your ordinary life to be a blessing with what you've been given: time, talent, treasure – all gift, all grace. Risk trust as you participate in life. -Br. Luke Ditewig, SSJE

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**Prelude**

*Poco allegretto from L'Organiste*

César Franck

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Entrance Hymn #296**

“We know that Christ is raised”

*Engelberg*

1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
 2. We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
 3. The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
 4. A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows

Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold;  
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life  
 The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God.  
 as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood.

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and our des - pair he turned to blaz - ing joy. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:

**Final Ending**

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

# THE WORD OF GOD

Priest: Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## 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.**

## Gloria S 236

John Rutter

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord God of our fa - thers; you are  
wor - thy of praise; glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you for the ra - di - ance  
of your ho - ly Name; we will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your tem - ple; on the throne of your  
ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed be - tween the  
Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the depths; in the high vault of hea - ven,  
glo - ry to you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit;  
we will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

## The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE LESSONS

### The First Reading Acts 11:1-18

Reader: Richard Holdredge

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 148

Reader: Sheri Flay

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Praise the Lord from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
praise him, all his host.

- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord; \*  
for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord, \*  
for his Name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
Hallelujah!

## **The Second Reading Revelation 21:1-6**

Reader: Sheri Flay

A Reading from the Revelation to John.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words

are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### Gradual Hymn #529

"In Christ there is no East or West"

*McKee*



1. In\_\_ Christ there is no\_\_ East or West, in him no South\_\_ or\_\_ North,  
2. Join\_\_ hands, dis - ci - ples\_\_ of the faith, what - e'er your race\_\_ may\_\_ be!  
3. In\_\_ Christ now meet both\_\_ East and West, in him meet South\_\_ and\_\_ North,



but\_\_ one great fel - low - ship of love through - out\_\_ the whole\_\_ wide earth.  
Who\_\_ serves my Fa - ther as his child is\_\_ sure - ly kin\_\_ to me.  
all\_\_ Christ - ly souls are one in him, through - out\_\_ the whole\_\_ wide earth.

### The Gospel Reading John 13:31-35

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

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

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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: Julie Hagerty

Let us praise the name of God! The promises of God are trustworthy and true, so let us pray, "Loving God, make all things new."

Heavenly Father, your Son Jesus commands us to love one another as he loves us. Help us to do as he commands. Give your Church the will to seek and serve Christ in all persons.

*Silence*

Intercessor: Loving God,

**People: Make all things new.**

Gracious Creator, you blessed the world in your incarnation. Come and make your home with us. Establish your reign of peace on earth as in heaven.

*Silence*

Intercessor: Loving God,

**People: Make all things new.**

Glorious God, you created the heavens and earth and all that is therein. At your command all things came into being. Give us ears to hear the praise coming forth from the worlds. May our voices join the song of creation.

*The congregation may add their own thanksgivings.*

*Silence*

Intercessor: Loving God,

**People: Make all things new.**

Grant, O God, that our city might become more like your heavenly city. Banish from our borders the pain of violence and addiction, abuse and hatred.

*Silence*

Intercessor: Loving God,

**People: Make all things new.**

Mighty God, wipe every tear from the eyes of your children. Come with healing. Come with strength. Come to your people. We pray for all those on the prayer list especially, Caleb, Richard, Scott, Christine, Kim, and Maria.

*The congregation may add their own petitions.*

*Silence*

Intercessor: Loving God,

**People: Make all things new.**

Alpha and Omega, we long for the day when you will make all things new. We long for the day when death will be no more, when mourning and crying and pain will be no more. We trust in the power of your love

*Silence*

Intercessor: Loving God,

**People: Make all things new.**

*Priest:*

O Lord our 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, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **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: Conor Deuschle-Webb and Caleb Yahnker on May 17<sup>th</sup>, and Maria Lopez on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

## 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

*Here I Am to Worship*  
St. Stephen's Ringers

Tim Hughes arr. Victor Labenske

*Please stand as you are able.*

### Presentation

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

Musical notation for the Presentation section, featuring three staves of music in G major. The lyrics are: Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures, here be - low. Praise God, you hosts in heav'n a - bove; Praise God the Trin - i - ty of Love. A - men.

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.

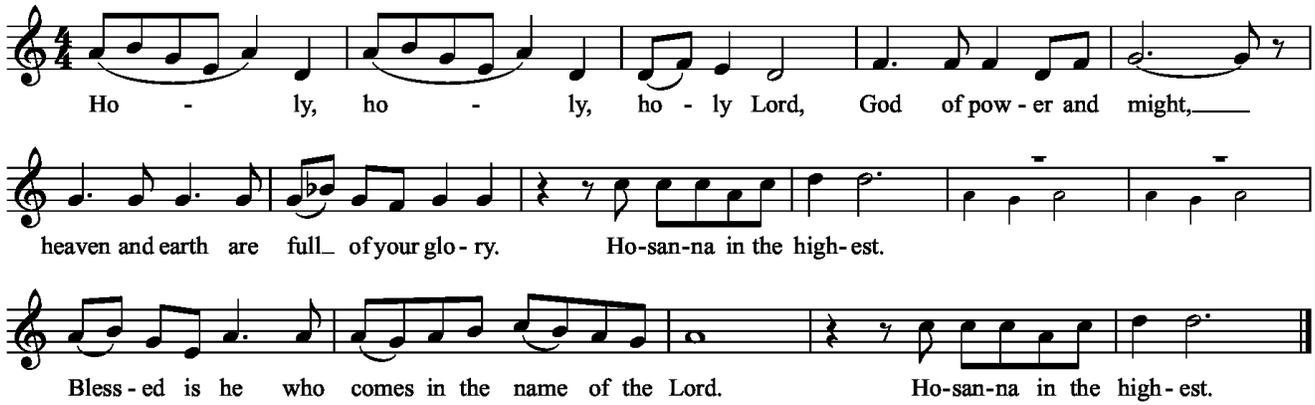
People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

# Sanctus # S 128

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.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

*Priest and People*

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Stephen, and all your people, into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

*Priest and People*

**Blessed are you now and for 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:*

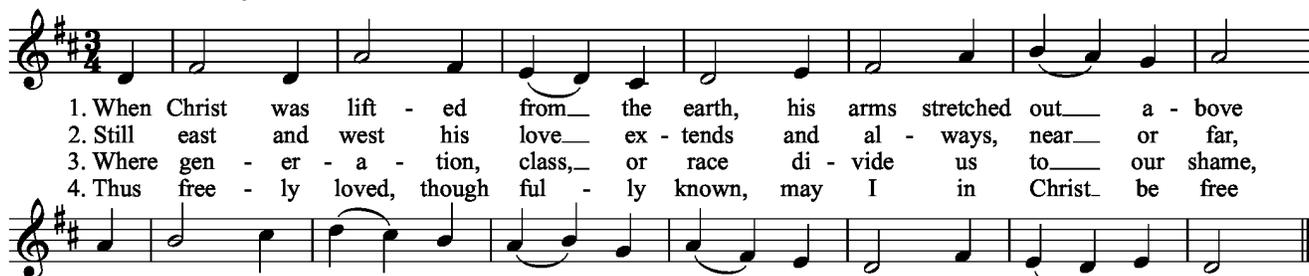
My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

*Please follow usher instructions for taking communion.*

### Communion Hymn #603 “When Christ was lifted from the earth”

*St. Botolph*



1. When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his arms stretched out a - bove  
2. Still east and west his love ex - tends and al - ways, near or far,  
3. Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di - vide us to our shame,  
4. Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may I in Christ be free



through ev - ery cul - ture, ev - ery birth, to draw an an - swering love.  
he calls and claims us as his friends and loves us as we are.  
he sees not la - bels but a face, a per - son, and a name.  
to wel - come and ac - cept his own as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

### Hymn #376

“Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”

*Hymn to Joy*



1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2. All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther, all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

**Anthem**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*  
St. Stephen's Ringers

NICEA

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

**Eternal God,**  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Blessing

May God, who gives patience and encouragement,  
give you a spirit of unity to live in harmony.

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,  
fill you with his new life; so that with one voice you may glorify God.

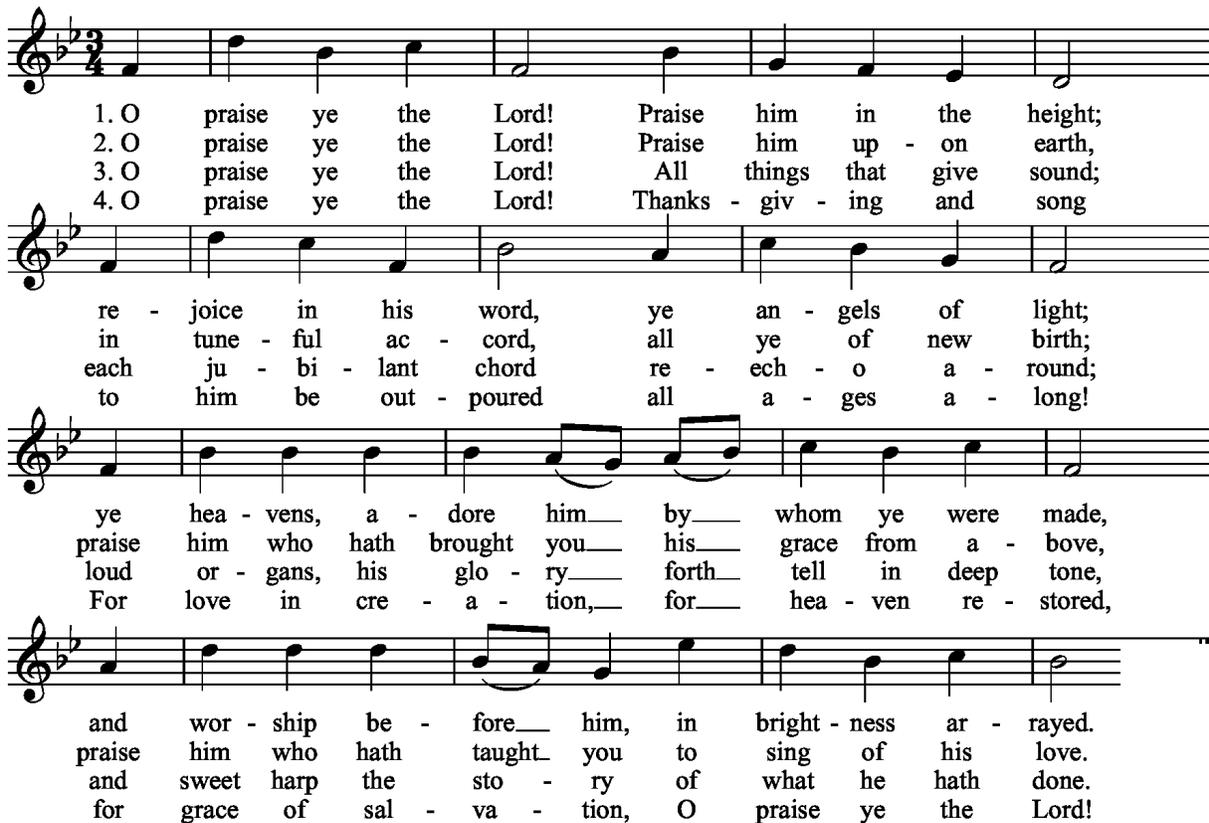
May the Spirit give to you and to all you love  
comfort and peace, light and joy, safety and wisdom.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the one,  
holy and undivided Trinity be among you  
and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn #432

“O praise ye the Lord!”

*Laudate Dominum*



1. O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;  
2. O praise ye the Lord! Praise him up - on earth,  
3. O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;  
4. O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song

re - joice in his word, ye an - gels of light;  
in tune - ful ac - cord, all ye of new birth;  
each ju - bi - lant chord re - ech - o a - round;  
to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!

ye hea - vens, a - dore him by whom ye were made,  
praise him who hath brought you his grace from a - bove,  
loud or - gans, his glo - ry forth tell in deep tone,  
For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,

and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.  
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.  
and sweet harp the sto - ry of what he hath done.  
for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

## Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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From *The Hymnal 1982*: #432 "O Praise ye the Lord!", Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.; based on Psalms 148 and 150. Music: *Laudate Dominum*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918). #S 128 Holy, holy, holy Lord *Sanctus*, Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934). #576 "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee" Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933). Music: Hymn to Joy, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt. #605 "When Christ was lifted from the earth" Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936). Music: *St. Botolph*, Gordon Slater (1896-1979). Words: Copyright © 1980 by Hope Publishing Company. All Rights Reserved. Used by Permission. #529 "In Christ there is no East or West", Words: John Oxenham (1852-1941), alt. Music: *M'Ker*, Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and harm. Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949). #5236 Setting: John Rutter (b. 1945). #522 "Glorious things of thee are spoken", Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt. Music: *Austria*, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809); desc. Michael E. Young (b. 1939). #296 "We know that Christ is raised and dies no more", Words: John Brownlow Geyer (b. 1932), alt. Music: *Engelberg*, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924).  
*Deology* – Music: Old 100<sup>th</sup>, melody from *Psalmus octavo tris de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. After Louis Bougeois (1510?-1561?).  
Post Communion Prayer: churchofengland.org