

The Episcopal Church *of the* Transfiguration  
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, 2025  
8:00 & 10:00 AM



The Mission of Church of the Transfiguration  
is to be a Christian community;  
accepting and inviting all persons to share in worship,  
witness and service; as disciples of Jesus Christ in the world.

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO

## THE WORD OF GOD

10:00 am THE GATHERING HYMN *O sons and daughters let us sing* Hymnal, #206

*Please rise in body or in spirit. The Celebrant says*

BCP, pg. 355

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People** ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia***

*The Celebrant then says the Collect for Purity*

BCP, pg. 355

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.

**People** ***Amen.***

8:00 am THE GLORIA

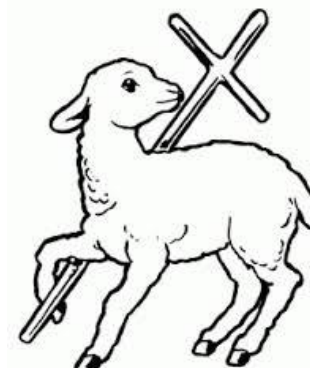
BCP, pg. 356

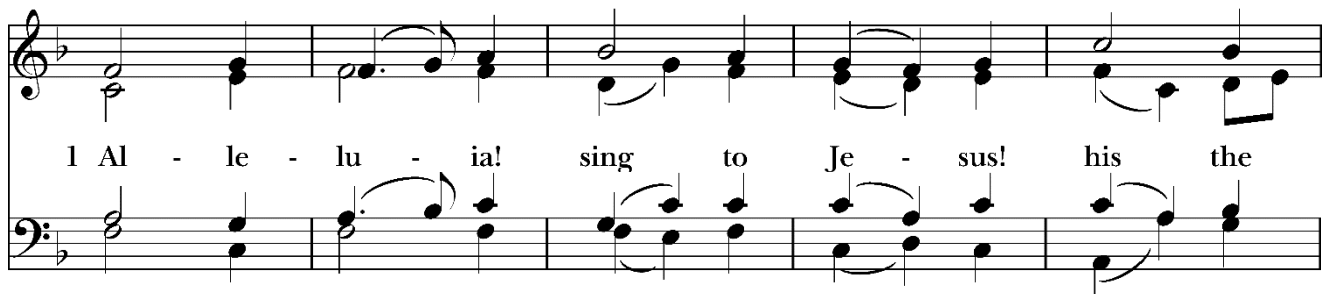
***Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.***

***Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.***

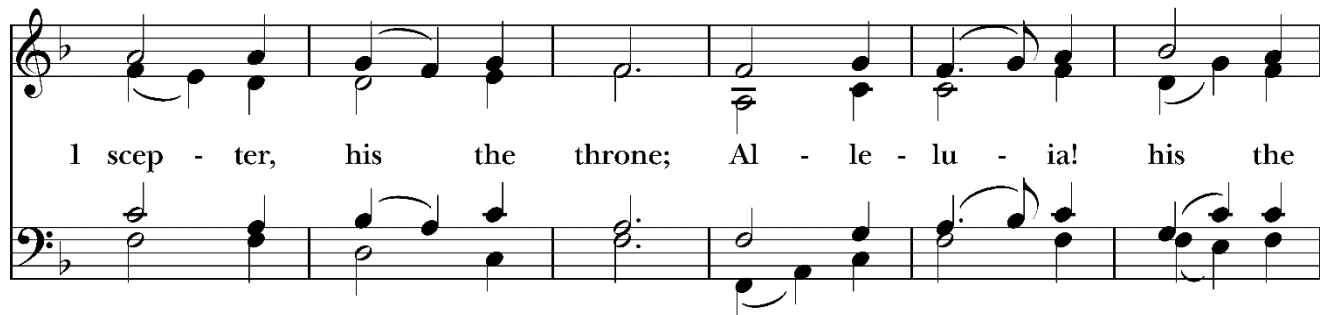
***Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.***

***For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

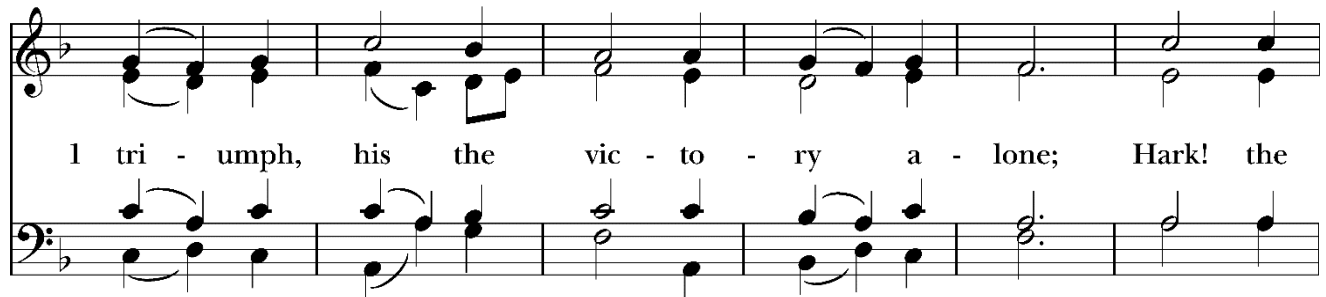




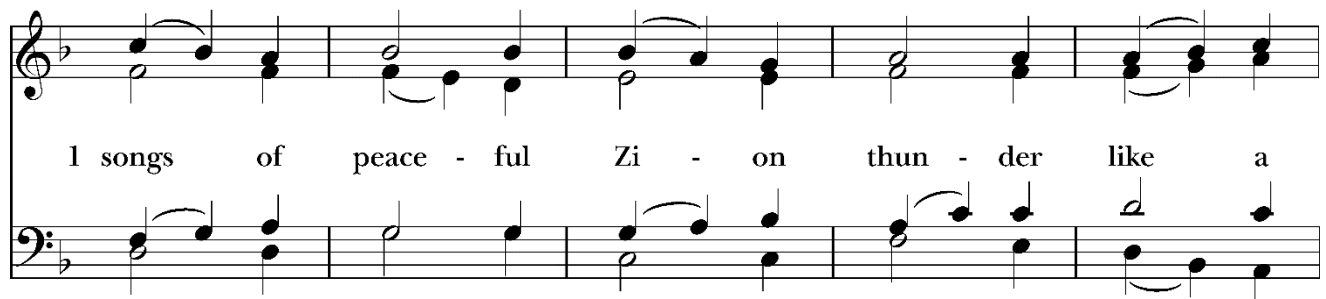
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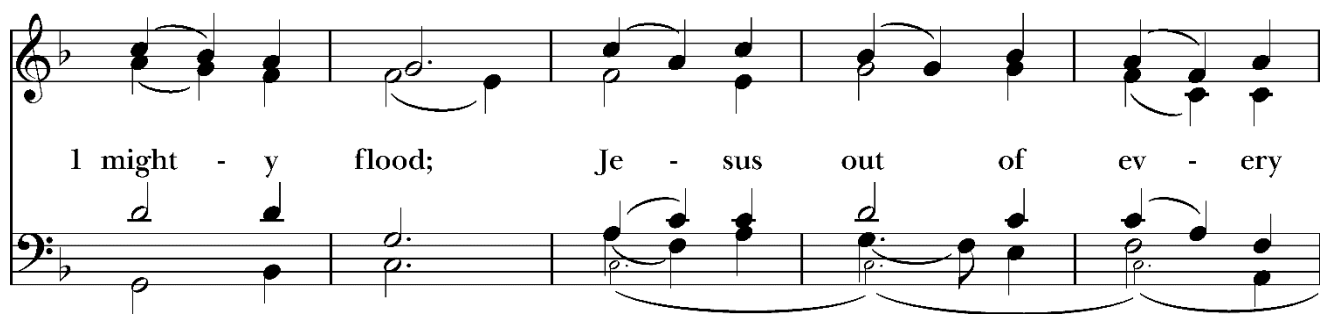
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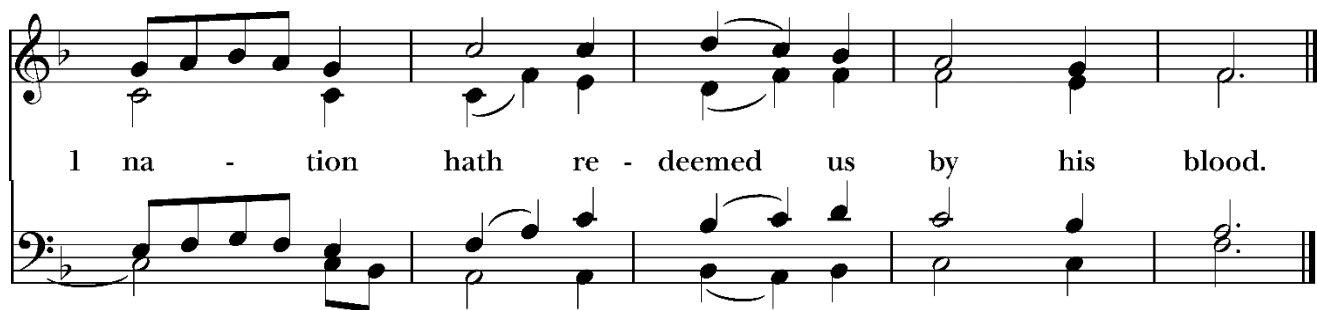
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Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, pg. 224

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people may be seated.*

## THE READINGS

### A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

5:27-32

When the captain and the temple police had brought the apostles out of the temple, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 150

*Laudate Dominum*

BCP, pg. 807-8

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Praise God in his holy temple; \*  
praise him in the firmament of his power.
- 2 Praise him for his mighty acts; \*  
praise him for his excellent greatness.
- 3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; \*  
praise him with lyre and harp.
- 4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; \*  
praise him with strings and pipe.
- 5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; \*  
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.
- 6 Let everything that has breath \*  
praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

**A READING FROM THE REVELATION TO JOHN**

1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 20:19-31

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came

and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*After the Gospel the Celebrant says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **THE SERMON**

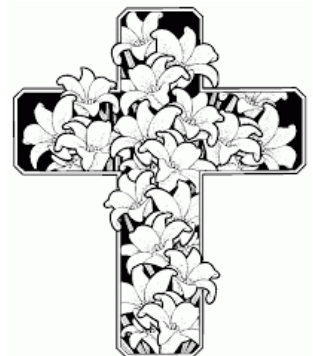
The Rev. Lu-Anne Conner

## **THE NICENE CREED**

*Enriching Our Worship, pg. 53-4*

***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 and the Son,  
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.***

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C**

Risen Lord, you have given us the new covenant of reconciliation; may our prayers this day reflect our gratitude for the fellowship you have given us, as we respond to each petition by saying, "Hear us, O risen Christ."

In thanksgiving for those who visited churches across the world this Easter Eve and Easter Day, that the glorious message of forgiveness and restoration may instill within their hearts a desire to learn more about the life and message of the Savior; let us pray to the Lord.

***Hear us, O risen Christ.***



For all who are wounded, that the scars of a life well lived may be seen in the light of the resurrection and become avenues by which we travel to new life; let us pray to the Lord.

***Hear us, O risen Christ.***

For the community of the baptized and all who enriched our keeping of Holy Week and Easter, especially our clergy, staff, and lay volunteers; let us pray to the Lord.

***Hear us, O risen Christ.***

For those who still lie bound in tombs of fear and hopelessness, that the peace of Christ which knows no barriers may break through their anxiety with rays of hope; let us pray to the Lord.

***Hear us, O risen Christ.***

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Deon, our Bishop; and all who exercise leadership in our Church and civil society, that they may exercise justice tempered by mercy and speak out courageously against whatever hinders the human spirit; let us pray to the Lord.

***Hear us, O risen Christ.***

For all who have died in the faith of Christ, that their souls may enter the gates of paradise; let us pray to the Lord.

***Hear us, O risen Christ.***

In thanksgiving for the turn of seasons, and the beauty that is revealed in the gifts of creation, let us continue our prayers.

In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for the youth who are in detention and the chaplains who minister to them. May the chaplains of the Episcopal City Mission and the monthly birthday parties be means for these youth to experience your love and compassion.

In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Poplar Bluff and Paul, their Priest.

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Radio Leo 1170 AM.

We pray for those on our prayer list: ***Karen, Joey, John, Maureen, Alice, Kyle, Kathy, Ray, Kensie, Janet, Karen, Fred, Becky, Lorna, Steve, Emily, Peggy, Charlene, Laura, Barb, Bill, Papa, Lisa, Molly, Carolyn, Kaitlyn, Ashley, Virginia, Mindy, Sherry, Kathleen, Regina, Sarah, Lisa, Brad, Patrick***



**Elizabeth, Keith, Roma, William, Steve, Mary, Dani, Jerry, Mari, Ron, Sandra, Toni, Lisa, and Megan & John, Ryan, Hazel, and Tammy.**

We give thanks for birthdays: Mary Young and Sarah Ruth.

*Adapted from Intercessions Year C: Keyed to the Themes of the Revised Common Lectionary © 2012 by Geralyn Wolf.*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION**

BCP, pg. 360

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant and people*

**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 your son 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**

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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 the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## **BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS**



## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY

*The Celebrant says an offertory sentence.*

*An offering plate will not be passed at this service. You are invited to leave your gift in the offering plate in the Narthex on the Welcome Table as you depart today's service. We are grateful for your generous and ongoing support of the ministries of Transfiguration Church.*

10:00 am THE OFFERTORY HYMN    We walk by faith, and not by sight    Hymnal, #209

8:00 am

*Celebrant*    All things come of thee, O Lord

*People*        **And of thine own have we given thee.**

10:00 am THE DOXOLOGY    Praise God, from whom all blessings flow    (Old Hundredth)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C

BCP, pg. 369

*Please rise in body or in spirit. The Celebrant says*

*Celebrant*    The Lord be with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*    Lift up your hearts.

*People*        **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant*    Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*        **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you forever 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 gave us hearts and minds to love and serve you. You made us the 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:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

*The Celebrant 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 all 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 and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world 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. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray, BCP, pg. 364

*Celebrant and People*

***Our Father, who art in heaven,***

***hallowed be thy Name,***

***thy kingdom come,***

***thy will be done,***

***on earth as it is in heaven.***

***Give us this day our daily bread.***

***And forgive us our trespasses,***

***as we forgive those***

***who trespass against us.***

***And lead us not into temptation,***

***but deliver us from evil.***

***For thine is the kingdom,***

***and the power, and the glory,***

***for ever and ever. Amen.***

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

BCP, pg. 364

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Then the following is said*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* ***Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The Celebrant may add:* 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 the bread and wine of the Eucharist, or a blessing if preferred. Please note that you may drink directly from the chalice – we do not allow self-intinction. If you do not wish to drink from the chalice you may simply return to your seat after receiving the bread. Please wait for the Usher to release the section where you are seated.*

**10:00 a.m. PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION** *(while those present are coming forward to receive the bread, a leader addresses those who are watching the livestream feed)*

**Leader:** The Resurrected Christ has gathered us to feast at the Table of Remembrance, yet circumstances make it difficult for some to gather physically around Christ's altar and receive Christ's eucharistic body. Wherever you are, you are offered God's grace by spiritually receiving Christ in your heart.

Please pray with me *(prayed by those who are watching the livestream feed)*

In union, O Lord,  
with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated,  
I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving.  
I present to you my soul and body  
with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you.  
And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart.  
I unite myself with you and embrace you with all the love of my soul.  
Let nothing ever separate you from me.  
May I live in you, and may you live in me,  
both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

BCP, pg. 365

*Please rise in body or in spirit. The Celebrant says*  
Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



*The Celebrant offers the Easter Blessing*

## THE EASTER BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

10:00 am THE SENDING HYMN      *Come, ye faithful, raise the strain*      Hymnal, #199

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

*People*      ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.***



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