



AN ORDER FOR
THE CELEBRATION OF

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 2026



WITHIN THE EPISCOPAL
DIocese of MISSOURI



WELCOME! BIENVENIDOS! KARIBU!

Scattered in the world we gather together as God's people in worship. We bring the fragments of our lives to be healed and made whole in Christ as we gather in community.

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as God's people. One of the glories of the Episcopal/Anglican Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words and actions through which public worship is conducted.

As we gather, we bring our diverse gifts: gifts of music, dance, prophecy, teaching, preaching, and friendship. We present these gifts in the form of our most precious offering to God, our very selves, that all that we do may be for God's glory in the unity of Christ's church.

ABOUT THE SEASON OF LENT



Early Christians observed "a season of penitence and fasting" in preparation for the Paschal feast, or Pascha (Easter). The season now known as Lent, from an Old English word meaning "spring," the time of lengthening days, has a long history. Lent was especially important for converts to the faith who were preparing for baptism, and for those guilty of notorious sins who were being restored to the Christian assembly.

In the western church, the forty days of Lent extend from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, omitting Sundays. The last three days of Lent are the sacred Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Today, Lent has reacquired its significance as the final preparation of adult candidates for baptism. Joining with them, all Christians are invited "to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word."

ABOUT THE HOLY EUCHARIST



"When God finds us, there is always a celebration. In the Eucharist, we gather to celebrate God finding us in Jesus Christ. If you're feeling lost, when you come to receive Jesus in bread and wine, ask to be found. If you know what it is to have been found by God, when you come to receive Jesus in bread and wine, give thanks – thanks to the one who came looking for you, and found you."

-Br. Geoffrey Tristram
Society of Saint John the Evangelist

In the Episcopal Church the Holy Eucharist is the sacrament of Christ's body and blood, and the principal act of Christian worship. The term is from the Greek, "thanksgiving." Jesus instituted the Eucharist "on the night when he was betrayed." At the Last Supper he shared the Bread and cup of Wine at a sacred meal with his disciples. He identified the Bread with his body and the Wine with his blood of the new covenant. Jesus commanded his disciples to "do this" in remembrance of Jesus.

For Episcopalians, the Holy Eucharist becomes the very Real Presence of Christ, his Body and Blood, the ordinary made also extraordinary, sacred by Jesus' own words and by the Holy Spirit.

In the Episcopal Church, we seek to adapt ancient liturgy for today. If you grew up in a less formal church, worship may feel pretty traditional. If you grew up in a formal church, our worship may deconstruct that formality, and ask you to pray using more modern words, or sing new songs. We seek to balance tradition and culture in our worship. When we hold the tension well between the ancient and the modern, the Holy Eucharist comes alive.

The Rt. Rev. Deon K. Johnson

We begin by praising God through song, silence, and prayer.

THE PENITENTIAL RITE

We are invited to share the breath of the Spirit as we prepare ourselves for worship.

Presider Blessed be the God of our salvation.

People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sin.**

Presider Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." -

Mark 12:29-31

THE CONFESSION

As we enter in to worship we ask God's forgiveness for things done and things left undone and things done on our behalf so that we may be reconciled to each other and to God.

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

Silence is kept for a time.

Presider Most holy and merciful God: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

People **We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.**

Presider Our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

People **We confess to you, O God.**

Presider Our self-indulgence, and our exploitation of other people, our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

People **We confess to you, O God.**

Presider For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

People **Accept our repentance, O God.**

Presider For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

People **Accept our repentance, O God.**

Presider Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

People **Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON & FORGIVENESS

The Presider prays the declaration of forgiveness, and the people respond Amen.

Presider May the Eternal God forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

SONG OF PENANCE: KYRIE *(spoken)*

Presider Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin: Lord, have mercy.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Presider Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me: Christ, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Presider Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy spirit from me: Lord, have mercy.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The collect is written to go along with both the season of the church year and the readings for the day. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scripture for the day.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

BCP, pg. 219

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

THE FIRST READING

A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL

16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the LORD.” But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 23

Dominus regit me

BCP, pg. 612-3

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

THE SECOND READING

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS

5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose

them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light.

Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL

Please rise in body or in spirit.

We remain seated for the sermon. Having someone comment on the scriptures read goes back to the earliest days of Christianity and to the Jewish Synagogue worship which preceded it

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 9:1-41

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your

son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Lu-Anne Conner

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE NICENE CREED

The Presider leads the assembly in an affirmation of faith. Originally the entire service was viewed as our confession of faith. But, since the Sixth Century, the Church has recited either the Nicene Creed or the Apostle’s Creed at the Eucharist. The word creed comes from the Latin credo for “I believe” or “I lend my heart to.” Creeds tell a deeper “truth” that goes beyond “facts.”

Presider

Please rise in body or in spirit as we affirm our faith in the One, Holy and Living God, by saying together the Nicene Creed.

***We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.***

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In our prayers, we collectively and individually offer the hopes and desires of our hearts to God.

Leader

We pray to the Eternal One for courage to give up other things and to give ourselves in service to Christ.

Silence is kept for a time.

Leader Give your Church the courage to give up her preoccupation with herself and to give more time to your mission in the world. We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Deon, our Bishop; Lu-Anne, our Priest; and all members of the clergy. May the wounds of Jesus bring forgiveness to your people and help us to face the cost of proclaiming salvation. Lord, meet us in the silence;

People ***Give us strength and hear our prayer.***

Leader Give your world the courage to give up war, bitterness and hatred, and to seek peace. We pray for those in authority in all nations of the world. May the shoulders of the risen Jesus, once scourged by soldiers, bear the burden of political and military conflict in our world. Lord, meet us in the silence,

People ***Give us strength and hear our prayer.***

Leader Give us the courage to give up quarrels, strife and jealousy in our families, neighborhoods and communities. May the presence of the risen Jesus, his body once broken and now made whole, bring peace and direction as we live with one another. Lord, meet us in the silence,

People ***Give us strength and hear our prayer.***

Leader Give us the courage to give up our selfishness as we live for others, and to give time, care and comfort to the sick. May the wounded hands of Jesus bring his healing touch, and the light of his presence fill their rooms. Lord, meet us in the silence,

People ***Give us strength and hear our prayer.***

Leader Give us the courage to give up our fear of death and to rejoice with those who have died in faith. May the feet of the risen Lord Jesus, once nailed to the cross, walk alongside the dying and bereaved in their agony, and walk with us and all your Church through death to the gate of glory. Lord, meet us in the silence,

People ***Give us strength and hear our prayer, both now and for eternity. Amen.***

Leader In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for those who host and serve our guests at Third Tuesday this week and for all who come to be fed with lunch and fellowship. May all who participate in Third Tuesday be blessed to be a blessing to each other and take your love out into the world with them.

In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the people and ministry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Sikeston.

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Mission of the Transfiguration in Maricao.

We pray for those on our prayer list: **Karen, Joey, John, Maureen, Kathy, Kensie, Karen, Peggy, Laura, Barb, Bill, Papa, Lisa, Virginia, Kathleen, Lisa, Brad, Patrick Elizabeth, William, Steve, Jerry, Toni, Megan & John, Dillon, Regina, Penny, Janet, Christina, Kathy, Roger, John, Sandra, Margene, Stephen, Mary, David, Sherry, Sue, Mary, Tracy, Ray, Desirée, Malcolm, Pam, Rachel, and Dot.**

Are there others?

after a moment of silence, the Presider leads the concluding prayer:

Gracious God, because of your great love for the world you gave us your Son; grant us the strength and wisdom to believe in him that we would not perish but have eternal life. **Amen.**

THE EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE

As we enter the most sacred portion of our worship, we exchange a sign of God's promised peace. There are no set words to use in greeting each other, but "Peace be with you," "God's peace," and "Shalom" are all commonly used.

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace.

*We are a community of reconciliation and peace;
therefore, we greet each other with a sign of our desire for peace.*

BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AT CHRIST'S TABLE

*Having been nourished from the richness of God's love in sacred story
and reconciled to each other through prayer and peace,
we gather at Christ's table to offer ourselves to be transformed for service in the world.*

THE OFFERTORY

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

My Shepherd will supply my need

Hymnal, #664

Once the Holy Table or Altar is prepared, the Presider and people give thanks to God for the many gifts we have been given.

Presider All things come of thee, O Lord
People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Eucharistic Prayer, or Great Thanksgiving, is the prayer of the Church to invite Christ to be present in the elements of bread and wine. Now we come to the second act in the drama with the Liturgy of the Table. It is based on Jewish Fellowship meals, particularly the Passover observance. But this second half of the service is not communion in and of itself. It is the whole service, both acts of the drama, that make up the Eucharist.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER FOR LENT

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds.

Presider Blessed are you, God of everlasting covenant, for your promises are steadfast and your provision is sure. Through the forty years of your people's desert wanderings you were constant in fire and cloud; with manna and mercy you sustained every step. You made Jesus' temptation of forty days a theater of truth where your Word stood strong.

In every age you have shaped your people through times of wilderness and wandering, of temptation and trial, and brought them into the land of promise and the life of covenant.

And so we give you humble thanks for your forgiveness and our new life, with angels and archangels and the company of heaven, singing your unending praise.

Presider and People

**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.

Presider Enduring God, as you sustained Jesus in hunger and thirst, through this meal strengthen us to keep our Lenten fast. Send your Holy Spirit upon us as we remember Jesus' saving passion; transform our insatiable desires into hunger for the feast of this table. Send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and wine that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ;

Who at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying “Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Presider Great is the mystery of faith:

People ***Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.***

Presider Forgiving God, in this season of repentance, make your mercy sufficient for every need. Come to your children who are in their own wilderness and make their wanderings holy paths of learning your truth. Strengthen all who face the threshold of temptation or the tumult of trial. Seek those whose hearts are contrite and meet them with grace.

Come alongside your children who suffer under the sin of another and give them the power to live as your beloved sons and daughters. Renew your church from the depths of your heart, where justice and mercy meet. Bring us, with all your saints to the day when all who watch and pray for your kingdom behold your salvation and meet you in your resurrection.

Infuse your church with Spirit and truth, walk with your beloved people as they seek security, companionship and freedom in your world, and fill your saints with the hope of eternal life, that all may come to praise your name, and every grain of sand and star in the sky be stirred with the wonders of your grace.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER (TRADITIONAL)

The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection. In the Lord’s Prayer we ask for daily bread, meaning the things we need to get through each day. But as a part of that, the bread also symbolizes God’s presence.

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray.

***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

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread in view of the assembly.

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Presider Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

People ***Have mercy upon us.***

Presider Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

People ***Have mercy upon us.***

Presider Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

People ***Grant us your peace.***

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We partake in the Eucharist and are spiritually nourished, but it is not for our benefit alone. Communion enables us to return to the world with renewed vigor for proclaiming the Gospel in our words and in our lives. In the Eucharist, Christ's presence both nourishes us and challenges us.

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God. *Then may be added:* Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

SHARING THE SACRED MEAL

This is Christ's table; 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.

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

The Presider invites the congregation to rise in body or in spirit, saying:

Presider God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Together, let us pray.

Eternal God,

you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;

by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope,

and strengthen our love:

teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,

and enable us to live lives grounded in service to you

and to one another;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LENTEN PRAYERS OVER THE PEOPLE

*The Presider prays over the people as a reminder of God's extravagant love
and invites us to go into the world to be God's blessing.*

Presider Let us bow our hearts before the Lord our God.

The Presider offers the prayer over the people.

Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great good they
may be preserved ever-more; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SENDING HYMN

I want to walk as a child of the light

Hymnal, # 490

We end our time of worship by praising God through song and prayer.

DISMISSAL

*As the celebration ends, we are charged to "Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord."
The Eucharist is therefore not an exclusive gathering that separates us from the world,
but a challenge to reach out beyond our own church to the world around us.*

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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