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## *Vision & Mission*

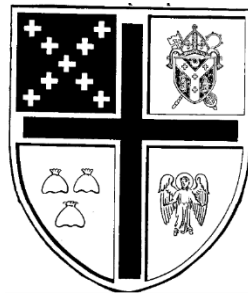
### *Vision*

We are a community that seeks to serve Christ in all people through God's forgiving love.

### *Mission*

We are here:

To offer sanctuary, acceptance and forgiveness  
To strengthen and encourage each other  
To advocate for and empower those in need, and  
To worship, pray and grow in Christ.



**First Sunday in Lent**  
**The Holy Eucharist Rite Two**  
**Sunday, February 26, 2023**

**PRELUDE**

**The Word of God**

**Entrance Rite**

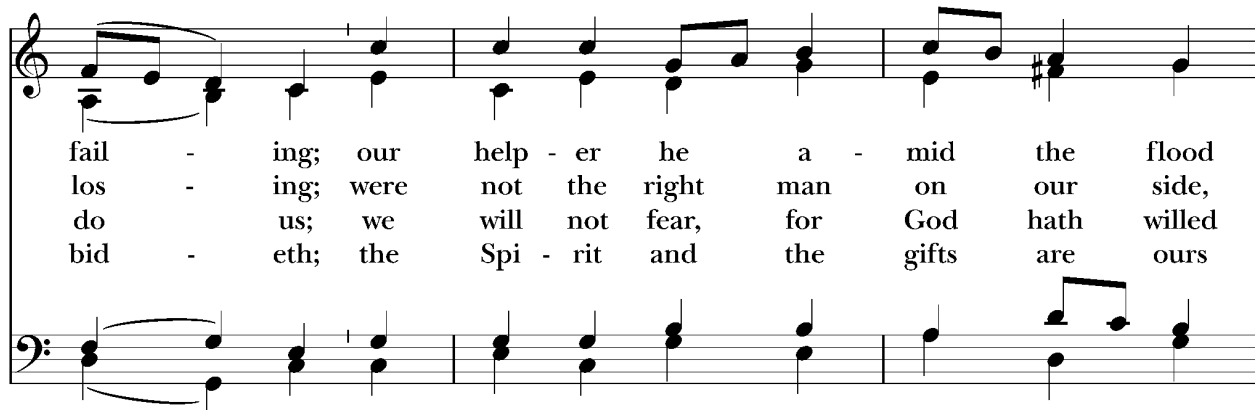
**ENTRANCE HYMN**

*A mighty fortress is our God*

**H 688**



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er  
2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -



fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood  
los - ing; were not the right man on our side,  
do us; we will not fear, for God hath willed  
bid - eth; the Spi - rit and the gifts are ours

of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing: for still our an - cient foe  
 the man of God's own choos - ing: dost ask who that may be?  
 his truth to tri - umph through us; the prince of dark - ness grim,  
 through him who with us sid - eth: let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,  
 Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sa - ba - oth his Name,  
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,  
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bo - dy they may kill:

and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
 for lo! his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 God's truth a - bid - eth still, his king - dom is for ev - er.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* His mercy endures for ever.

# COLLECT FOR PURITY

*In unison*

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.*

## TRISAGION

S 100

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -  
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,  
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy  
up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **The Lessons**

### **FIRST READING: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

<sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

<sup>3:1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; <sup>3</sup>but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

### **PSALM: Psalm 32**

*The People respond by half verse.*

- <sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
and whose sin is put away!
- <sup>2</sup>Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, \*  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- <sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
because of my groaning all day long.
- <sup>4</sup>For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- <sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
and did not conceal my guilt.
- <sup>6</sup>I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." \*  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- <sup>7</sup>Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; \*  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- <sup>8</sup>You are my hiding-place;  
you preserve me from trouble; \*  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- <sup>9</sup>"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \*  
I will guide you with my eye.
- <sup>10</sup>Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \*  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will not stay near you."
- <sup>11</sup>Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; \*  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

**SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19**

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

<sup>12</sup>Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—<sup>13</sup>sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup>If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

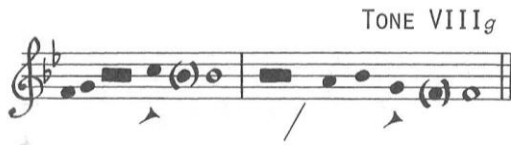
<sup>18</sup>Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup>For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.



## Tract



- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for hé is good,\*  
for his mercy en - / dures for év-er.
- 2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the LÓRD\*  
or / show forth áll his praise?
- 4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have  
for your péo-ple,\*  
and visit me / with your sáv-ing help;
- 5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect  
and be glad with the gladness of your péo-ple,\*  
that I may glory with / your in-hér-i-tance.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>1</sup>[After Jesus was baptized, he] was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.<sup>2</sup>He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup>But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’  
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the

test.’”

<sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’”

<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

*Priest*           The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*           Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **THE SERMON           FR. JEFF HURST**

### **THE CREED**

*All stand.*

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**

*All sit.*

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishop Diane, and all bishops,  
priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for our President Joseph, our Governor Michael, and all who govern and  
hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

For those who are ill or for whom our prayers have been requested and those whose names are on our parish intercession list, and those whose names were added this week, and for those now mentioned by this congregation. We pray especially for all teachers, students, first responders, healthcare providers and all those impacted by COVID.

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

We give thanks for those who celebrate birthdays this week, and for those celebrating anniversaries.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **PARISH PRAYER**

*In unison*

Heavenly Father, pour down your Holy Spirit upon this Parish, and grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your Word, a new consecration to your service so that, through our renewed witness,

your Holy Name may be glorified and your Kingdom advanced; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister 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 Priest stands and 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**

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*        The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*            And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# The Holy Communion

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

## OFFERTORY HYMN

### *Yield Not to Temptation*

LEVAS 170

1. Yield not to temp - ta - tion, For yield - ing is sin; \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Shun e - vil com - pan - ions, Bad lan - guage dis - dain; \_\_\_\_\_  
3. To him that o'er - com - eth, God giv - eth a crown; \_\_\_\_\_

1. Each vic - t'ry will help you, Some o - ther to win; \_\_\_\_\_  
2. God's name hold in rev - 'rence, Nor take it in vain; \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Through faith we will con - quer, Though oft - en cast down; \_\_\_\_\_

1. Fight, still pres - sing on - ward, Dark pas - sions sub - due; —  
 2. Be thought - ful and ear - nest, Kind - heart - ed and true; —  
 3. He who is our sav - ior, Our strength will re - new; —

Look ev - er to Je - sus, He will car - ry you through. —

Ask the sav - ior to help you, Com - fort, strength - en and keep you;

He is will - ing to aid you, He will car - ry you through. —

## The Great Thanksgiving

*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 him thanks and praise.

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

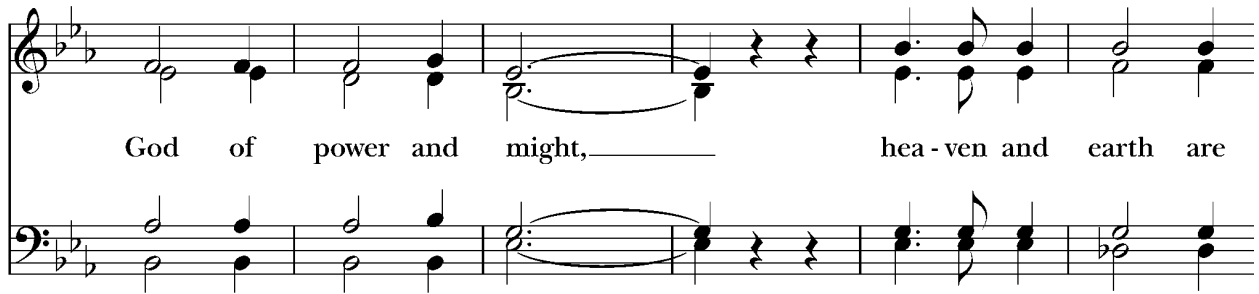
**SANCTUS**

**S 130**

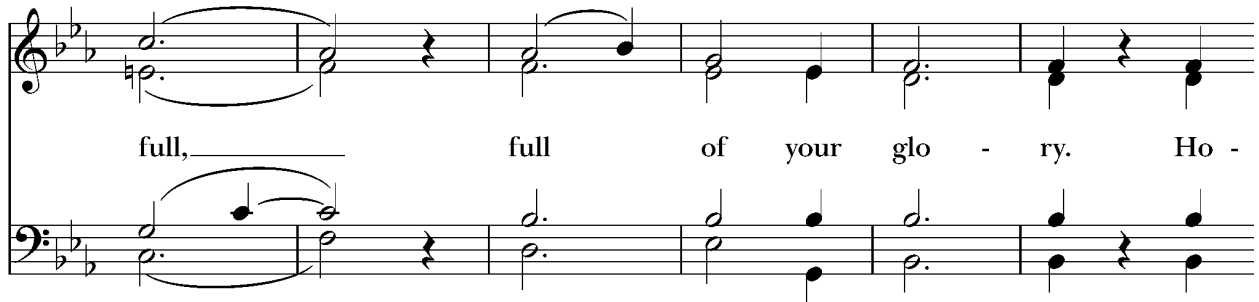
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

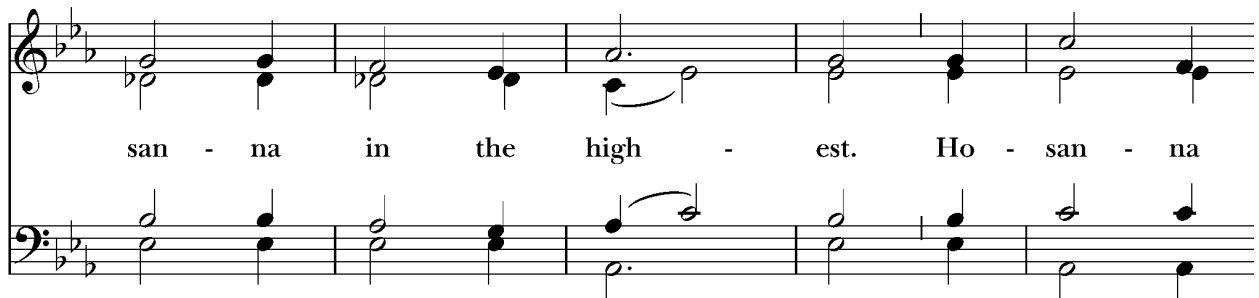




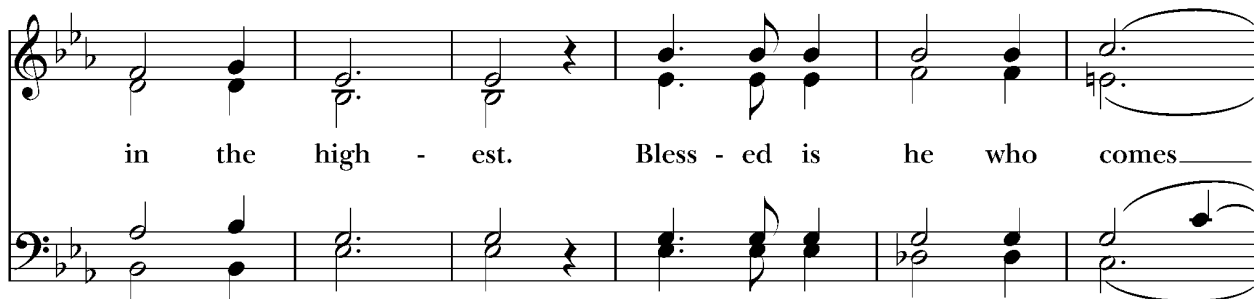
God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are



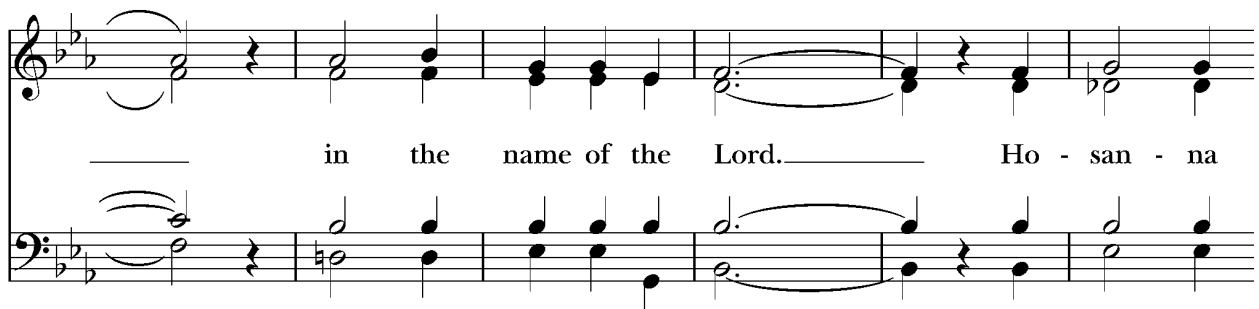
full, full of your glo-ry. Ho-



san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na



in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the treble staff: "in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence at the end of the phrase.

*The People stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

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,  
    forever and ever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

**FRACTION ANTHEM**

**S 164**



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:



give us your peace, give us your peace.

## HUMBLE ACCESS

*In unison*

*Celebrant and People*

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your abundant and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up  
the crumbs under your table;  
but you are the same Lord  
whose character is always to have mercy.  
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

*The Celebrant says*

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.

## **DISTRIBUTION**

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

*Communion for those streaming.*

The bread of heaven. The cup of salvation.

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*Jesus, the Bread of Life*

**LEVAS 150**

Je - sus, the Bread of life, Je -

sus, the Bread of life. All who eat and

drink of Him will nev - er die,

**Fine**

will nev - er die.

**Fine**

1. I am the Bread that came down from heav - en.  
 2. All who come to me will not hun - ger,  
 3. All who love and keep my com - mand - ments

1. I will be your food.  
 2. nor will they ev - er thirst.  
 3. will be loved by my Fa - ther.

1. All who put their trust in me will  
 2. If you turn to me in faith I'll  
 3. And we shall both comfort them and

1. nev - er - die.  
 2. nev - er turn a - way.  
 3. make our home in them.

*D.C.*

*D.C.*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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.

**BLESSING**

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

**POST-COMMUNION HYMN**      *O love, how deep, how broad, how high*

**H 448**      **Vs. 1-3 & 6**

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in  
5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so

1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and  
4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom

1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.  
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

## DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

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## Announcements

<b>First Sunday In Lent This Week</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
<b>Friday</b>		<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Sunday Mar. 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>

**Everyone Welcome!** If you are a newcomer, please take a moment to sign the register sheet in the pad at the end of each pew, and be so kind as to give us your address and email. Please know you are most welcome to fully participate. Join us for Coffee Hour, and we hope you come again soon.

**A change in the Altar Flowers or the Sanctuary Candle offering sign-up.** If you wish to offer either the Altar Flowers or Sanctuary Candle, please email Sherry, [sminzey.stmatt@gmail.com](mailto:sminzey.stmatt@gmail.com) The candle contribution is \$5.00 and the flower contribution is \$35.00 per vase (please note change in price). Flowers at the altar are made possible only by your special contributions, as no Parish operating funds are used for this purpose.

The individual intercessions for persons on the **Parish Prayer List** can be found on the Narthex table. You are invited to take a copy of this list for your own prayers during the week. If you wish to submit a name to be included on the prayer list, please email Sherry at: [sminzey.stmatt@gmail.com](mailto:sminzey.stmatt@gmail.com)

As we get ready for the Lenten Season, I would like to draw our attention to our yearly participation in the weekly observance of the **Stations of the Cross**. We are blessed to have Linda Gerding, Patti McGill and Judy Roberts to lead us in this holy time. We will gather at 6 pm the first Friday after the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, and then have a light meatless dinner afterwards in the undercroft. We will observe the Stations throughout the Lenten Season each Friday through Good Friday on April 7<sup>th</sup>. We encourage everyone to attend as many of these services as possible.