

# The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

November 13, 2022

11:00 a.m.



*The Siege and Destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans A.D. 70, David Roberts 1850*

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*Welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Ascension.  
Here “we challenge ourselves and the world to love  
like Jesus as we worship joyfully,  
serve compassionately and grow spiritually.”*

Our shared purpose in the Diocese of Atlanta,  
as agreed upon at Annual Council 2015

*The people may make the sign of the cross (optional) when this sign † appears throughout the order of the service.*

## **The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

### **The Word of God**

#### **The Organ Voluntary**

*Vesper Voluntaries*

Edward Elgar (1857-1954)

*Please stand, as you are able, at the ringing of the bell.*

#### **The Hymn in Procession**

Hymn 598

*Mit Freuden zart*

Lord Christ, when first  
thou cam'st to earth,  
upon a cross they bound thee,  
and mocked thy saving  
kingship then  
by thorns with which  
they crowned thee;  
and still our wrongs  
may weave thee now  
new thorns to pierce  
that steady brow,  
and robe of sorrow round thee.

O awful Love,  
which found no room in life  
where sin denied thee,  
and, doomed to death,  
must bring to doom  
the powers which crucified thee,  
till not a stone was left on stone,  
and all those nations' pride,  
o'er thrown, went down

to dust beside thee!

New advent of the love of Christ,  
shall we again refuse thee,  
till in the night of hate and war  
we perish as we lose thee?  
From old unfaith our souls release  
to seek the kingdom of thy peace,  
by which alone we choose thee.

O wounded hands of Jesus,  
build in us thy new creation;  
our pride is dust,  
our vaunt is stilled,  
we wait thy revelation:  
O love that triumphs over loss,  
we bring our hearts  
before thy cross,  
to finish thy salvation.

#### **The Opening Acclamation**

*Celebrant*

†Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant may say*

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.**

*Celebrant and People*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we

wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the

Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are

seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our



Setting: Barry McLeod, from *Mass for the Church of the Ascension* © Barry McLeod

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

## The First Lesson

## Malachi 4:1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

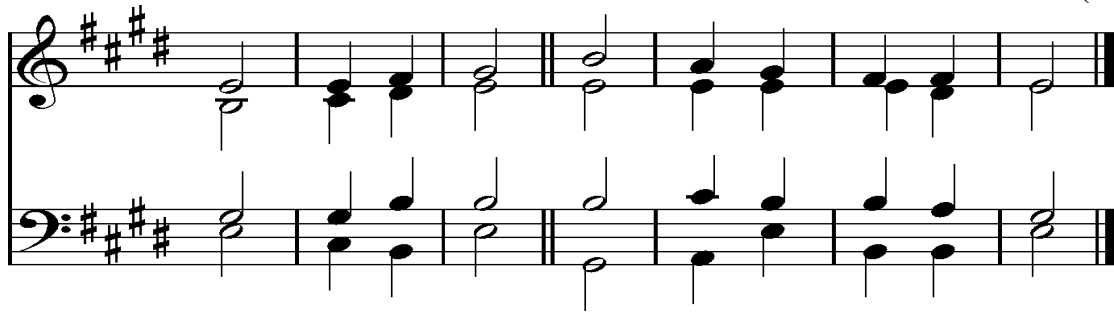
## The Response

### Psalm 98

Chanted by the congregation and choir

#### *Cantate Domino*

S206 Richard Farrant (1525?-1580)



- 1 Sing to the LORD a | nēw | song, \*  
for | he • has done | marve- • lous | things.
- 2 With his right hand and his | holy | arm \*  
has he | won • for him- | self the | victory.
- 3 The LORD has made | known his | victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the | sīght | of the | nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the | house of | Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the | victo- • ry | of our | God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you | lands; \*  
lift up your | voice, re- | joice, and | sing.
- 6 Sing to the | LORD • with the | harp, \*  
with the | harp • and the | voice of | song.
- 7 With trumpets and the | sound • of the | horn \*  
shout with joy be- | fore the | King, the | LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and | all • that is | in it, \*  
the lands and | those who | dwell there- | in.
- 9 Let the rivers | clap their | hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he | comes to | judge the | earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he | judge the | world \*  
and the | peoples | wīth | equity.

## The Second Lesson

## 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

*Lector*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel Procession

Hymn 7

*Ratisbon*

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,  
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;  
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:  
joy - less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,  
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Ratisbon*, melody from *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524; adapt. att. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870); harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

## The Gospel

## Luke 21:5-19

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Homily

The Rev. Richard H. Winters

### The Nicene Creed

*Celebrant and People*

**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

Form VI, BCP

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**



For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Rob our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

We pray for the Episcopal Church of the Ascension.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries.

We pray for all veterans and their families and for those who are currently serving our country in the Armed Forces, especially Stovall Knight, Chandler Celluzi, Taylor Tekesky, Kyle Hubert, Steven Velencia, Louis Evans and Sean Baker.

We pray for those among us in need of healing, comfort, support, and compassion.

We pray for those who have asked for our prayers by name, especially Betty Dial, the Youd family, Cindy Wade, Glenda Parker, John Atwell, Mike Fobbus, Carolyn Spearing, Kit Caffey, Ronald Pittman, Michael Johnson, Connor Rutters, Annette Cockrill, Lysette & George, Judy Anne, Mal Underwood, Janet McMillad, Annelle Smith, Jim Gilbert, Lamar Tilley, Lynn Fowler, The Rev. Louis Tonsmeire, Sam Hood and Lynette Pasek.

We pray for those who have long-term health problems or are homebound, especially Wendy Little, Hap Weiss, Beverly Montagno, Markie Montagno, Keith Scoimshaw, Arielle Levioff, Debbie White, Zane Hoyt, Janet Witner, Linda Kindon, Bob & Claudia White, Bonnie Harrelson, Sandy Rutters, Glendy Biggs, Hope Cunningham, Sarah McLeod, Kimberly Gottardi, Steve Novak, and Patsy Bennett.

*Silence*

Hear us Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We celebrate with those who have a birthday this week, especially Bobby Rozier, Drew Tonsmeire and Mal Underwood.

We celebrate with those who have a wedding anniversary this week, especially John & Nancy Newman.

*Silence*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The people may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.*

## **The Peace**

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

## **Parish Notices**

# The Offertory

## The Offertory Anthem

*A Grace*

William Mathias (1934-1992)

## The Presentation

Hymn 371

*Moscow*

1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,  
2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing  
3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,  
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the  
heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the  
speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the  
wis - dom, love, might; bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - ri - ous ray, let there be light!  
in - ly blind, now to all hu - man - kind, let there be light!  
gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!  
full - est pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

Words: John Marriott (1780-1825), alt. Music: *Moscow*, Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916, based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

# The Holy Communion

## 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.**

*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.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

*Celebrant and People*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
(Blessed is the one)  
Lord. Ho - san - - na in the high - est.

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*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:

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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.**

*Celebrant* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,



those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and de -  
li-ver us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are  
yours, now and for ev - er. A - - men. A - men.

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## The Breaking of the Bread

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

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
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.

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*Celebrant* 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.

# The Communion Hymns

## Hymn 632

*Munich*

1 O Christ, the Word In - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
 2 The Church from our dear Mas - ter re - ceived the word di - vine,  
 3 O make thy Church, dear Sa - vior, a lamp of pur - est gold,

O Truth, un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;  
 and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.  
 to bear be - fore the na - tions thy true light as of old;

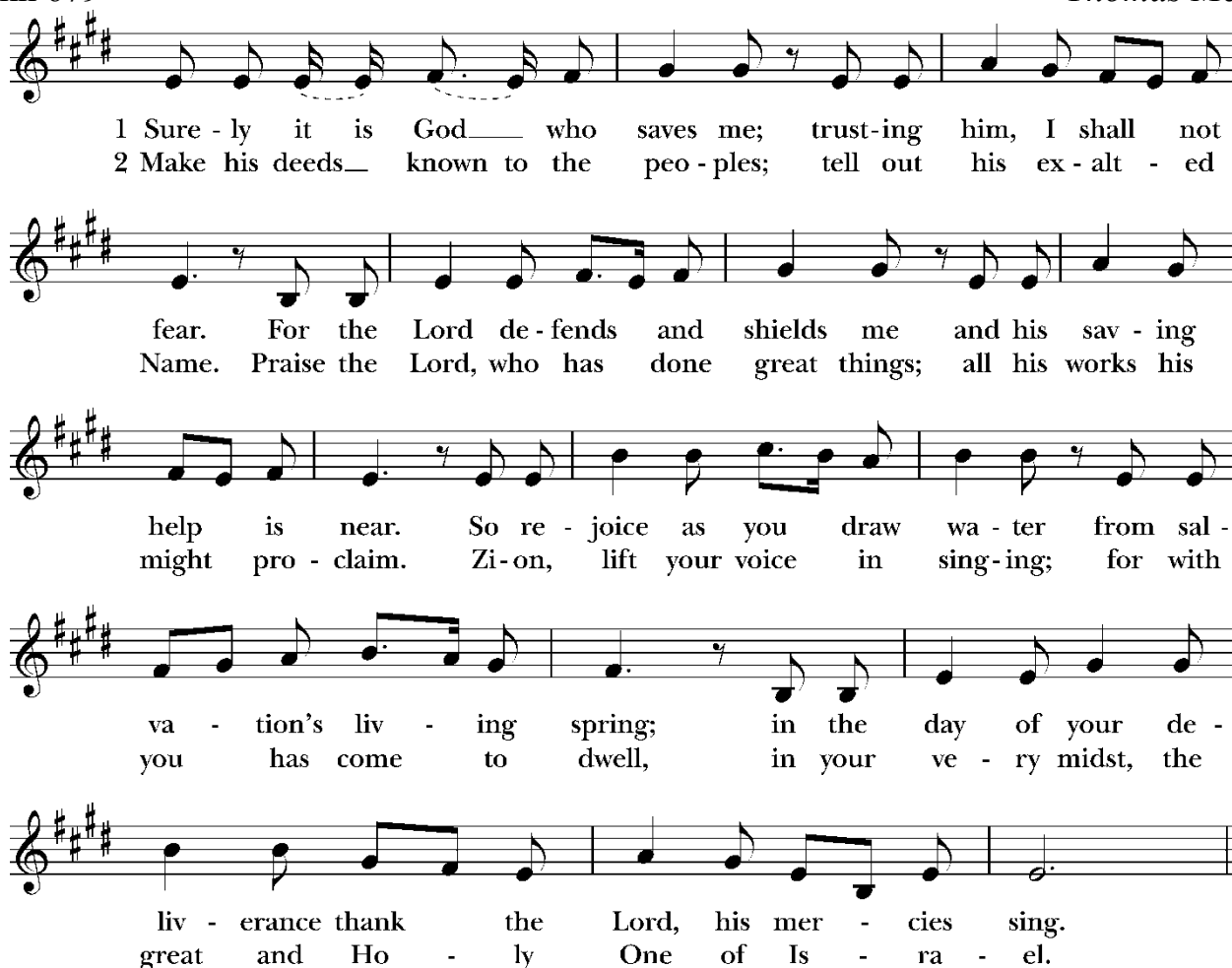
we praise thee for the ra - diance that from the scrip - ture's page,  
 It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing sea,  
 O teach thy wan - dering pil - grims by this their path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.  
 mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.  
 till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see thee face to face.

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897), alt. Music: *Munich*, melody from *Neu-vermehrtes und zu Übung Christl. Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningisches Gesangbuch*, 1693; adapt. and harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1807-1847).

## Hymn 679

Thomas Merton



1 Sure - ly it is God — who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not  
 2 Make his deeds — known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed

fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing  
 Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his

help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -  
 might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with

va - tion's liv - ing to spring; in the day of your de -  
 you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the

liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.  
 great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944); para. of *The First Song of Isaiah*. Copyright © 1982 by Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All Rights Reserved. Used by permission. Music: *Thomas Merton*, Ray. W. Urwin (b. 1950). Copyright © 1984 Ray W. Urwin.

*If you are worshiping with us virtually, please pray the Prayer for Spiritual Communion.*

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshiping at home, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And particularly for the blessings given me... I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart.

†I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.



*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The people stand.*

*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 Blessing

## The Hymn in Procession

Hymn 615

*St. Flavian*

1 "Thy king - dom come!" on bend - ed knee the pass - ing a - ges pray;  
2 But the slow watch - es of the night not less to God be - long;  
3 And lo, al - rea - dy on the hills the flags of dawn ap - pear;  
4 the day to whose clear shin - ing light all wrong shall stand re - vealed,  
5 when know - ledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth a - broad;

1 and faith - ful souls have yearned to see on earth that king - dom's day.  
2 and for the ev - er - last - ing right the si - lent stars are strong.  
3 gird up your loins, ye pro - phet souls, pro - claim the day is near:  
4 when jus - tice shall be throned in might, and ev - ery hurt be healed;  
5 the day of per - fect right - eous - ness, the prom - ised day of God.

Words: Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929). Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901).

## **The Dismissal**

## **The Closing Voluntary**

*Prelude in B-flat Major*

J.S. Bach (1687-1750)

The order of service from the Book of Common Prayer, 1979  
according to the use of the Episcopal Church.

The Flowers at the Altar are given to  
the Glory of God by  
Richard and Sandy Cunningham  
in Celebration of the Life of  
James H. Magee.

## **You are called to ministry!**

There is a place for you in one of the following ministries. Please contact the ministry leaders listed for more information about where your gifts may fit to strengthen our efforts to bring God's mission for the Church of the Ascension to full measure. If not sure where to start call the church office, 770-382-2626.

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