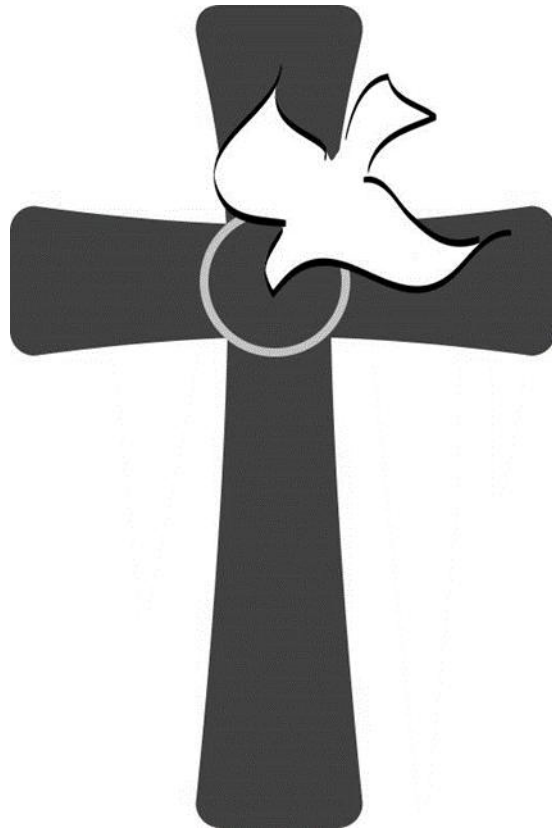


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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
EAST NORWALK, CONNECTICUT



THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017

A few housekeeping notes before worship begins:

Please consider entering the sanctuary in silence, reverence, and in preparation for worship.

Please turn off your cellular telephones as you enjoy the prelude! Thank You.

ALL are invited to worship in this place, including young children and their occasional noise; so, if your child needs to stretch their legs, we have a long aisle and a few steps just for such things.

IF (and only IF) YOU would prefer—Christ Church does offer childcare during worship.

If you think your child might benefit from having a book available to them, they are located on book racks in the narthex (at the front doors) and the Gathering Place (out the side door, to the right of the pulpit).

A wheelchair accessible, all-gender restroom (also equipped with infant changing table) is located out the side door (to the right of the pulpit) and then to your left.

Gluten free hosts are available upon request.

Small amplification devices, with individual earphones, are available in the narthex (at the front doors).

Please consult an usher for answers to other questions you may have.

There's a place for Everyone at Christ Episcopal Church. Welcome home!

MEMORIAL: The flowers on the Altar and the chrysanthemums flanking the chancel steps are in celebration of the life of Mark Zamm

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: Christ & Holy Trinity, Westport; Trinity, Wethersfield; St. Paul's, Willimantic; All deacons; and the Deacons' Council.

PENNIES FOR HEAVEN: The Altar Guild is collecting pocket change to purchase food to donate to Person to Person in November. Please help us make someone's Thanksgiving truly thankful. There is a container for change on the display case in the Gathering Place. *Thank you.*

Sarah French

BOOK BUNCH: The next book club meeting is November 14, at 7:30. The book selection is State of Wonder by Ann Patchett. Please contact Debbie Ross at DRoss56@aol.com for more details.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: The Holiday Fair will be held at Christ Church on December 9 from 9:00am to 4:00pm. In addition to an extensive holiday tag sale, Barbara Felter has hand-picked and organized at least 17 vendors to participate in the fair. She has also put together a Chinese Auction, featuring fabulous prizes ranging from a Henckels knife set to a movie pass gift packet to a ride on a steam train! She also has several great restaurant gift certificates.

The fair will also include a bake sale, from our great cooks in the Women's Group. Baked goods can be delivered Friday night or Saturday morning before 9am. The Women's Group is also sponsoring a raffle for a gift basket filled with delicious and imaginative items for a great Christmas celebration.

You are invited to help and participate! Barbara will need help on Friday, December 8 from 10am to 2pm and Friday evening from 6pm to 8pm. She especially needs help cleaning up. Please see Barbara or call her at 203-847-5237 to volunteer for one or more 2-hour blocks of time. Be sure to get yourself on the schedule soon! Donations of Christmas-themed items for the tag sale are appreciated. ***Please save your non-Christmas items till next year - storage space in the church is very limited.***

BACKPACK CLUBS: You too may join the CT Food Bank in its regular support of Backpack Clubs in the Norwalk Public Schools. Barbara Felter as the point person. Items may be left in the basket near the pulpit or presented in the same at the offertory.

Items needed:

Juice Boxes

Milk Boxes (same style, like Parmalat, etc.)

Single Serve Cereals

Fruit Snacks

Fruit Cups

Instant Oatmeal Packets (not cardboard cans)

Granola Bars

Chef Boyardee Ravioli Cups w/pull tops

Macaroni and Cheese Cups w/pull tops

Single Serve Chips/Popcorn

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The Liturgy of the Word

BCP, 355

The Opening Hymn 291

We Plow The Fields

1 We plow the fields, and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
 2 He on - ly is the Ma - ker of all things near and far;
 3 We thank thee, then, O Fa - ther, for all things bright and good,

but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand;
 he paints the way - side flow - er, he lights the eve - ning star;
 the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food:

he sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
 the winds and waves o - bey him, by him the birds are fed;
 the gifts we have to of - fer are what thy love im - parts,

the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
 much more to us, his chil - dren, he gives our dai - ly bread.
 but chief - ly thou de - sir - est our hum - ble thank - ful hearts.

Refrain

All good gifts a - round us are sent from heaven a - bove;
 then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

The people stand if able, the Celebrant then continues

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

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

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.

The Gloria: Hymn S278

Matbias

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. 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. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,
on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
God the Fa-ther. A - men.

The Celebrant says to the people.

The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

The Lessons

The people sit.

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

The Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
“Go back, O child of earth.”
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

The Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

All stand if able.

The Sequence Hymn 517

How Lovely

*1st and 2nd before
3rd and 4th after the Gospel*

1 How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to
 2 Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal - lows find a
 3 They who go through the des - ert vale will find it filled with
 4 One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou - sand spent a -

me! My thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with -
 nest; how hap - py they who dwell with thee and
 springs, and they shall climb from height to height till
 way; how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor

in thy courts to be; my ve - ry heart and
 praise thee with - out rest, and hap - py they whose
 Zi - on's tem - ple rings with praise to thee, in
 from thy pre - cepts stray, for thou shalt sure - ly

flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for thee.
 hearts are set up - on the pil - grim's quest.
 glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings.
 bless all those who live the words they pray.

Then, all standing if able, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 22:34-46

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

*People: The Gospel of the Lord.
 Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The people sit.

The Sermon

The Rev. Laura V. Queen

Then, all standing if able, the Celebrant continues with

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,
**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,
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.*

Silence may follow. All kneel if able.

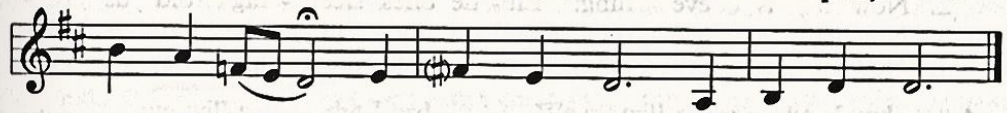
The Prayer Hymn M2085



1. This thread I weave, this step I dance, this
2. this pot I shape, this fire I light, this
3. this check I write, this march I join, this



stone I carve, this ball I bounce, this nail I drive, this
fence I leap, this bone I knit, this seed I nurse, this
faith I state, this truth I sign, this is small part, in



pearl I string, this flag I wave, this note I sing,
rift I mend, this child I raise, this earth I tend,
one small place, of one heart's beat for one great Peace.

The Prayers of the People

BCP, 387

The Leader and People pray responsively

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; **for Christ & Holy Trinity, Westport; Trinity, Wethersfield; St. Paul's, Willimantic; All deacons; and the Deacons' Council.**

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

for **Justin**, Archbishop of Canterbury; **Michael**, our Presiding Bishop;

Ian and Laura, our own Bishops; and **Laura**, our Priest.

We also pray for **Don**, for **Ned**, and all those discerning a call to ordained ministry.

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for 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.

Give to the departed eternal rest; **especially Mark**

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.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially... *(prayer list is read)*

(We respond by repeating the names raised by the intercessor in prayer.)

The People may add their own petitions.

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

The Intercessor continues.

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

Silence may be kept.

Intercessor 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.*

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all good ness, and by the power of the holy spirit keep you in eternal life

People *Amen.*

The Peace

BCP, 360

All stand if able. The Celebrant says to the people

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

Announcements ~ The Offertory

The Rev. Laura V. Queen

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

The Offertory Hymn

Simple Gifts
CCEN Bell Choir

The Doxology

“All Good Gifts”

Refrain

All good gifts a - round us are sent from heaven a - bove;

then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The refrain is marked with a repeat sign. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Book of Common Prayer, Page 367

The people remain standing if able. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **Our hearts are with the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, 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.

**For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to
new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

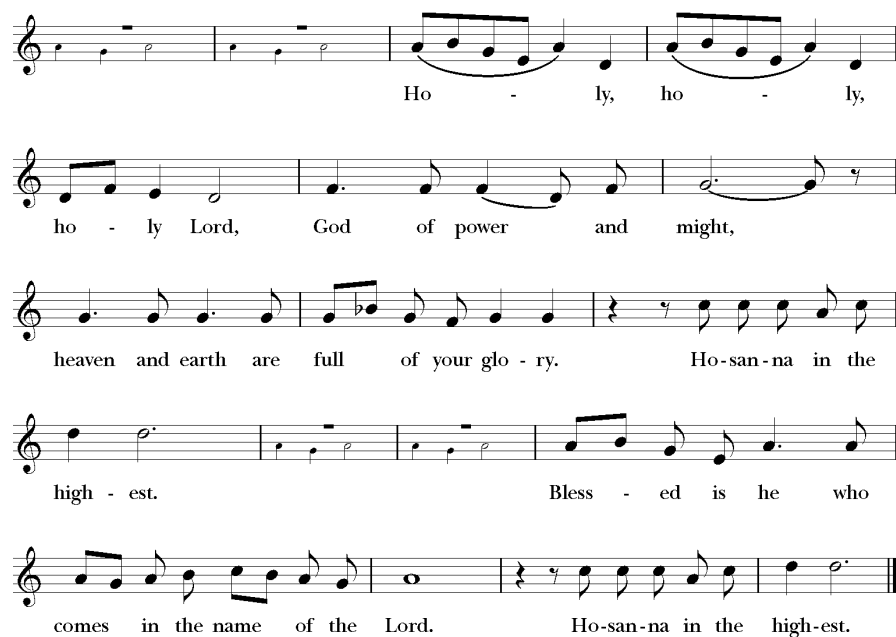
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and
Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever
sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

The Sanctus

Hymn S128

Matbias



Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The people stand or kneel if able. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, 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 **ALL** for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.*
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,
 for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
 Therefore let us keep the feast. *Alleluia!*

The Agnus Dei

Hymn S165

Mathias

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 of the world: Give us your peace.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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 ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.)

The Communion Hymn 336

Come With Us

1 Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er -
 *2 Come with us, O might - y Sa - vior, God from God, and
 *3 Come with us, O King of glo - ry, by an - gel - ic

more to be; and though leav - ing now thine
 Light from Light; thou art God, thy glo - ry
 voic - es praised; in our hearts as in thy

al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee.
 veil - ing, so that we may bear the sight.
 hea - ven, be en - rap - tured an - thems raised.

Be thou one with us for ev - er, in our life thy
 Now we go to seek and serve thee, through our work as
 Let the might - y cho - rus ev - er sing its glad ex -

love di - vine our own flesh and blood has
through our prayer; grant us light to see and
ul - tant songs; let its hymn be heard for

tak - en, and to us thou giv - est thine.
know thee, in thy peo - ple ev - ery - where.
ev - er - peace for which cre - a - tion longs.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Book of Common Prayer, Page 365

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 Amen

A - men, a - men, a - men.

All stand if able.

The Closing Hymn 379

God Is Love

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
 2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
 3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - jice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
 one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Postlude

My Rock, My Fortress

Denis Eliot

THERE'S A PLACE FOR EVERYONE HERE. WELCOME HOME!

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What is the mission of the Church?

The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.
Book of Common Prayer, Page 855

OCTOBER 29, 2017: THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Organist: Betty Belcher
Altar Guild: Ruth Lovallo
Ushers: Ed Zamm and Paul Mordoff
Lector: Ginny Deering
Intercessor: Barbara Judson
Presider: The Reverend Laura V. Queen