

# Welcome to St. John's Church



## THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

*January 15, 2023*  
*8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.*

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# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*The Liturgy for the Proclamation of the Word of God  
and the Celebration of the Holy Communion*

*Children's activity bags are available on the bench by the Baptistry.  
Please return them after the Service.*

**Choral Prelude**            *O Almighty God*            George Barcrofte (c. 1555-1610)

**The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell**

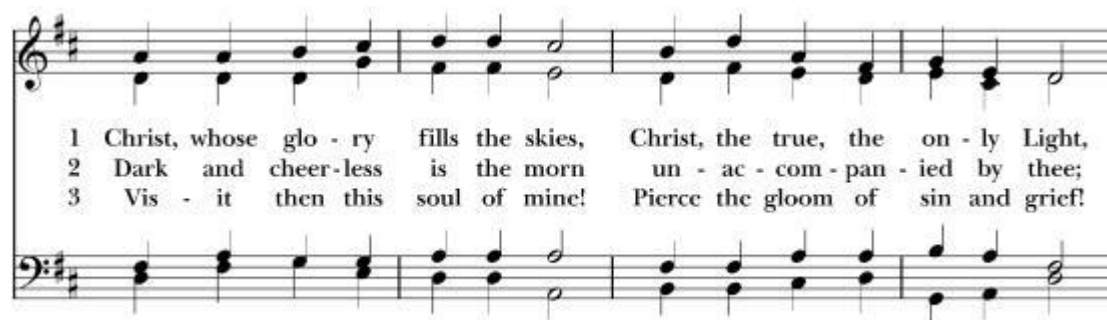
**Processional Hymn # 7**            *Christ, Whose Glory Fills The Skies*



Sun of Right-cous - 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;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.



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!

## The Word of God

*The people standing, the Celebrant may say*

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

*People*            ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

*The Celebrant says*

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 S # 278

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 Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

*INTRODUCTION: In our Hebrew scripture reading, the servant of the Lord reflects movingly on his mission --- its sorrows and frustrations --- and God's high calling and promise to be with him.*

### A Reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah (49:1-7)

Listen to me, O coastlands,

pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The LORD called me before I was born,

while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

He made my mouth like a sharp sword,

in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me a polished arrow,  
     in his quiver he hid me away.  
 And he said to me, “You are my servant,  
     Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”  
 But I said, “I have labored in vain,  
     I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
 yet surely my cause is with the LORD,  
     and my reward with my God.”  
 And now the LORD says,  
     who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
 to bring Jacob back to him,  
     and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
 for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,  
     and my God has become my strength--  
 he says,  
 “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
     to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
     and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
 I will give you as a light to the nations,  
     that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”  
 Thus says the LORD,  
     the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
 to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
     the slave of rulers,  
 “Kings shall see and stand up,  
     princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
 because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
     the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*  
     The Word of the Lord.

*People*      ***Thanks be to God.***

**Psalm 40:1-12**      *the congregation is invited to join the Refrain*

Refrain

Be - hold, I come to do your will, O God.

- 1 I waited patiently upon the LORD; \*  
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; \*  
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; \*  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! \*  
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!  
how great your wonders and your plans for us! \*  
there is none who can be compared with you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! \*  
but they are more than I can count.
- 7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure \*  
(you have given me ears to hear you);
- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, \*  
and so I said, "Behold, I come.
- 9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: \*  
'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.'"
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; \*  
behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O LORD, you know.
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; \*  
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great  
congregation.
- 12 You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; \*  
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever,

*INTRODUCTION: In this reading St. Paul greets the members of the new Christian community in Corinth and offers thanksgiving for their growth in Christ.*

### **A Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians(1:1-9)**

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my

God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

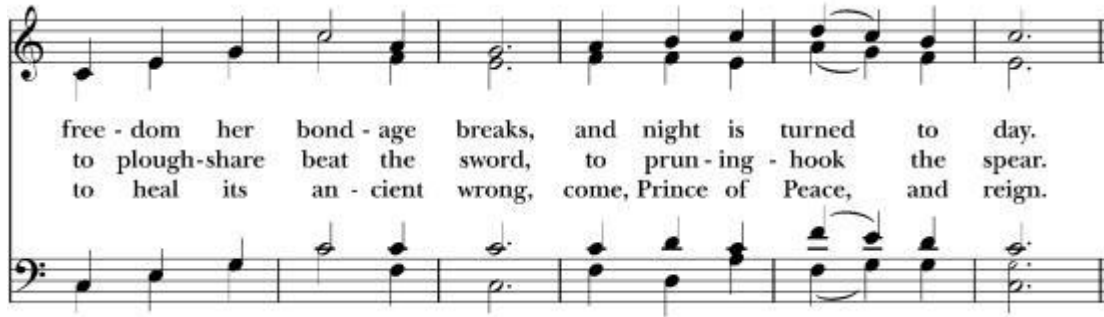
*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn # 542**      *Christ Is The World's True Light*

1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,  
2 In Christ all rac - es meet, their an-cient feuds for - get - ting,  
3 One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;

the Day - star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - tion;  
the whole round world com - plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting;  
cast out our pride and shame that hin - der to en - throne thee;

new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway:  
when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,  
the world has wait - ed long, has tra - vailed long in pain;



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

*INTRODUCTION: In our gospel passage this morning John the Baptist declares who Jesus is and the next day two of John's followers become disciples of Jesus.*

## **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John (1:1-12)**

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

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman



## **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**

O Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world, cast thine eyes of mercy upon thy people who entrust their prayers to thee, responding, “Hear us, O God of Glory.”

*The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the Prayers and Confession*

+ For the light of Christ that never fades away, that it may shine through our own words and actions, revealing the saving grace of the Anointed One; let us pray.

***Hear us, O God of Glory.***

+ That the leaders and peoples of every nation on the earth may be willing to pay the price of peace through compromise, compassion, humility, and forbearance; remembering especially the conflict in Ukraine, let us pray.

***Hear us, O God of Glory.***

+ For an increase in vocations to the Religious Communities of our Church, that we may continue to be guided by their life of prayer and sacrificial works; let us pray.

***Hear us, O God of Glory.***

+ For relief for those who live with debilitating anxiety, and to those who bear the scars of poverty and emotional desolation, that they may experience the fruits of thine eternal and holy presence; let us pray.

***Hear us, O God of Glory.***

+ In thanksgiving for our sacred fellowship with Christ, may we move from strength to strength in our spiritual life so that its fruits may flow into our workplaces, neighborhoods, and communities; let us pray.

***Hear us, O God of Glory.***

+ For the baptized who have died and entered into their eternal rest, and for those whose faith is known to God alone, that our Eternal Judge will look kindly on their souls; let us pray.

***Hear us, O God of Glory.***

+ That the true light that enlightens even the far reaches of the universe and the deep recesses of the sea, will open our eyes to the beauty of creation and encourage us to be good stewards of its bountiful gifts; let us pray.

***Hear us, O God of Glory.***

Let us continue our prayers to the one who calls us to faithfulness and strengthens us for the journey, either silently in our hearts or aloud in our midst.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

O Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

## Confession of Sin

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the confession*

***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*

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, but also time for true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

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

## The Holy Communion

*The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences of Scripture.*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
and make good thy vows unto the Most High. *Psalms 50:14*

**Offertory Anthem** *What is This Lovely Fragrance?*

arr. Dale Grotenhuis (1931-2012)

## The Great Thanksgiving

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 God.

*People* ***It is right to give God 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, through Jesus Christ

our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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**    *Missa Io Son Ferito Ahi Lasso*                      Orlando di Lasso (c. 1532-1594)

*Translation:    Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the consecration prayer*

*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.

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 many 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;***

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 the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, St. John, our Patron, and 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.*

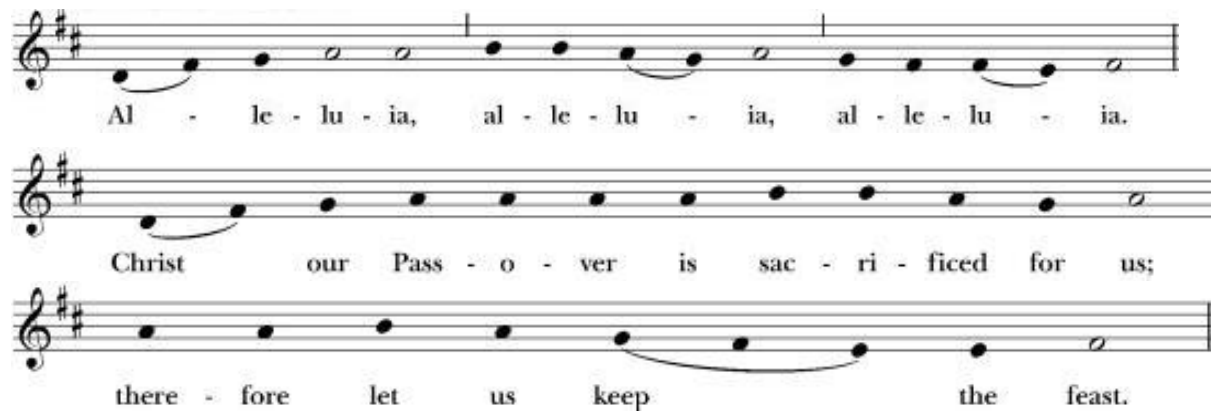
*And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.*

## **The Breaking of the Bread S # 154**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.



**Agnus Dei** *Missa Io Son Ferito Ahi Lasso* Orlando di Lasso (c. 1532-1594)

*Translation: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.*

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

*Behold 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.*

*All baptized Christians of all ages and denominations are welcome to receive Communion in this place. This is God's house and the Lord's table, not ours*

*Those wishing to receive Communion should come forward to the Altar rail as directed. The Celebrant will intinct the wafer in the chalice and place the consecrated host in the open hands or upon the tongue of the communicant, as desired.*

*Gluten free wafers are available. Just ask at the altar rail if you wish one.*

*If you need to receive Communion in the pews, just let the ushers know*

*for online worshippers, and for those who for other reasons choose not to receive, here is a Prayer for Spiritual Communion:*

### **A Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, we desire to offer our praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest desire that we may always be united to you. And since we are not now receiving you physically, we ask you to come into our hearts spiritually. We embrace you with all the affections of our souls, confident that nothing can ever separate us from the love God, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.*

### **Communion Hymn # 302** *Father, We Thank Thee Who Hast Planted*

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with-  
2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,

in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy  
guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -

Son to us im - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,  
formed un - to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,

didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the  
was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands thy

Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.  
Church be gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

Let us pray.

*The People may join in saying this prayer*

***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 Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives the blessing*

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn # 529** *In Christ There Is No East Or West*

*1 In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.*

*2 Join hands, disciples of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be.  
Who serves my Father as his child  
is surely kin to me.*

*3 In Christ now meet both east and west,  
in him meet south and north.  
All Christly souls are one in him  
throughout the whole wide earth.*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Organ Postlude**

**Worship Ministers Today:**

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman: *Celebrant*

Tom Brand: *Organist & Choirmaster*

John Magee: *8:00 Reader*

Rebecca Bent: *10:00 Reader*

Rebecca Bent: *Chalicer*

Monte Stone: *Crucifer*

Fr. Geoff: *Veejay (VJ)*

Natalie Dyer, Bob Futh: *Ushers*

Natalie Dyer, Emily Fitzhugh: *Coffee Hosts*

MB Witt, Corinne Johnson: *Altar Guild*