

# Welcome to St. John's Church



## The Second Sunday After Pentecost:

*June 11, 2023*

*8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.*

**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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

**Organ Prelude**

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

**Opening Hymn # 391**

*Before The Lord's Eternal Throne*

1 Be - fore the Lord's e - ter - nal throne, ye  
2 His sov - ereign Power with - out our aid formed  
3 We are his peo - ple, we his care, our  
4 We'll crowd thy gates with thank - ful songs, high  
5 Wide as the world is thy com - mand, vast

1 na - tions, bow with sa - cred joy; know that the Lord is  
2 us of clay and gave us breath; and when like wan - dering  
3 souls, and all our mor - tal frame: what last - ing hon - ors  
4 as the heavens our voic - es raise; and earth, with her ten  
5 as e - ter - ni - ty thy love; firm as a rock thy

1 God a - lone; he can cre - ate, and he des - troy.  
2 sheep we strayed, he saved us from the power of death.  
3 shall we rear, al - might - y Ma - ker, to thy Name?  
4 thou - sand tongues, shall fill thy courts with sound - ing praise.  
5 truth must stand, when roll - ing years shall cease to move.

*The people standing, the Celebrant may say*

*Celebrant*      Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People*          ***Glory to God for ever and ever.***

*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 Trisagion S # 102**



The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, with the Bass clef providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us." The score is divided into two systems, each with two staves. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the last two lines. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with clear phrasing.

### **The Collect of the Day**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

God be with you.

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

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

### **The Readings**

*INTRODUCTION: Our first reading is the story of God's call of Abraham (who was then known as Abram) to leave his country and become the father of a great nation.*

## **A Reading from the Scroll of Genesis (12:1-9)**

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

**The Word of the Lord.**

*People*

***Thanks be to God.***

## **Psalm 33:1-12**

- 1 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; \*  
it is good for the just to sing praises.***
- 2 Praise the LORD with the harp; \*  
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.***
- 3 Sing for him a new song; \*  
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.***
- 4 For the word of the LORD is right, \*  
and all his works are sure.***
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice; \*  
the loving-kindness of the LORD fills the whole earth.***
- 6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, \*  
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.***
- 7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin \*  
and stores up the depths of the sea.***
- 8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; \*  
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.***

- 9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; \*  
he commanded, and it stood fast.**
- 10 The LORD brings the will of the nations to naught; \*  
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.**
- 11 But the LORD's will stands fast for ever, \*  
and the designs of his heart from age to age.**
- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! \*  
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!**

*INTRODUCTION: In this reading St. Paul explains that the new relationship with God is open to everyone who follows in the way of Abraham's faith.*

### **A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (13:3b-13)**

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

*The Word of the Lord.*

*People*

***Thanks be to God.***

## Gradual Hymn # 440

## Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to  
2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness  
3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred  
shroud - ed, till thy Spi - Rit breaks our night  
ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings  
with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to thy  
help us by thy Spi - Rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.  
God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.  
Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

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

*INTRODUCTION: In our Gospel reading, Jesus calls Matthew, the tax collector, heals a woman with a hemorrhage, and raises a young girl from the dead.*

## The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew (9:9-13, 18-26)

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

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners." While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

**The Sermon**                    The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman, Priest-in-Charge

## **The Creed Of The United Church of Canada**

*We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.*

*We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.*

*We trust in God.*

*We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,*

*to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.*

*In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.*

*Thanks be to God..*

## **The Prayers of the People**

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

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

*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.***

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 all bishops, priests, deacons, and lay ministers;

***For all who serve God in his Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

***For your mercy is great.***

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

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

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.

*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.

*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.***

*Officiant:* May Almighty God grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, but also time for true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of God's holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

## **The Peace**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of Christ 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**

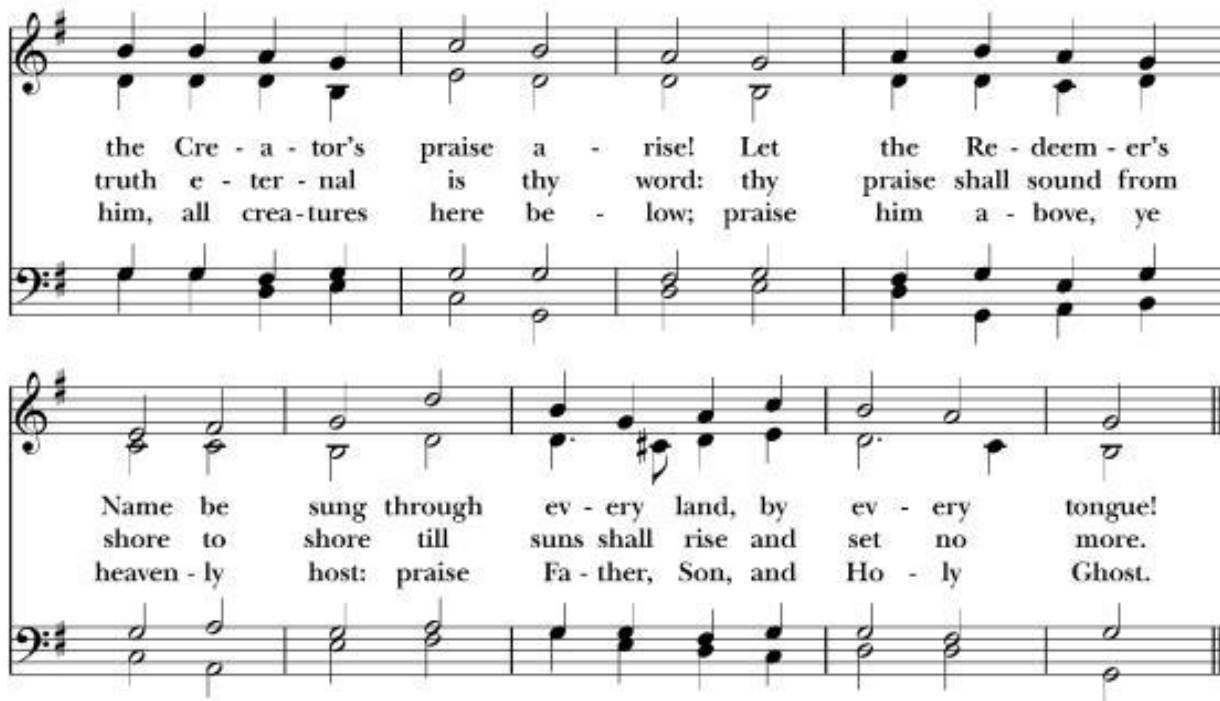
*The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences of Scripture.*

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

### **Offertory Hymn # 380**

*From All That Dwell Below*

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let  
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and  
\*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's  
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from  
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!  
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## 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*

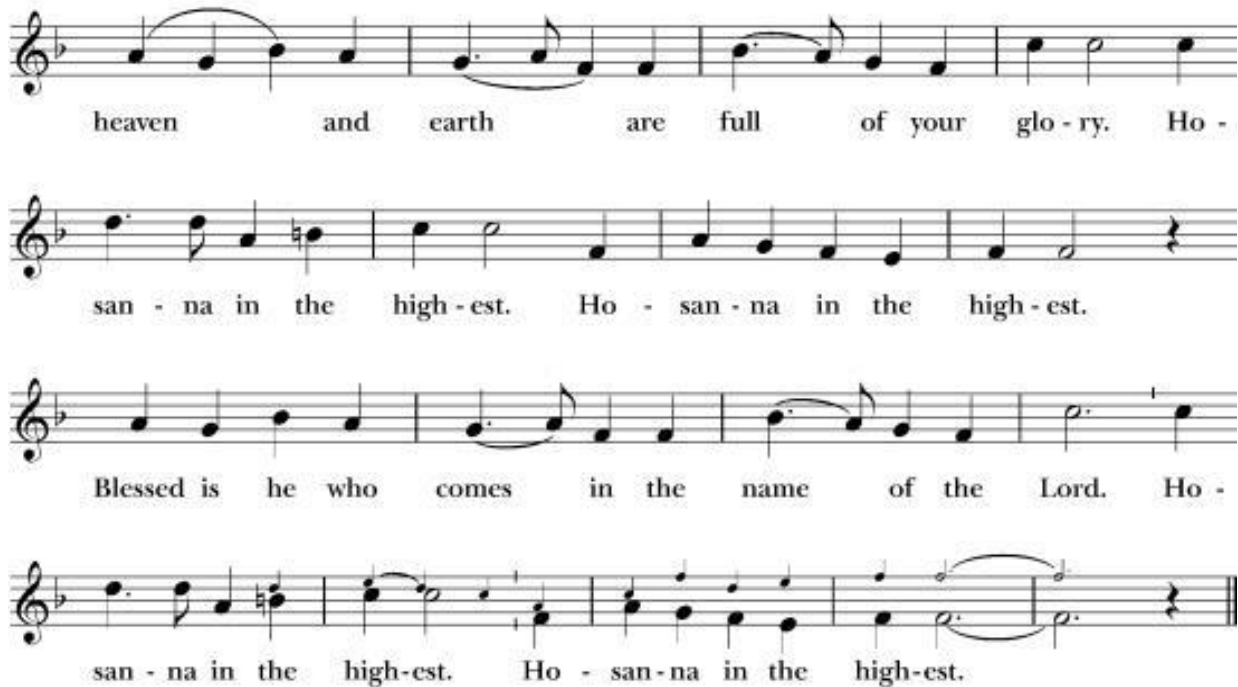
We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

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

## Sanctus S # 125



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



*Then the Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, St. John, our Patron,

and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

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

***We break this bread  
to share in the Body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.***

*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.**

***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.*

*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 # 313      *Let Thy Blood In Mercy Poured*

1 Let thy Blood in mer - cy poured, let thy gra - cious  
2 Thou didst die that I might live; bless - ed Lord, thou  
3 By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear-wound  
4 Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i -

Bo - dy bro - ken, be to me, O gra - cious Lord,  
cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give  
and the nail - ing, by the pain and death, I now  
tence I give thee; thou art my ex - alt - ed King,

*Refrain*  
of thy bound-less love the to - ken.  
Jes - us by his sor - rows gave me. Thou didst give thy -  
claim, O Christ, thy love un - fail - ing.  
of thy match-less love for - give me.



After Communion, the Celebrant says  
Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

***God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.***

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

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always. ***Amen.***


### Closing Hymn # 495

*Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!*

1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -  
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on  
 3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er  
 \*4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy

le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;  
 thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,  
 to a - bid; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,  
 to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,

thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal  
 thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -  
 seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art  
 right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it  
 giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the  
 plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us  
 spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our  
 we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name  
 gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.  
 in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.  
 Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*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*

Mary Davis: *10:00 Reader*

MB Witt: *Chalicer*

Laura Daly: *VeeJay (VJ)*

Ginny Reynolds, MB Witt: *Altar Guild*

Bob Futh, Natalie Dyer: *Ushers/Greeters*

Corinne Johnson, MB Witt: *Coffee Hosts*

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