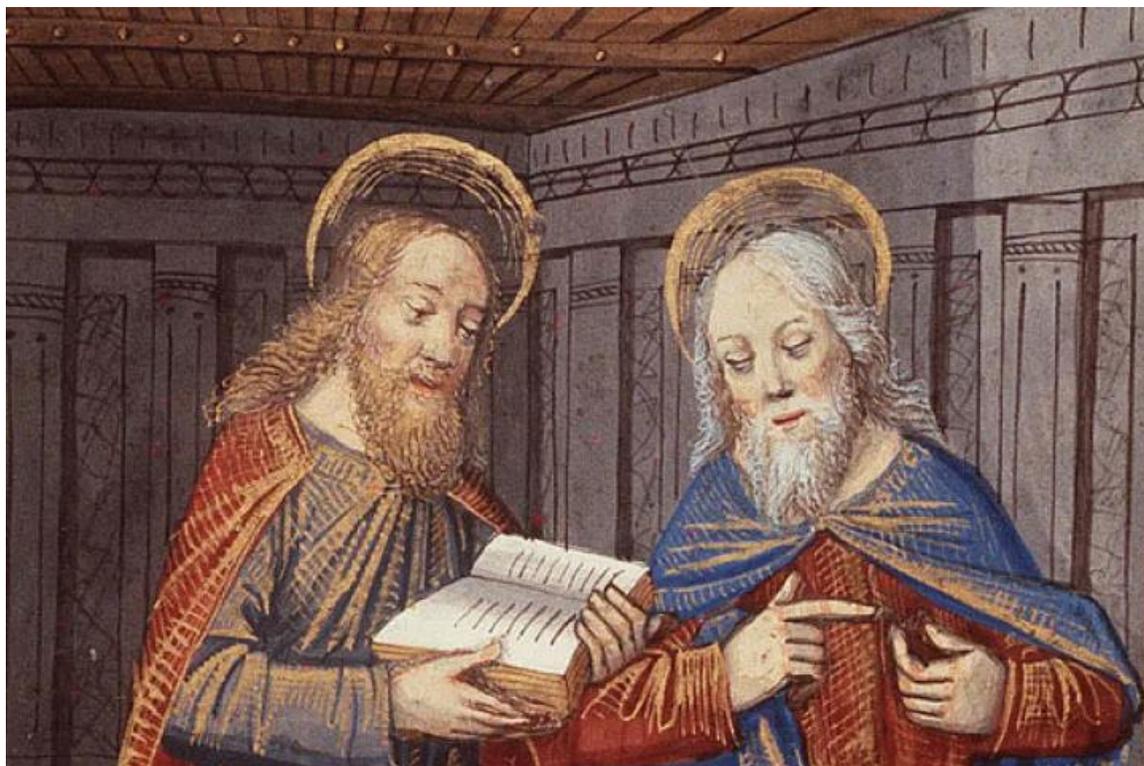


**Festival Concluding Eucharist  
with Ordinations to the Sacred Order of Deacons  
of the 146<sup>th</sup> Convention  
of the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia**



Saturday, October 28, 2023  
Being the Feast of St. Simon & St. Jude

Trinity Episcopal Church  
Martinsburg, West Virginia



**THE EPISCOPAL  
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 **Trinity**  
Episcopal Church

*Crown him with many crowns*

*Descant*

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned a - bove;

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!  
 2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and  
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and  
 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who  
 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

crown him to whom is given the won - drous name of Love.

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -  
 2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who  
 3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his  
 4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now  
 5 him the King, to whom is given the won - drous name of Love. Crown

Crown him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and  
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and  
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who  
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their  
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

fall, crown him, ye kings, for he is King of all.

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.  
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.  
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

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*The people standing, the Bishop says*

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

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

*The Bishop then 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.

*People* Amen.

## **The Presentation**

*The bishop and people sit. The Presenters and the Ordinands stand before the bishop and say*

Matthew, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of West Virginia, we present to you:

Andy Allen Bird

Daniel Aaron Carr

Klara Mae Kovacs

Marilou McClung

Amelia Hope McClure

William Richard Sigler

Martina Steiner Unger

Scott Frank Williams

to be ordained deacons in Christ's holy catholic Church.

*Bishop*

Have they been selected in accordance with the canons of this Church? And do you believe their manner of life to be suitable to the exercise of this ministry?

*Presenters*

We certify to you that they have satisfied the requirements of the canons, and we believe them to be qualified for this order.

*The Bishop says to the ordinands*

Will you be loyal to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of Christ as this Church has received them? And will you, in accordance with the canons of this Church, obey your bishop and other ministers who may have authority over you and your work?

*Answer*

I am willing and ready to do so; and I solemnly declare that I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation; and I do solemnly engage to conform to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of The Episcopal Church.

*The Ordinands then sign the above Declaration in the sight of all present.*

*All stand. The Bishop says to the people*

Dear friends in Christ, you know the importance of this ministry, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting these persons for ordination to the sacred order of deacons. Therefore if any of you know any impediment or crime because of which we should not proceed, come forward now, and make it known.

*If no objection is made, the Bishop continues*

Is it your will that these persons be ordained deacons?

*People*           It is.

*Bishop*           Will you uphold them in this ministry?

*People*           We will.

*The Bishop then calls the people to prayer with these or similar words*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.





## The Liturgy of the Word

### The First Lesson

*Deuteronomy 32:1-4*

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses recited the words of this song:

Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak;  
let the earth hear the words of my mouth.

May my teaching drop like the rain,  
my speech condense like the dew;

like gentle rain on grass,  
like showers on new growth.

For I will proclaim the name of the Lord;  
ascribe greatness to our God!

The Rock, his work is perfect,  
and all his ways are just.

A faithful God, without deceit,  
just and upright is he.

The word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### The Psalm

*Psalm 119:89-96*

*In aeternum, Domine*

*The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse.*

89. O Lord, your word is everlasting; \*  
it stands firm in the heavens.
90. Your faithfulness remains from one generation to another; \*  
you established the earth, and it abides.
91. By your decree these continue to this day, \*  
for all things are your servants.
92. If my delight had not been in your law, \*  
I should have perished in my affliction.
93. I will never forget your commandments, \*  
because by them you give me life.
94. I am yours; oh, that you would save me! \*  
for I study your commandments.

95. Though the wicked lie in wait for me to destroy me, \*  
I will apply my mind to your decrees.
96. I see that all things come to an end, \*  
but your commandment has no bounds.

The Second Lesson

*Ephesians 2:13-22*

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Church at Ephesus.

Now in Christ Jesus you Gentiles, who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

*By all your saints still striving*  
Verse 2 is located in the text below



1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest,  
2 *(Insert the stanza appropriate to the day)*  
3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther and wor-ship God the Son



your ho - ly Name, O Je - sus, for ev - er - more be blessed.  
and sing to God the Spi - rit, e - ter - nal Three in One,



You rose, our King vic - tor - ious, that they might wear the crown  
till all the ran - somed num - ber who stand be - fore the throne



and ev - er shine in splen - dor re - flect - ed from your throne.  
a - scribe all power and glo - ry and praise to God a - lone.

### Verse 2:

Praise, Lord, for your apostles,  
Saint Simon and Saint Jude.  
One love, one hope, impelled them  
to tread the way, renewed.  
May we with zeal as earnest  
the faith of Christ maintain,  
be bound in love together,  
and life eternal gain.

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## The Gospel Lesson

*John 15:17-27*

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, “I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

“If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world-- therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, ‘Servants are not greater than their master.’ If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. Whoever hates me hates my Father also. If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not have sin.

But now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. It was to fulfill the word that is written in their law, 'They hated me without a cause.'

"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning."

The Gospel of the Lord

*People*

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Matthew Cowden

The Nicene Creed

*The People stand and say together*

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 worshipped 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 Examination**

*All are seated except the ordinand, who stands before the Bishop who says*

My siblings in Christ, every Christian is called to follow Jesus Christ, serving God the Father, through the power of the Holy Spirit. God now calls you to a special ministry of servanthood directly under your bishop. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are to serve all people, particularly the poor, the weak, the sick, and the lonely.

As a deacon in the Church, you are to study the Holy Scriptures, to seek nourishment from them, and to model your life upon them. You are to make Christ and his redemptive love known, by your word and example, to those among whom you live, and work, and worship. You are to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world. You are to assist the bishop and priests in public worship and in the ministration of God's Word and Sacraments, and you are to carry out other duties assigned to you from time to time. At all times, your life and teaching are to show Christ's people that in serving the helpless they are serving Christ himself.

My siblings, do you believe that you are truly called by God and his Church to the life and work of a deacon?

*Answer* I believe I am so called.

*Bishop* Do you now in the presence of the Church commit yourself to this trust and responsibility?

*Answer* I do.

*Bishop* Will you respect and be guided by the pastoral direction and leadership of your bishop?

*Answer* I will.

*Bishop* Will you be faithful in prayer, and in the reading and study of the Holy Scriptures?

*Answer* I will.

*Bishop* Will you look for Christ in all others, being ready to help and serve those in need?

*Answer* I will.

*Bishop* Will you do your best to pattern your life in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to your people?

*Answer* I will.

*Bishop* Will you in all things seek not your glory but the glory of the Lord Christ?

*Answer* I will.

*Bishop* May the Lord by his grace uphold you in the service he lays upon you.

*Answer* Amen.



## The Consecration of the Deacons

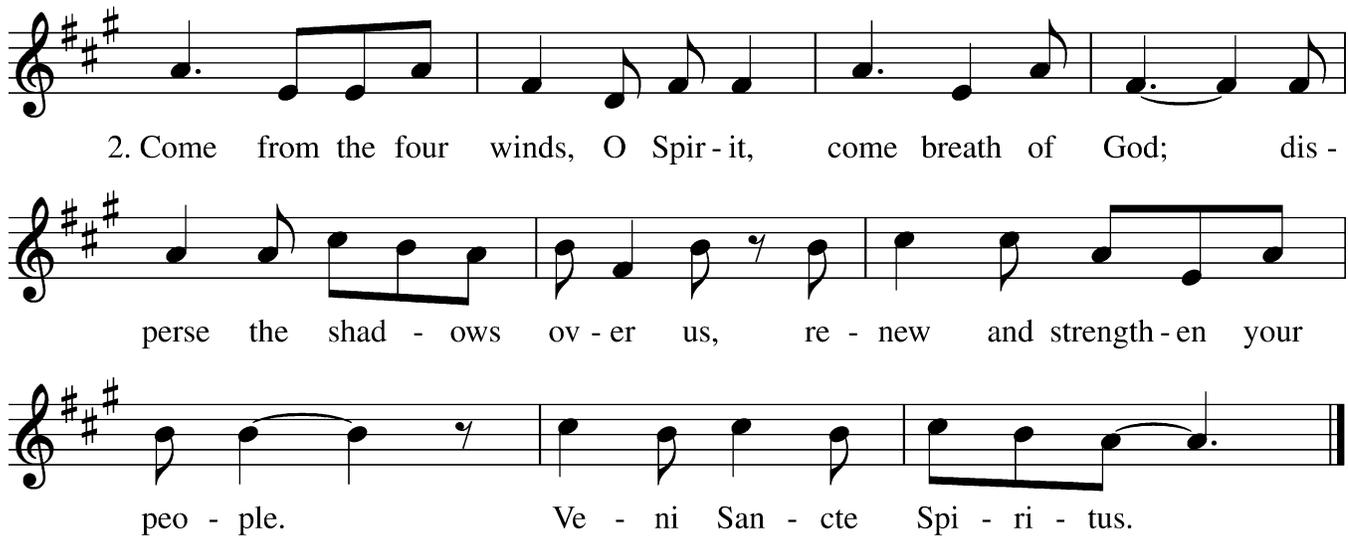
*All now stand except the ordinands, who kneel facing the Bishop.*

*Veni Sancte Spiritus*

Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

*Cantor*

1. Come, Ho - ly Spir-it, from heav-en shine forth  
with your glo - rious light. Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.



2. Come from the four winds, O Spirit, come breath of God; dis -  
perse the shad - ows ov - er us, re - new and strength - en your  
peo - ple. Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

*Translation: Come, Holy Spirit.*

Words: Pentecost Sequence: Taizé Community, 1978. Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

*A period of silent prayer follows, the people still standing. The Bishop then says this Prayer of Consecration*  
O God, most merciful Father, we praise you for sending your Son Jesus Christ, who took on himself the form of a servant, and humbled himself, becoming obedient even to death on the cross. We praise you that you have highly exalted him, and made him Lord of all; and that, through him, we know that whoever would be great must be servant of all. We praise you for the many ministries in your Church, and for calling this your servant to the order of deacons.

*Here the Bishop lays hands upon each head of the ordinands and says:*

Therefore, Father, through Jesus Christ your Son, give your Holy Spirit to...; fill *him/her* with grace and power, and make *him/her* a deacon in your Church.

*The Bishop then continues*

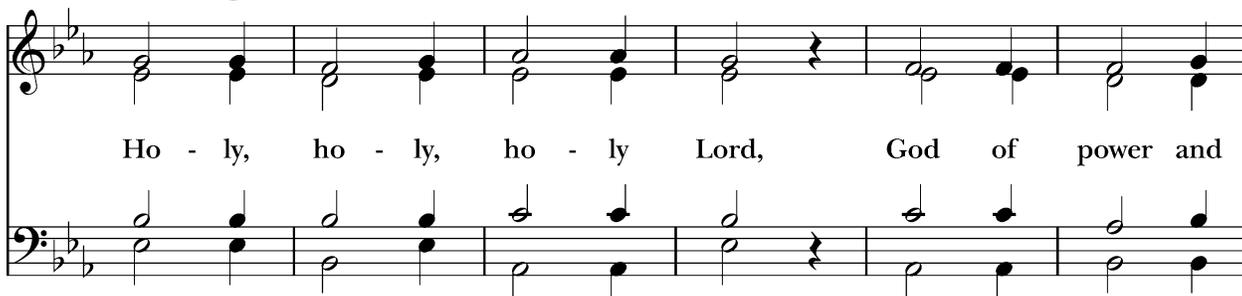
Make them, O Lord, modest and humble, strong and constant, to observe the discipline of Christ. Let their lives and teaching so reflect your commandments, that through them many may come to know you and love you. As your Son came not to be served but to serve, may these deacons share in Christ's service, and come to the unending glory of him who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

*The People in a loud voice respond Amen!*

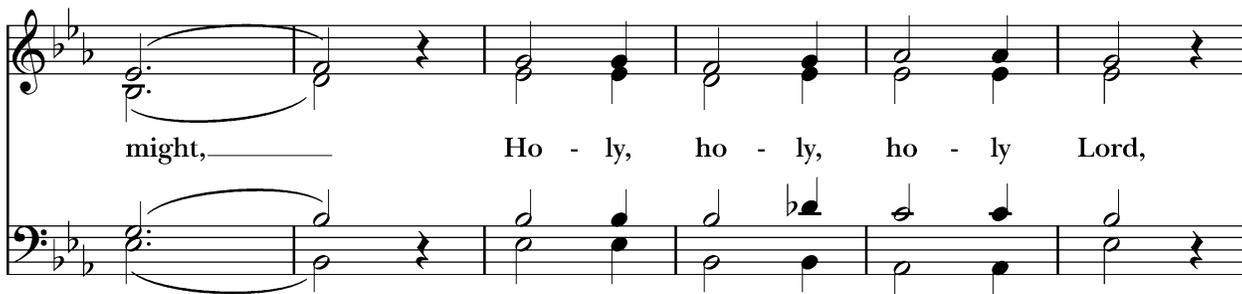




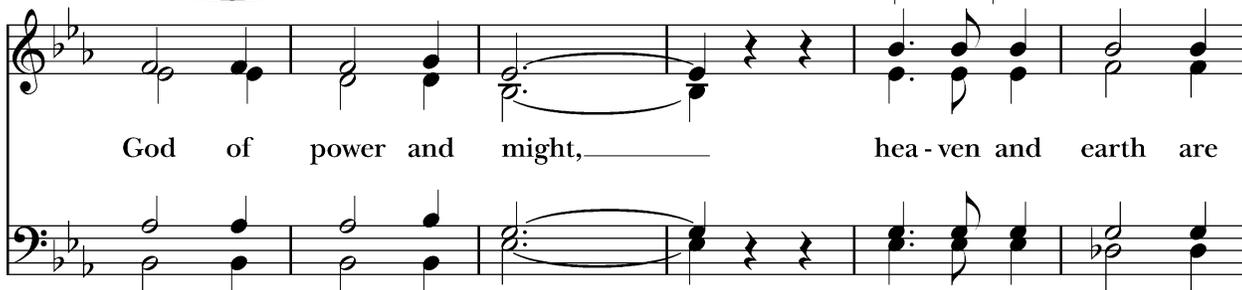
*Celebrant and People*



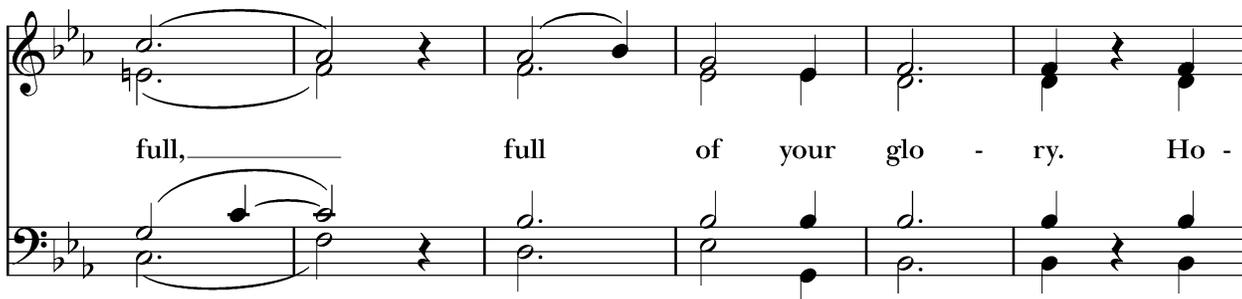
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



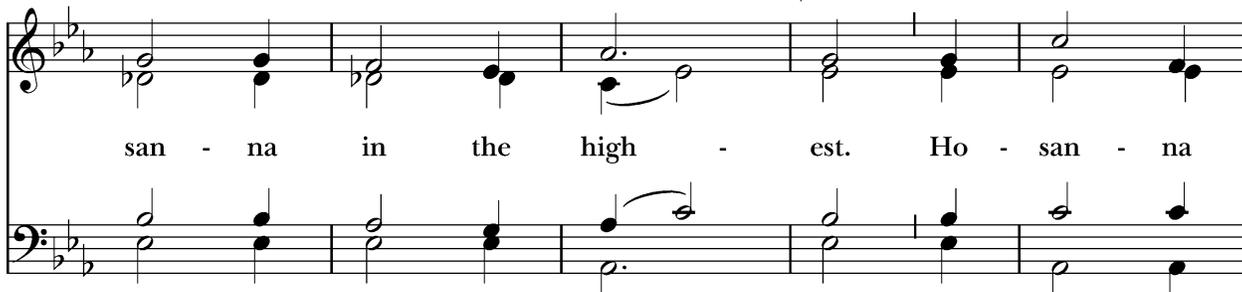
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



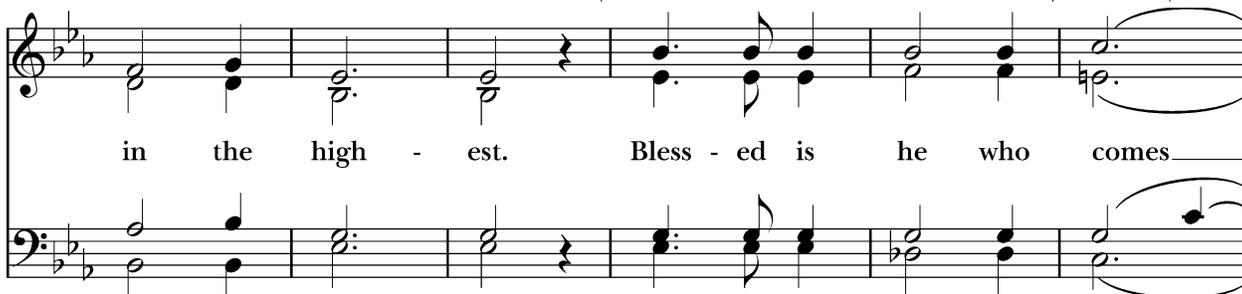
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are



full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -



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



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

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music features a mix of chords and melodic lines, with some notes tied across measures.

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*The people stand or kneel. 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;

*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 St. Simon, St. Jude, 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.



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

The Lord's Prayer

*Said together*

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

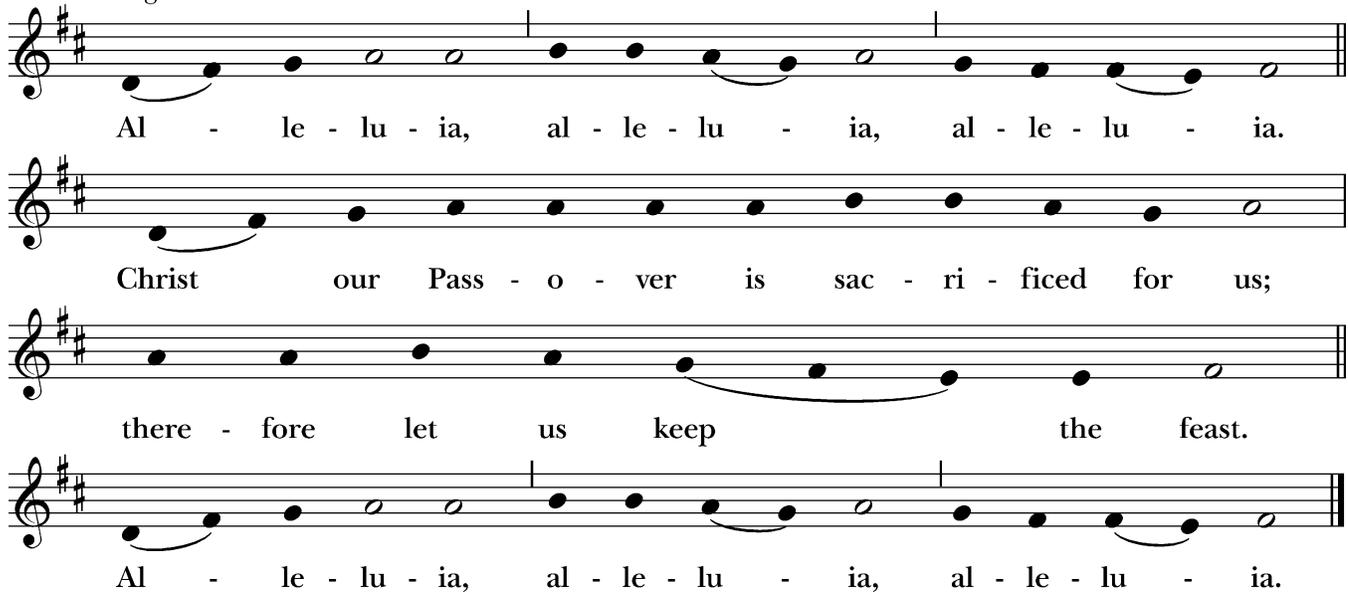
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*This setting is not used in Lent.*



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.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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## The Invitation

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says*

**The Gifts of God for the People of God.**

## Musical Interlude

*God is Love*

by Xavier Hersom

*As the Blessed Sacrament is prepared for distribution the above piece will be played. This piece was composed as a message of healing to LGBTQ+ Christians by the son of one of today's ordinands—Marti Steiner Unger.*

## The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Holy Eucharist.*

*Communion stations will be posted around the church. Ushers will direct your row to a station.*

*To receive the Bread, hold out your hands as you approach the clergy person distributing it.*

*Gluten free wafers are available. Simply ask the clergy person.*

*After you have received the Bread you may move to an assistant holding the Chalice.*

*You are welcome to drink the Wine from the Chalice or intinct (dip) the Bread in the Wine.*

*Please know that if, for any reason, you would prefer to abstain from the Wine that Christ's full presence in the Sacrament is present when you receive in only one kind.*

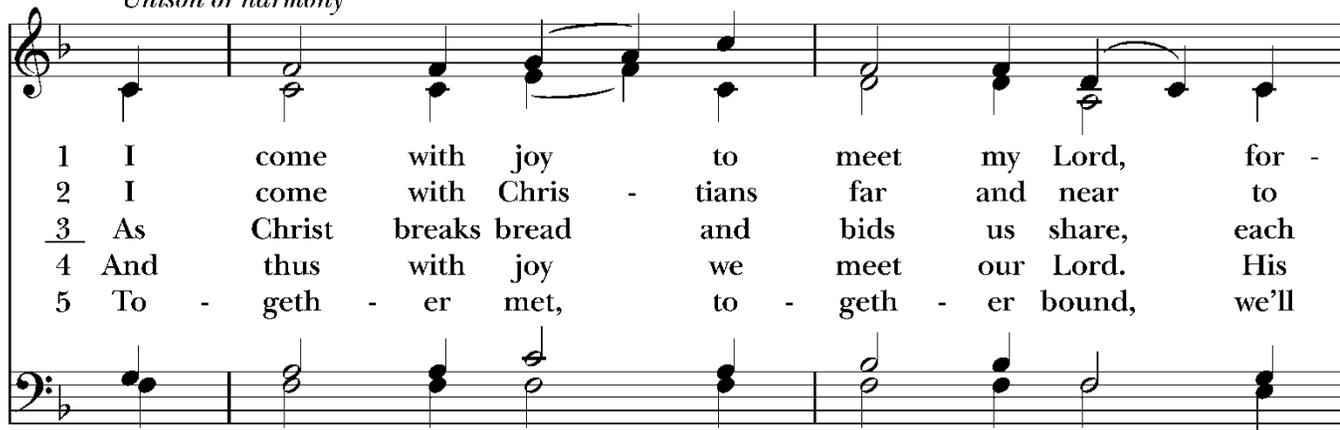
*If you cannot partake of the Sacrament today, please feel free to come forward to receive a blessing.*

*Simply place your arms across your chest as you approach the clergy person.*

# Hymns During Communion

*I come with joy to meet my Lord*

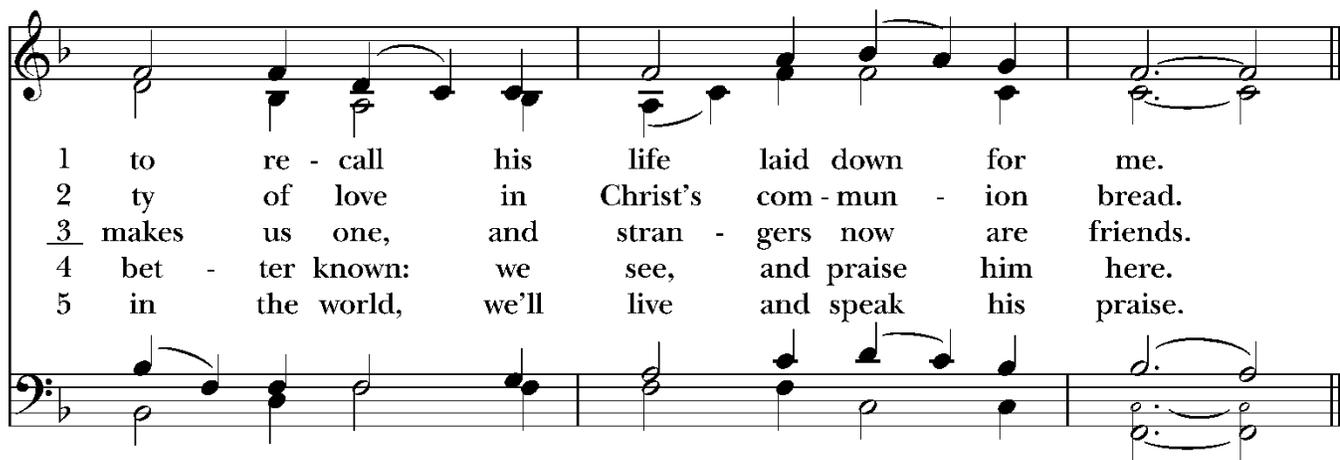
*Unison or harmony*



1 I come with joy I to meet my Lord, for -  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll



1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple



1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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*I am the bread of life*



1 I am the bread of life; — they who  
2 (The) Bread that — I will give — is my  
3 (Un-) less — you eat — of the  
4 I am the re - sur - rec - tion, —  
5 (Yes,) Lord, — we be - lieve — that —



1 come to me shall not — hun - ger; they who be -  
2 Flesh for the life of the world, — and they who  
3 Flesh of the Son of — Man — and —  
4 I — am the — life. — They who be -  
5 you — are the — Christ, — the —



1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
2 eat — of this bread, they shall — live for  
3 drink — of his Blood, you shall not have life with -  
4 lieve — in me, e - ven — if they  
5 Son — of God who — has



1 me — un - less the — Fa - ther draw them.  
2 ev - er. — they shall — live for ev - er.  
3 in you. you shall not have life with - in you.  
4 die, — they shall — live for ev - er.  
5 come — in - to — the — world. —

*Descant*

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

*Refrain*

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

up, and I will raise them up on the

up, and I will raise them up on the

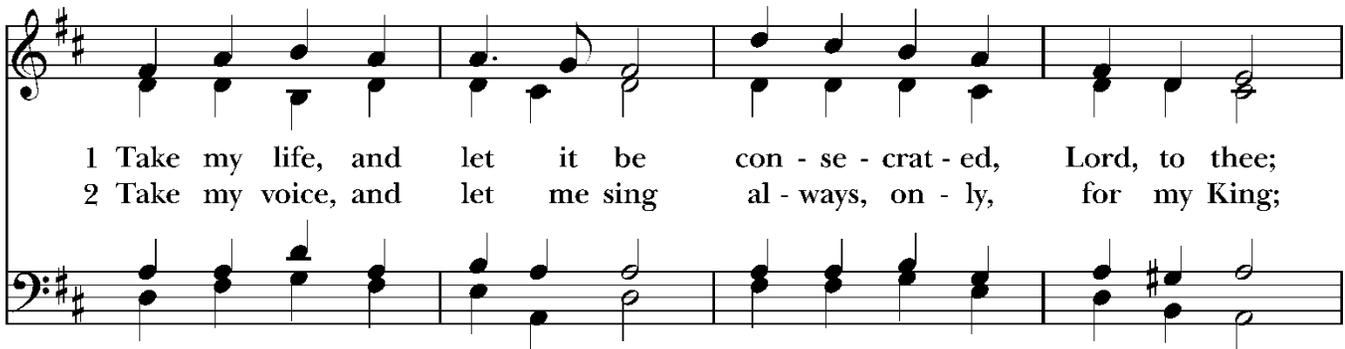
last day. \_\_\_\_\_ 5 Yes, day.

last day. \_\_\_\_\_ 2 The  
3 Un- day.  
4 —  
5 Yes,  
( )

*Final Ending*

The descant may be sung after stanzas 4 and 5.  
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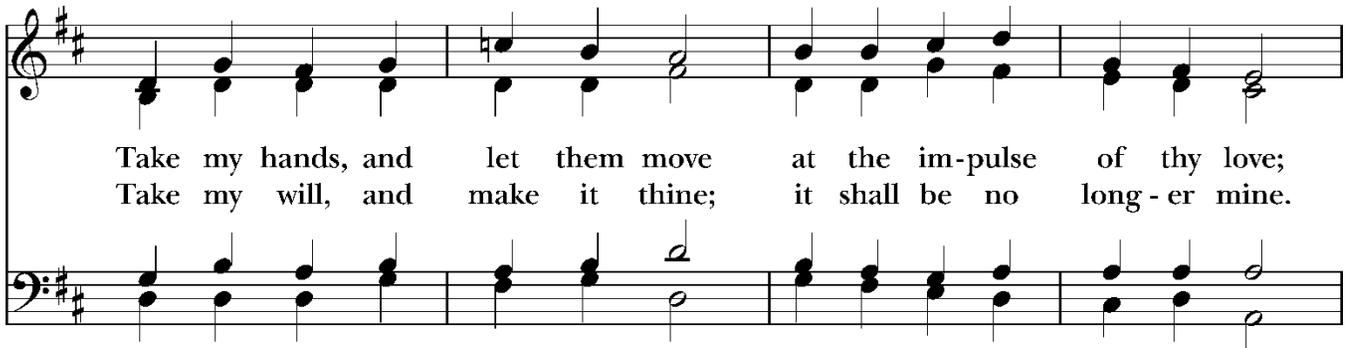
*Take my life, and let it be*



1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;



take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.



Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;  
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.



take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.  
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

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## The Prayer after Communion

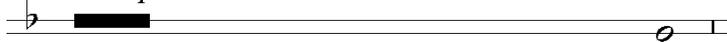
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All together*

Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of your Word and Sacraments. We pray that Andy, Aaron, Klara, Marilou, Amy, Bill, Marti, and Scott may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with them, may serve you now, and always rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

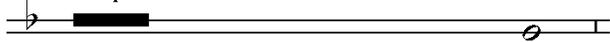
## The Blessing Over the People

*Bishop*



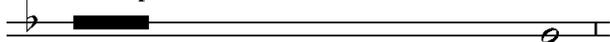
Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*People*



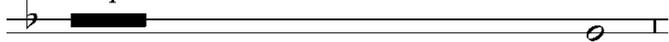
The maker of heaven and earth.

*Bishop*



Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

*People*



From this time forth for ever-more.

*The Bishop sings the blessing.*



*Jesus shall reign where'er the sun*

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -  
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his  
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners  
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
2 throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -  
3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with

1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.  
4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Duke Street*, John Hatton (d. 1793).

## **The Dismissal**

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Postlude

*Highland Cathedral*