



# St. Francis' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday, January 9, 2022

The First Sunday after the Epiphany

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## GATHERING HYMN

## SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE

H 135

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;  
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal-sied limbs and faint-ing soul;  
4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin-ing in re - splen-dent light,  
man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;  
and at Ca - na, wed - ding-guest, in thy God-head man - i - fest;  
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev-il's might;  
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.  
branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;  
man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill;  
When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,  
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in man made man-i - fest.  
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in man made man-i - fest.  
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in man made man-i - fest.  
cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man-i - fest.

## OPENING ACCLAMATIONS

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider 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, so that we may truly  
love you, and worthily praise your holy name; through our Savior Jesus Christ.

People Amen.

## GLORIA

ED BOLDUC

Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry!

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

will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy

you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,

Lord God, heav-en - ly King, O God, al - might-y

Fa - ther. Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be - got - ten Son,

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

way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us; you take a -

way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the right  
hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us. For  
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo-ry!  
Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the  
high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will. A - men.

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

People: **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### *THE FIRST READING*

Reader A reading from the book of Isaiah.

43:1-7

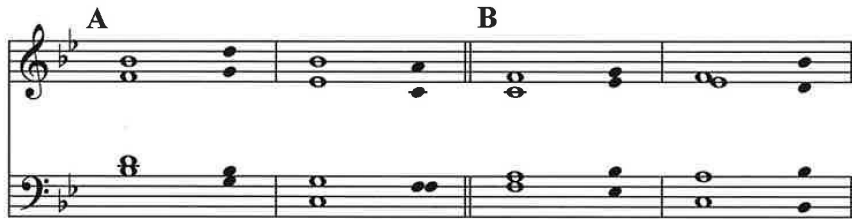
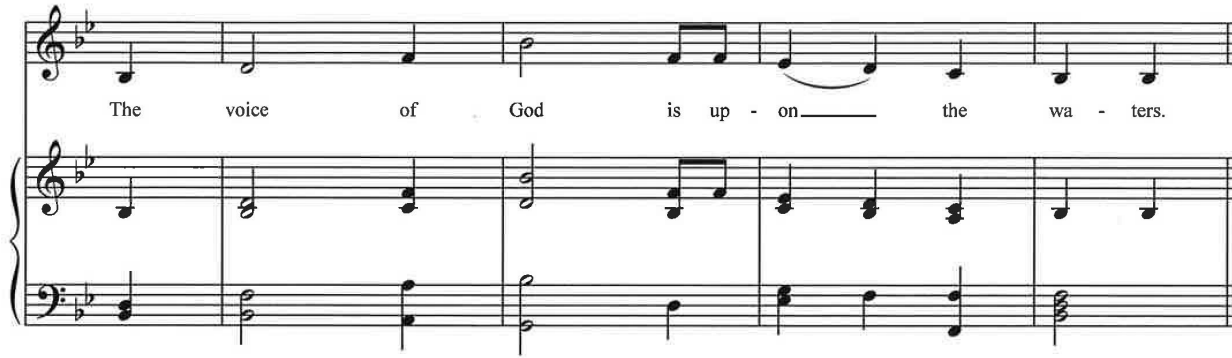
Thus says the Lord,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
For I am the Lord your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.  
Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;  
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth--  
everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

# PSALM OF THE DAY

## PSALM 29



- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you / gods,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and / strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his / Name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of / holiness. ANTIPHON
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory / thunders;  
the Lord is upon the mighty / waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a / powerful voice;  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of / splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the / cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of / Lebanon; ANTIPHON
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a / calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild / ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the / wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of / Kadesh. ANTIPHON
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees / writhe  
and strips the forests / bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the / Lord  
all are crying, / "Glory!" ANTIPHON
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the / flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as King for ever/more.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his / people;  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of / peace. ANTIPHON

## THE SECOND READING

Reader A reading from the book of Acts.

8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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## THE GOSPEL

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

3:15-17, 21-22

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

THE REV. PETER SPEROPULOS

## **RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

Presider My siblings in Christ, through the Paschal mystery, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, on this feast of the Baptism of our Lord, to renew the sacred promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced evil and promised to serve God faithfully through God's holy Church.

Presider Do you believe in God?

People **I believe in God, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

Presider How will you connect to Christ in community?

People **With God's help I will continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.**

Presider How will you resist evil and turn to Christ?

People **With God's help I will persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever I fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.**

Presider How will you show Christ in your life?

People **With God's help I will proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.**

Presider How will you seek and serve Christ in your life?

People **With God's help I will seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving my neighbor as myself.**

Presider How will you work for the reign of God?

People **With God's help I will strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.**

Presider How will you preserve God's creation?

People **With God's help I will cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation.**

Presider May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People **Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Presider God of Light, lead us by the light of revelation of Jesus Christ your Child, that we may value and honor the varied gifts of our sisters and brothers and together present the offering of our life's labor at the feet of our Savior. Christ be our light.

People **Shine in our hearts.**

*The intercessor readers the Prayers of the People. To each prayer, the people respond*

People **Shine in our hearts.**

*The Presider offers a concluding prayer.*

Presider May Christ, the Morning-Star who knows no setting, find us ever burning with the light of love, the spirit of truth, and the wellspring of hope; that following the way of Jesus and filled with the flame of the Holy Spirit, we may be a holy people whose lives and living inspire, incite, and inflame your world with compassion and care. Through Jesus the Christ the light of the world.

People **Amen.**

### **PEACE**

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

*We invite you to extend the peace of God to those in the congregation.*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**


### **BIRTHDAY BLESSING**

Presider Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

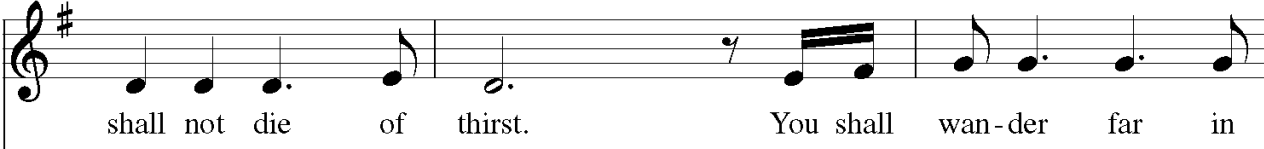
People **Amen.**



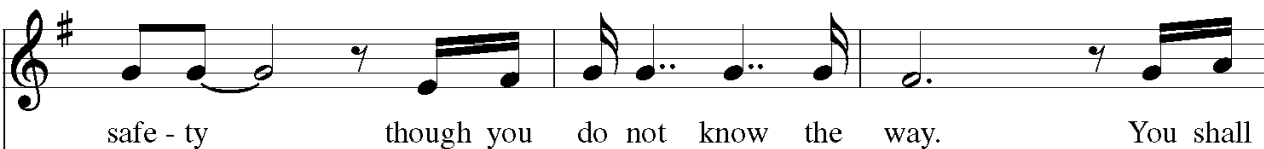
*Verse 1*




1. You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert, but you




shall not die of thirst. You shall wan-der far in



safe - ty though you do not know the way. You shall




speak your words in for-eign lands and all will un - der - stand.




You shall see the face of God and live.\_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*

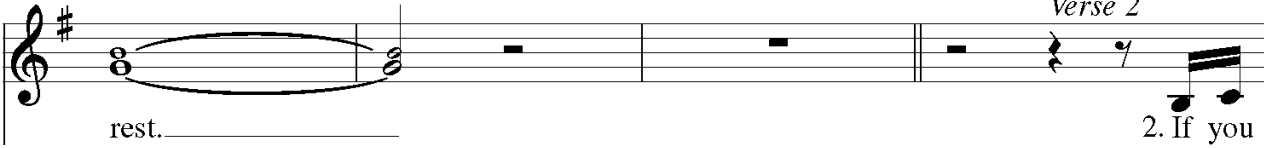


Be not a - fraid. I go be - fore you al-ways.




Come, fol - low me, and I will give you

*Verse 2*



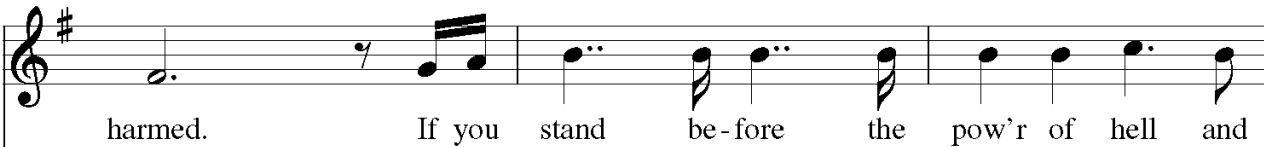
rest.\_\_\_\_\_ 2. If you



pass through rag - ing wa-ters in the sea, you shall not



drown, If you walk a - mid the burn-ing flames, you shall not be



harm-ed. If you stand be-fore the pow'r of hell and

death is at your side, know that I am with you through it

*To refrain Verse 3*

all. 3. Bless-ed are your poor, for the

king-dom shall be theirs. Blest are you that

weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh. And if

wick-ed men in-sult and hate you all be-cause of me,

bless-ed, bless-ed are you!

*Final Refrain*

Be not a-fraid. I go be-fore you al-ways.

Come, fol-low me, and I will give you

rest.

## DOXOLOGY

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*During the 10:30 worship service, the following is sung as the offerings are presented.*

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise God, all creatures here below;  
 Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## EUCCHARIST

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

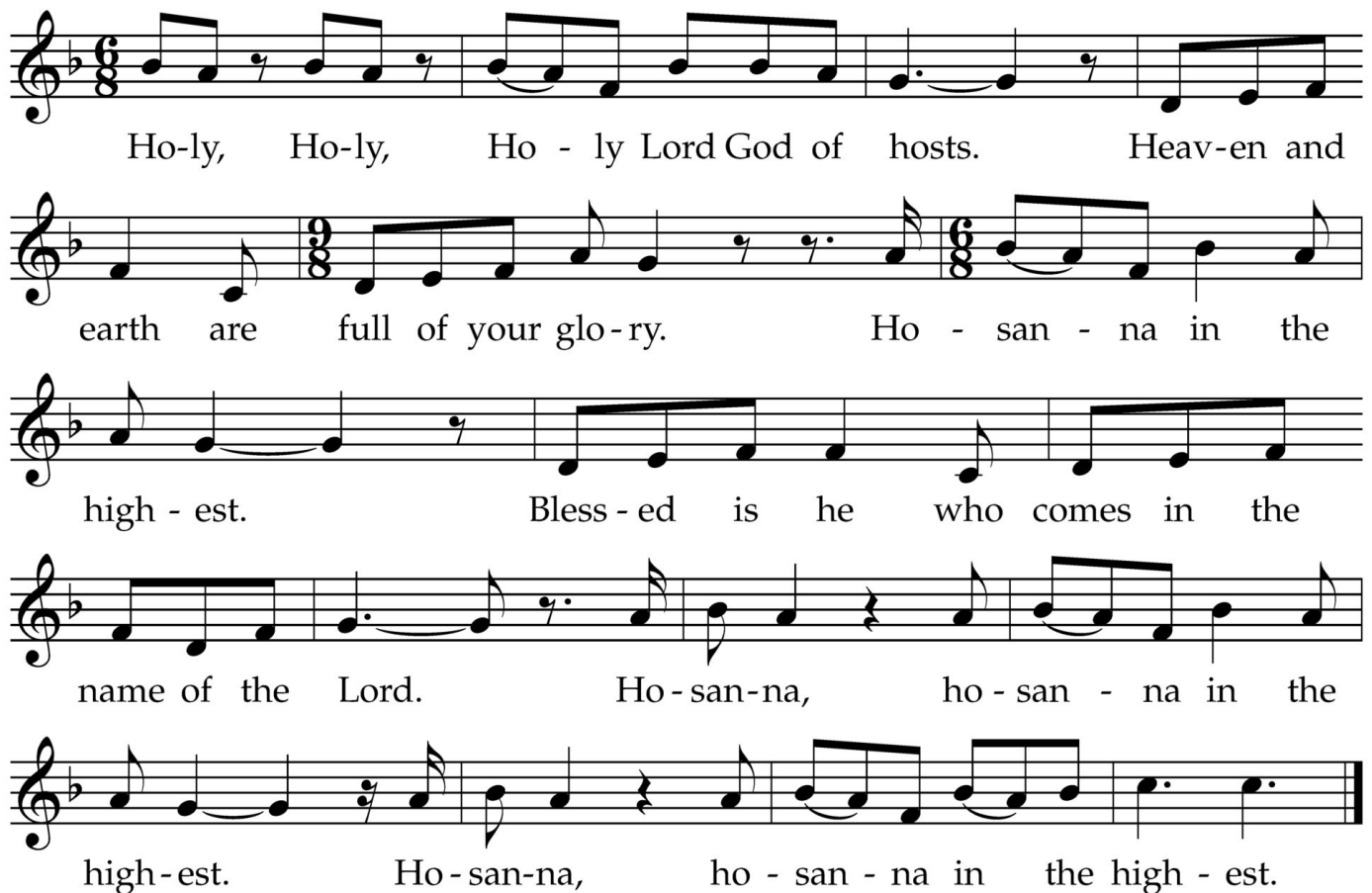
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider 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 people sing:*

**ED BOLDUC**



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en 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, ho - san - na in the  
high-est. Ho - san-na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider     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, give 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 gift 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 St. Francis, St. Michael, St. George 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.

*The people sing:*

**ED BOLDOC**

Amen, amen, amen  
Amen, amen, amen

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People 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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

## THE LAMB OF GOD

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,  
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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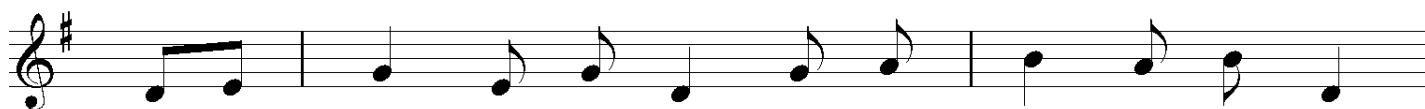
Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The Eucharistic bread is gluten-free and nut-free. This Eucharistic table does not belong to the Episcopal Church or to St. Francis'. This is God's table, and all are welcome. In the Episcopal Church, we receive both the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus.*

# HYMN AFTER COMMUNION

# HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

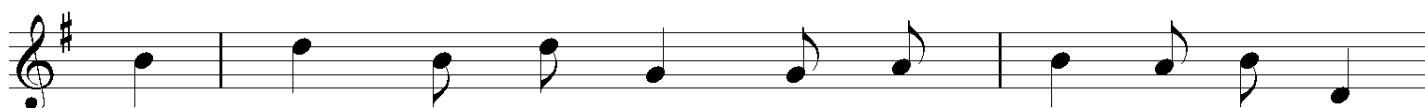
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1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!  
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!  
2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;  
4 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,



1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.  
3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

## Optional Interlude



## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*After all have received communion the Presider says*

Presider God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

People **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.**

## **BLESSING**

Presider May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord.

People **Amen.**

Presider May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth.

People **Amen.**

Presider May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts.

People **Amen.**

Presider And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

People **Amen.**



1. Bap - tized\_\_ in wa - ter,\_\_ sealed by the Spi - rit,\_\_ Cleansed by the
2. Bap - tized\_\_ in wa - ter,\_\_ sealed by the Spi - rit,\_\_ Dead in the
3. Bap - tized\_\_ in wa - ter,\_\_ sealed by the Spi - rit,\_\_ Marked with the



1. blood of Christ\_\_ our King: Heirs of sal - va - tion,\_\_
2. tomb with Christ\_\_ our King: One with his ris - ing,\_\_
3. sign of Christ\_\_ our King: Born of one Fa - ther,\_\_



1. trust - ing his prom - ise,\_\_ Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
2. freed and for - giv - en,\_\_ Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
3. we are his child - ren,\_\_ Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

## DISMISSAL

Presider The Lord says, 'Go into all the world and make disciples of all the nations.' Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**