



SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

BACKPACK BLESSING & DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL GARDEN SIDEWALK



How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

Psalms 133:1

IN THE LITURGY TODAY

THE LECTONARY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Lectionary is an ordered system for reading the Holy Scriptures at the Eucharist. The Episcopal Church typically uses the Revised Common Lectionary, as do Roman Catholics, Lutherans and other denominations. During the long green season after Pentecost, St. Francis' used "track one" for the first reading from Hebrew Scripture. This track followed Genesis from the creation story through today's reading in Genesis 45, where Joseph saves his family from certain starvation.

Beginning next week, this track moves into the next book of Hebrew Scriptures, Exodus.

BLESSINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Today we bless backpacks and other school supplies as well as the students, teachers and staff who will begin a new academic year. Blessings do not change something--making it suddenly precious. Instead they name and highlight the holiness and divinity already present.

We will also dedicate our Memorial Garden sidewalk. A dedication sets something apart for God's use. That is what we as a community will do at the end of today's service.

LOOSE PLATE OFFERING

Loose plate offering means any donation that is placed in the plate and that is not already pledged to the maintenance of St. Francis. These financial gifts--given to us through the grace of God and returned to God's service--are brought up at the offertory and will be given to students in need at Eureka Elementary and Pacific Elementary Schools.

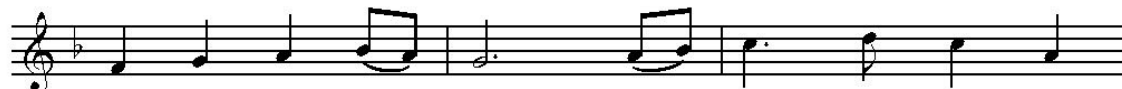
WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN *Stand.*

ALL ARE WELCOME



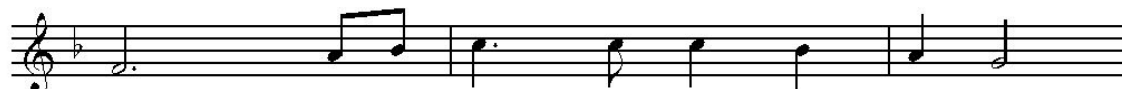
1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
 3. Let us build a house where love is found In
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
 5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their



all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
 words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
 wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on
 yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,
 songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
 dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
 ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice
 serve and teach, And live the Word they've
 taught and claimed As words with - in the



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus,
 known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter,



Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the
 And as sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
 Is re - vealed in time and space; As we
 Bear the im - age of God's face; Let us
 Prayers of faith and songs of grace, Let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

OPENING ACCLAMATIONS

Presider We meet in the name of God,
 Creator of the universe,
 source of True humanity.
 Mother and Father of all.

People **Amen.**

Presider We meet in the name of Jesus,
 Word made flesh,
 Savior of fallen humanity,
 lover of all.

People **Amen.**

Presider We meet in the name of the Holy Spirit,
 Lord and giver of life,
 Midwife of new humanity,
 Inspirer of all.

People **Amen.**

Presider Come then, eternal God,

People **Be present here,
Befriend us here,
Renew us here.**

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 heart 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.**

GLORIA At 8am, only refrain sung twice. At 10:30, all sung.

Refrain:

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est,
glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth
peace to peo - ple of good will. *To Verses*

1. We praise you,
we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory, for your great glory
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father. **Refrain**

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand, the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us. **Refrain**

3. For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. **To Amen below**

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Presider O Holy Spirit, love within: Kindle within us the flame of your burning passion, that we may work without ceasing for justice and peace on earth, and at length may attain to your love that never ends; in the name of the Source, the Word, and the Spirit.

People **Amen.**

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES *Sit*

THE FIRST LESSON

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis.

45:1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

At 10:30, cantor sings through once, congregation then joins.



- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is,
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron,
and runs down upon the collar of his robe. **ANTIPHON**
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing:
life for evermore. **ANTIPHON**

THE SECOND LESSON

Reader A reading from the letter to the Romans. 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sing two times.

If you be-lieve and I be-lieve and we to - geth - er
 pray, the Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple
 free, and set God's peo - ple free, and set God's peo - ple
 free; the Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple free.

THE GOSPEL

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. 15: 10-20, 21-28

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

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the

crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL ANTIPHON *At 10:30 only, sing the music on previous page one time through.*

SERMON *Sit*

THE REV. LAURIE ANZILOTTI

THE NICENE CREED *Stand*

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 human.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon Faithful God, as we give voice to our needs and share our thanksgivings, help us to trust what Jesus taught. When we ask, we will receive. When we search, we will find. When we knock, the door will be opened. O God; hear us; answer us; and send us forth.

*After each prayer, please respond "**hear us; answer us; and send us forth.**"*

Presider Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: In this fellowship of love and prayer, accept and fulfill our petitions, not as we ask, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus, Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept for a time.

People **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.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider Not an easy peace,
not an insignificant peace, not a halfhearted peace,
but the peace of God in Jesus Christ be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Sit*

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Anyone of any age or any role who is starting an academic year may gather at the altar with backpacks or supplies.

Presider God of Wisdom, we give you thanks for schools and classrooms and for the teachers, staff and students who fill them. We thank you for this new beginning, and we ask your blessing+ on these school supplies and on the students who will use them. We thank you for these your people, and ask you to bless+ them with curiosity, understanding and respect.

People **May their supplies and backpacks be a sign that they have all they need to learn and grow this year. May your love guide them.**

Presider All this we ask in the name of Jesus, who as a child in the temple showed his longing to learn about you, and as an adult taught by story and example your great love for us.

People **Amen.**

BLESSING OF THE ERASERS

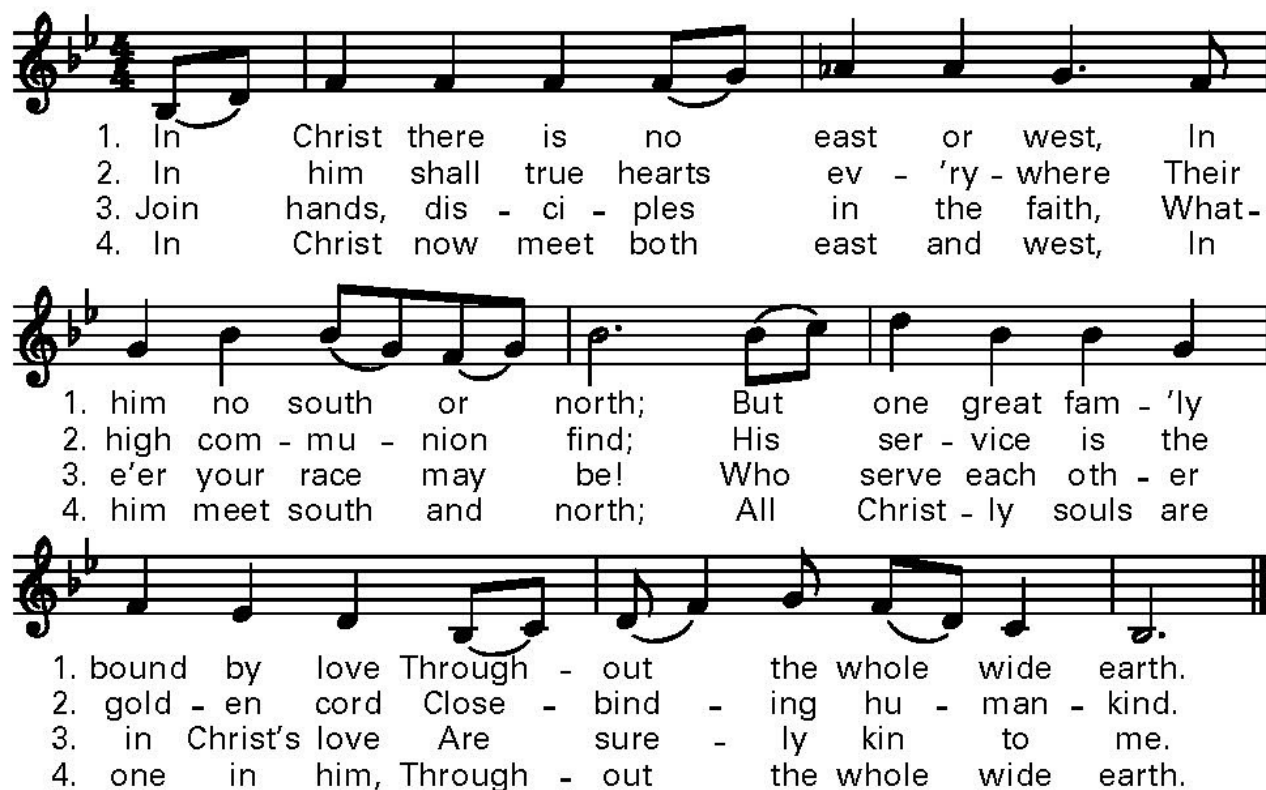
WE GATHER AT CHRIST'S TABLE

We return with thanksgiving the gifts God has given us. This includes bread and wine of the earth and financial offerings from our labor. Representatives of the congregation bring these to the common Eucharistic table.

OFFERTORY

IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

8:00: performed by OCP Choir



1. In Christ there is no east or west, In
2. In him shall true hearts ev - 'ry - where Their
3. Join hands, dis - ci - ples in the faith, What -
4. In Christ now meet both east and west, In

1. him no south or north; But one great fam - 'ly
2. high com - mu - nion find; His ser - vice is the
3. e'er your race may be! Who serve each oth - er
4. him meet south and north; All Christ - ly souls are

1. bound by love Through - out the whole wide earth.
2. gold - en cord Close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
3. in Christ's love Are sure - ly kin to me.
4. one in him, Through - out the whole wide earth.

The following is sung as ushers present the offerings. Please stand. 10:30 only

H 380

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above you heavenly host:
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

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 God thanks and praise.**
Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, I Am
Who Am, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord,
to show forth your glory in all the world.

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

Say at 8am:

People **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Sing at 10:30am:



The people stand or kneel.

Presider 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. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from 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,

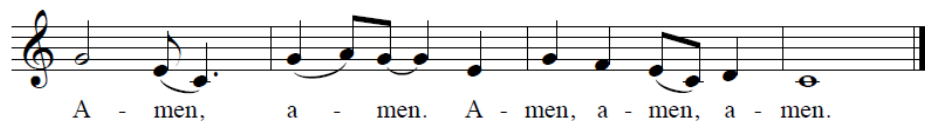
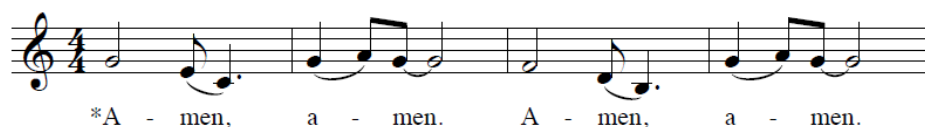
People **We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

Presider 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.

Presider 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 in this 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. Francis, St. Clare and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

Presider By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

AMEN



**Pronounced: Ay-men.*

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!**

FRACTION ANTHEM *At 8am, spoken*

The musical notation for the Fraction Anthem is presented in three staves. The first staff is in 4/4 time and contains the lyrics "Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you". The second staff is in 4/4 time and contains the lyrics "take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.". The third staff is in 4/4 time and contains the lyrics "world, grant us peace.". The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you

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

world, grant us peace.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Our bread is gluten-, dairy- 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. If you choose not to receive communion, please come forward and cross your arms over your heart to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN *10:30 only* **LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER**

CANTOR SOLO

Let us break bread together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord have mercy on me.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** *Stand*

Presider Let us pray.

All In gratitude, in deep gratitude
for this moment,
this meal,
these people,
we give ourselves to you.

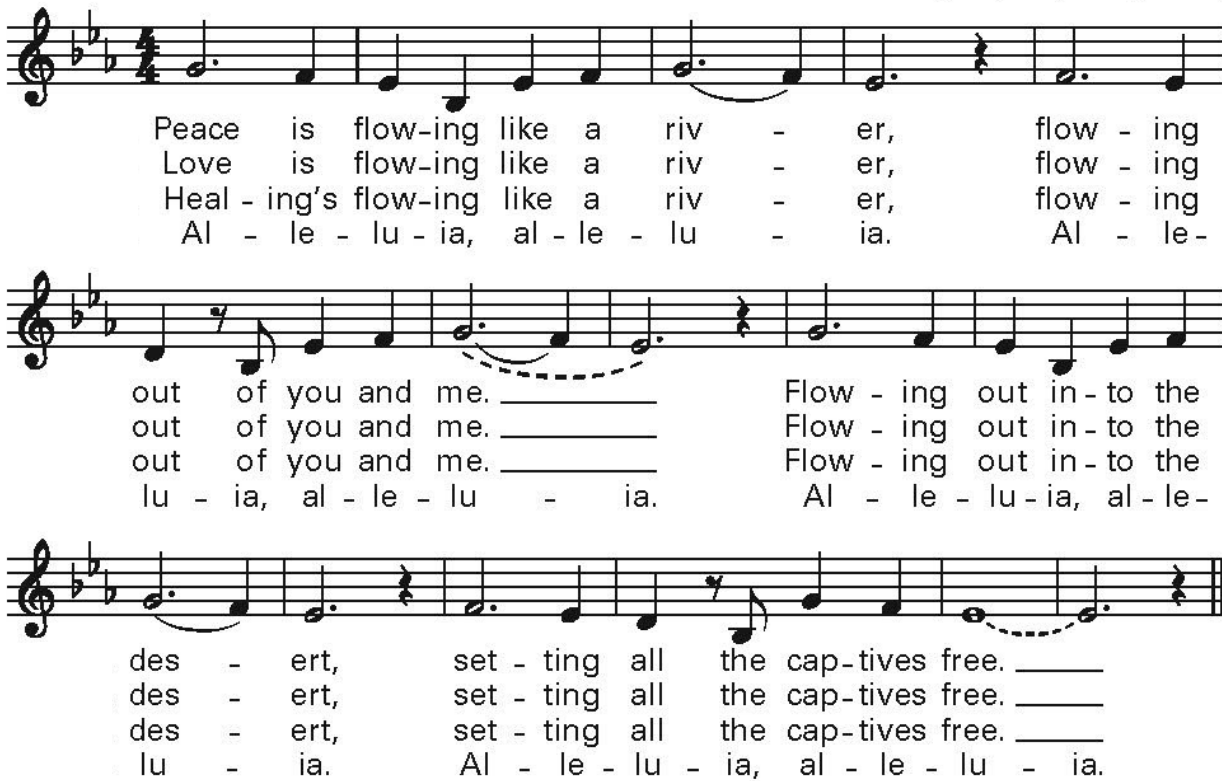
Take us out
to live as changed people
because we have shared the Living Bread
and cannot remain the same.
Ask much of us,
expect much from us,
enable much by us,
encourage many through us.

So, Lord, may we live to your glory,
both as inhabitants of earth
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven.
Amen.

***BLESSING**

Presider May God go with you, Christ companion you and the Spirit enliven you, and may you
know God's presence today and every day.

People **Amen.**



Peace is flow-ing like a riv - er, flow - ing
 Love is flow-ing like a riv - er, flow - ing
 Heal - ing's flow-ing like a riv - er, flow - ing
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le -

out of you and me. _____ Flow - ing out in - to the
 out of you and me. _____ Flow - ing out in - to the
 out of you and me. _____ Flow - ing out in - to the
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

des - ert, set - ting all the cap - tives free. _____
 des - ert, set - ting all the cap - tives free. _____
 des - ert, set - ting all the cap - tives free. _____
 lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

At 10:30am only, the congregation follows the crucifer to the Memorial Garden sidewalk as they continue to sing the Sending Hymn.

Grounds Comm. We present to you this sidewalk to be set apart for the service of Christ's holy Church.

Presider Hear what the Spirit is saying in the Book of Revelations; ffter this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

People **Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!**

Presider God of the living and of the dead, who was and is and is to come, we give you thanks for the time, talent and treasure of those who made this sidewalk possible. Be with us now and bless+ this sidewalk as we set it apart for your use.

Here the Presider walks along the sidewalk sprinkling holy water as a sign of blessing

May this sidewalk serve as a holy sign of the unbreakable bond of Body of the Christ and the enduring connection of your Communion of Saints now and forever more.

DISMISSAL

Deacon In the name of God who was and is and is to come, let us go in peace to love and serve the world!

People **Thanks be to God!**

Coffee hour is at the entrance to the church. All are invited for coffee, ice cream and treats as they walk the new sidewalk and/or play and chat at the playground.

