



# St. Francis' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Sunday, September 12th, 2021**  
**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**8:00am and 10:30am**

**Holy Eucharist**  
*Enriching Our Worship*

## Prelude

## Welcome

## We Gather

*The people of God gather together. A bell rings out. Silence is kept.*

## An Exhortation

Presider: Dear Friends in Christ, on this day we reflect and remember the events of September 11, 2001. Our lives, our world, our nation has changed. We remember all those who lost their lives in New York City, in Washington, D.C. and the plains of Pennsylvania. We pray Almighty God to give us the courage to live as people whose lives are bound up in hope, that from these tragic events we may see your hand at work and find comfort in your presence. Therefore as we lean on the everlasting arms, let us offer our prayers to the Holy One.

People: **God of mercy, you heal the broken in heart, and bind up the wounds of the hurting. Strengthen us in our weakness, calm our troubled spirits and dispel our doubts and fears. Renew our faith; restore our joy in this life, for it is you who promises life and gives us hope for the life to come. Amen.**

Presider: You who turn the shadow of night into the bright promise of a new day, empower us to shape a world marked by ways of life that lead to justice and peace for all peoples. Fashion in us a people who are more ready to grow in understanding than eager to judge those who are different from us. Form us as a people determined to heal wounds rather than inflict them.

People: **We pray that you would cultivate such love in us that we may reach out in compassion to all those who are still wounded by the events of that day; and in seeking to heal others, may we experience a love that makes us whole. This we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

## The Great Silence: Two Minutes

*Silence is a powerful reminder of God's presence and our need to "be still and know" God.*

Presider: God is our hope and strength, a very present help in time of trial. Therefore in remembrance of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, those affected by the tragedy, and those who continue in pain, let us listen for God's voice in the silence.

*A two-minute silence is observed in memory of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, and those who have died in the wars that have ensued. (The silence is begun and ended with a bell.)*

Presider: Merciful God, you seek us in the hidden places of our ignorance and in the forgotten corners of our despair. Gather us into your loving embrace, and pour upon us your wise and holy Spirit, so that we may become faithful servants in whom you rejoice with all the company of heaven. Amen.

*A bell rings out and the liturgy continues with the Opening Acclamation.*

## Opening Acclamations

Presider: Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People: **Glory to God forever and ever.**

## 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, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

## Gloria

## Gloria

## LEVAS 243

Glo - ry,

Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name,\_\_\_ Glo-ry,

Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name.\_\_\_\_

1. Glo-ry to God\_\_\_ in the high-est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.\_\_\_\_

2. Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa-ther, we

wor-ship you,\_\_\_ we give you thanks,\_\_\_ we praise you for\_\_\_ your glo-ry.

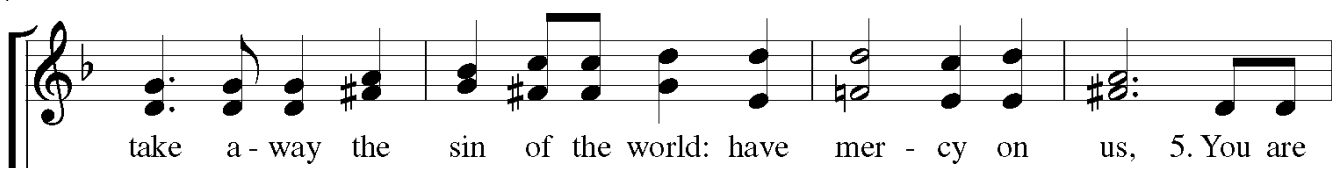
*Unison*

3. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, Glo-ry,

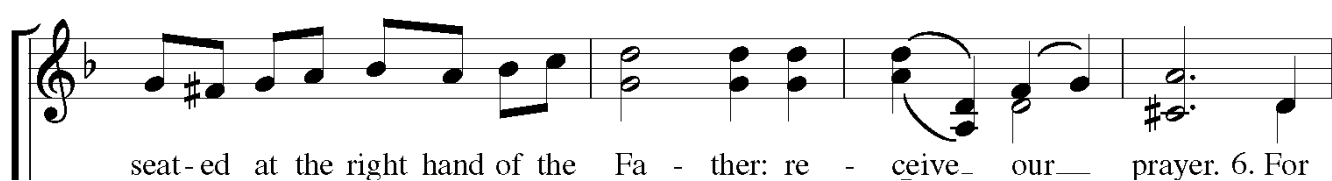
Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name,\_\_\_ Glo-ry,



Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. 4. You



take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us, 5. You are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive\_ our\_ prayer. 6. For



you a - lone\_ are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are\_ the Lord,

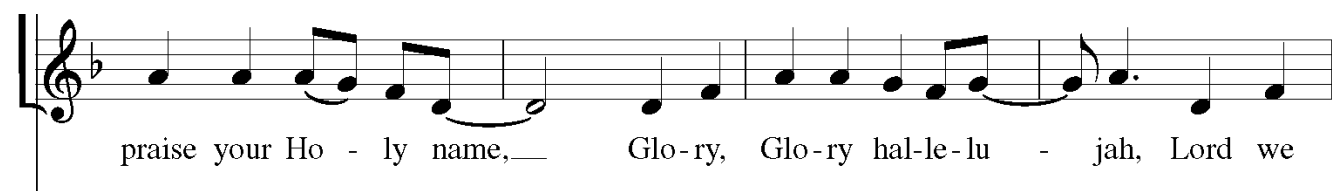
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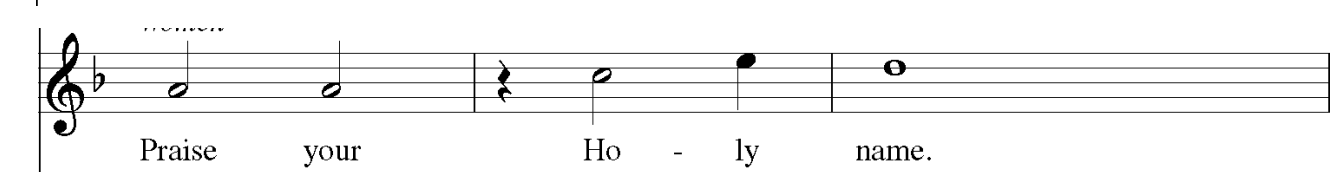
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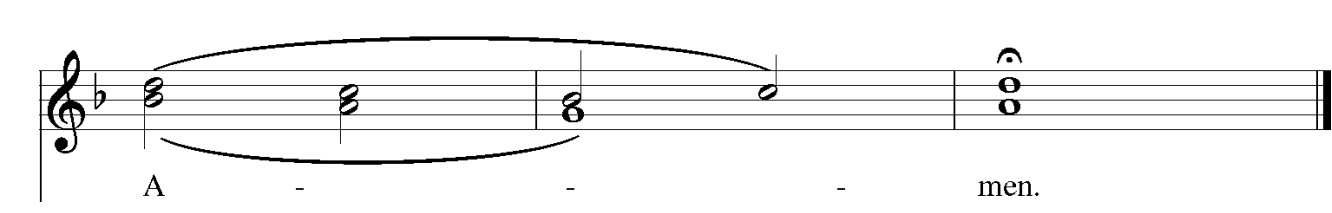
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praise your Ho - ly name, Glo-ry, Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we



Praise your Ho - ly name.



A - - - men.

## The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

God of the ages, before your eyes all empires rise and fall, yet you are changeless. be near us in this age of terror and in these moments of remembrance. Uphold those who work and watch and wait and weep in love. By your Spirit, give rise in us a broad sympathy for all the people of your earth. Strengthen us to comfort those who mourn and work for those things that make for peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### The First Reading

Reader: A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

50:4-9a

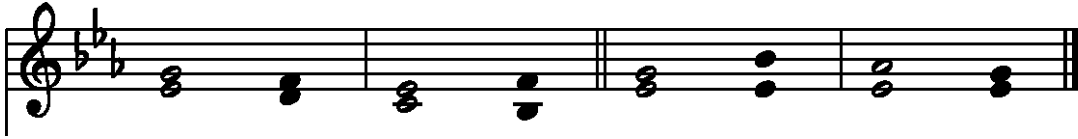
The Lord God has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens--  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.  
The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.  
I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.  
The Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm of the Day

## Psalm #146



- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my suppli/cation,  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I / called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took / hold of me;  
I came to grief and / sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the / Lord:  
"O Lord, I pray you, save my / life."
- 4 Gracious is the Lord and / righteous;  
our God is full of com/passion.
- 5 The Lord watches over the / innocent;  
I was brought very low, and he / helped me.
- 6 Turn again to your rest, O my / soul,  
for the Lord has treated you / well.
- 7 For you have rescued my life from / death,  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from / stumbling.
- 8 I will walk in the presence of the / Lord  
in the land of the / living.

## The Second Reading

Reader: A reading from the letter of James.

3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



1 If you love me, tru - ly love me, keep my com-mand - ments  
 2 If you love me, tru - ly love me, come now and my dis -  
 4 If you love me, tru - ly love me, in - to the world a -

day by day. If you love me, tru - ly love me,  
 ci - ple be. If you love me, tru - ly love me,  
 rise and go. If you love me, tru - ly love me,

*Fine*  
 fol - low for - ev - er in my way. \_\_\_\_\_  
 fol - low and so re - mem - ber me. \_\_\_\_\_ *to verse three*  
 there ev - 'ry - where my wit - ness show. \_\_\_\_\_

3 Through the land my peo - ple feed, al - le - lu - ia,  
*D.C.*  
 in their sor - row, in their need, al - le - lu - ia.

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### The Gospel

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

8:27-38

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

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti

### **Seminarian Welcome Prayer**

Presider: God of Lights, from who comes every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our Seminarian, David, and upon St. Francis, the Spirit of your grace: Pour upon us the continual effect of your blessing as we begin this ministry together.

Seminarian: God of love, give me the strength, energy, and endurance to be your heart and hands in the world. Give me patience, a discerning heart and prayerful soul that I may be your servant, grow your kingdom, and guide your sheep to you.

People: **God of all, as we welcome David into the common life of our church, may we provide him the support and prayers he needs to share in the hopes and labors of St. Francis. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we grow together in faith and be witnesses to the love of God and the peace of Christ.**

Presider: And let all God's people say together,

People: **Amen.**

### **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary  
and was made 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**

Presider: Lord, as the world lingers today to look back and to look forward, we pause to pray with you, our only defender and the author of peace.

*After each petition, the People respond*

People: **Speak to our hearts.**

*Then, the Presider continues*

Presider: Gracious God, we pray for all those who grieve today, for those who witnessed and survived the attacks, those who came to rescue, save and protect, and for all the souls who were lost, especially those we remember now. We pray for those who have been called to defend our country and the ways of freedom—those serving at home and abroad. We pray that your healing balm would run down like rain upon us all, and we pray that all who were lost were also found, by You.

People: **Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin**

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept for a time.*

**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: 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 thy 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 thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

### Offertory

### The Church's One Foundation

H 525

Sung at 8:30am only



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,  
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war  
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,



1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:  
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;  
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;  
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.



1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,  
5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we



1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.  
5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

**Anthem**  
*Sung at 10:30am only*

**How Great Thou Art/Majesty**

arr. Joel Raney

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

**H 380**

**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.**

**The Holy Communion**

Presider: God 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: All thanks and praise  
are yours at all times and in all places,  
our true and loving God;  
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,  
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.  
You laid the foundations of the world  
and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;  
You brought forth all creatures of the earth  
and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,  
all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;  
And so as the morning stars sing your praises  
we join the heavenly beings and all creation  
as we shout with joy:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo -

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

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high -

est, ho - san - na in the high - est

Presider:

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,  
 your Word has never been silent;  
 you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,  
 you delivered them from bondage  
 and led them to a land of promise.  
 Of your grace, you gave Jesus  
 to be human, to share our life,  
 to proclaim the coming of your holy reign  
 and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,  
you have freed us from sin,  
brought us into your life,  
reconciled us to you,  
and restored us to the glory you intend for us.  
We thank you that on the night before he died for us  
Jesus took bread,  
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,  
gave it to his friends and said:  
“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,  
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:  
“Drink this, all of you:  
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,  
poured out for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us:  
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,  
longing for Christ’s coming in glory,  
and presenting to you these gifts  
your earth has formed and human hands have made,  
we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**  
**Rising, you restored our life.**  
**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Presider: Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these gifts of bread and wine  
that they may be to us  
the Body and Blood of your Christ.  
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power,  
may be a people of hope, justice and love.  
Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,  
and in the fullness of time gather us  
with St. Francis and all your people  
into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
we worship you our God and Creator  
in voices of unending praise.

And then we sing

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

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.**

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. However because of Covid, we cannot all receive from the same cup at the same time, but our cup remains common to us all as a different parishioner receives the cup at each service on behalf of the entire community.*

Communion Hymn

Lead Me Guide Me

WLP 756

During 10:30am worship service only.

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,

For if you lead me, I can - not stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.

Lead me. Oh Lord. lead me. Fine

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and power to  
 2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous - ness, be my  
 3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am

help me o - ver my weak - est hour; Help me  
 aid when sa - tan and sin op - press; I am  
 blind with - out thy light to see; Lord, just

through the dark - ness thy face to see,  
 put - ting all my trust in thee.  
 al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

*D.C.*

Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.  
 Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.  
 Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

## Postcommunion Prayer

After all have received communion the Presider says

Presider: God is with you

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray. *Silence.* We thank you, God, for all the blessings of this table:

People: **For the life-giving story, the living bread, and the wine of new creation. Send us, we pray, in the strength of this meal, to tell the Good News to neighbors and strangers with creative words and compassionate service, walking the way of Christ. Amen.**

## Blessing

Presider: Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you this day, and remain with you always.

People: **Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

## I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

LEVAS 136

1. I have de - cid - ed \_\_\_\_\_ to fol - low Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Though no one join me, \_\_\_\_\_ still I will fol - low, \_\_\_\_\_  
3. The world be - hind me, \_\_\_\_\_ the cross be - fore me, \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_ I have de - cid - ed \_\_\_\_\_ to fol - low Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_ Though no one join me, \_\_\_\_\_ still I will fol - low, \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_ The world be - hind me, \_\_\_\_\_ the cross be - fore me, \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_ I have de - cid - ed \_\_\_\_\_ to fol - low Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_ Though no one join me, \_\_\_\_\_ still I will fol - low, \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_ The world be - hind me, \_\_\_\_\_ the cross be - fore me, \_\_\_\_\_

\_ No turn - ing back, \_\_\_\_\_ no turn - ing back! \_\_\_\_\_  
(no turn - ing back,)

## Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**