



SHARING GOD'S GIFTS
ST. FRANCIS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF 2024 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER DESIGN

This Sunday we continue our stewardship campaign for the 2024 budget year. The title of St. Francis' stewardship, Sharing God's Gifts, speaks to the nature of Christian giving. Letting go of and sharing our material goods is a tangible action that bears witness to what we sing at the 10:30am offertory each week: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow!"

The logo draws on the story of the feeding of the multitudes found in all four Gospels. In that story, the crowds share freely of what they have and suddenly no one is without enough bread and fish to eat. In fact, there are leftovers—an abundance. The image of the wheat in the field, that from which we form the bread, also speaks to this abundance.

We ask that you prayerfully consider a 2024 pledge to St. Francis. We can't be St. Francis' without you.

ATTRIBUTION

Portions of today's liturgy comes from Vision Action Planning a resource of the Anglican Church. The Collect is from the Rev. Bosco Peters on behalf of the Common Liturgical Life Commission of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

We love pictures and videos, and we love sharing what we do on social media. When attending our events or services, you agree to our using pictures of you and any children in your charge on social media and elsewhere. If you prefer not to be included in photos or video, please inform a staff member or usher.

PRELUDE *10:30 only*

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN *Stand.*

O GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

H 68o



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;



1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

OPENING ACCLAMATIONS

Presider Be with us, Spirit of God;
People **nothing can separate us from your love.**
Presider Breathe on us, breath of God;
People **fill us with your saving power.**
Presider Speak in us, wisdom of God;
People **bring strength, vision and healing.**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Presider Generous God, you pour your love and mercy into our hearts;
you freely offer us your grace, though we may refuse to accept it.
People **Be with us now as we gather to worship in your name.**
Open our hearts to receive from you, that our lives may be a blessing to others
as we follow Jesus.

GLORIA At 8am, refrain only sung twice

Refrain:

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est,
glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth

To Verses

peace to peo - ple of good will.

1. We praise you,
we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory, 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.

Forgiving God, your covenant is firm; be merciful to us, and grant us to live in your presence, ever singing your praise; with Jesus, the Way, who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES *Sit*

THE FIRST LESSON

Reader A reading from the book of Deuteronomy. 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

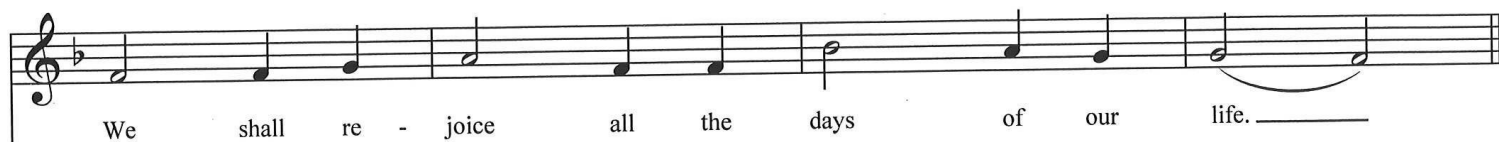
Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

At 8am, spoken. At 10:30, cantor sings antiphon one time through and then congregation joins.



Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God. **ANTIPHON**

You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Go back, O child of earth."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night. **ANTIPHON**

You sweep us away like a dream;
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered. **ANTIPHON**

Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry?
be gracious to your servants.

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life. **ANTIPHON**

Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us
and the years in which we suffered adversity.

Show your servants your works
and your splendor to their children.

May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork. **ANTIPHON**

THE SECOND LESSON

Reader

A reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians.

2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ANTIPHON *Stand. At 8am, refrain only.*

HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH

Refrain:

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!

hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!

hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah! Hal - le -

lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - - - jah!

Verse: **Oh, God to whom shall we go?**
You alone have the words of life,
Let your words be our prayer and the song we sing:
Hallelujah, hallelujah. *repeat refrain*

THE GOSPEL

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

22:34-46

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"?'"

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

SERMON *Sit*

THE REV. JIM POINSETT

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 We pray for God to fill us with the Spirit and make God's reign of justice, mercy and love
visible in our world and in our lives. Lord, come to bless us, and fill us with your Spirit.

After each prayer, please respond "and fill us with your Spirit."

Presider Generous God, you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the River Jordan, and upon
the disciples in the upper room. In your mercy fill us with your Spirit, hear our prayer, and
make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all. Let us come to God
seeking healing and salvation, and praying for guidance and vision.

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 you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider Christ came and proclaimed the Gospel: peace to those who are far off and peace to those who are near. May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Sit*

WE GATHER AT THE TABLE

OFFERTORY

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.

MEDITATION HYMN 8:00 only


RAIN DOWN

PERFORMED BY JAIME CORTEZ

OFFERTORY HYMN 10:30 only

RAIN DOWN

Refrain



Rain down, rain down, rain down your




love on your peo - ple. love, God of life.


Verses



1. Faith-ful and true is the word of our God. All of God's
2. We who re - vere and find hope in our God live in the
3. God of cre - a - tion, we long for your truth; you are the



1. works are so wor-thy of trust. God's mer - cy falls on the
2. kind-ness and joy of God's wing. God will pro - tect us from
3. wa - ter of life that we thirst. Grant that your love and your



1. just and the right; full of God's love is the earth.
2. dark - ness and death; God will not leave us to starve.
3. peace touch our hearts, all of our hope lies in you.

to Refrain

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.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Stand*

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 him thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

And now we give you thanks because by the Holy Spirit you lead us into all truth, and give us power to proclaim your Gospel to the nations, and to serve you as a royal priesthood.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever 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 Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

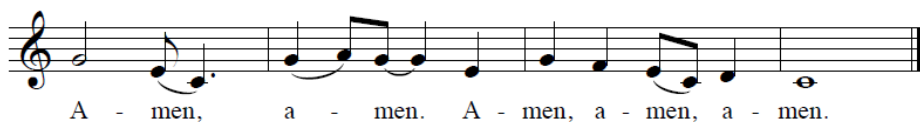
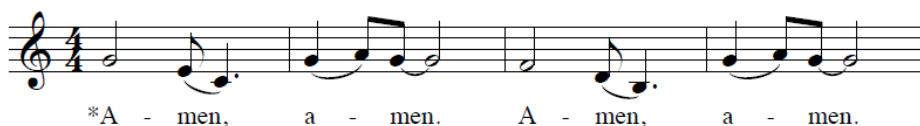
Christ will come again.

Presider We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Eternal One, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ. 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

Sing two times at 10:30.



**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.

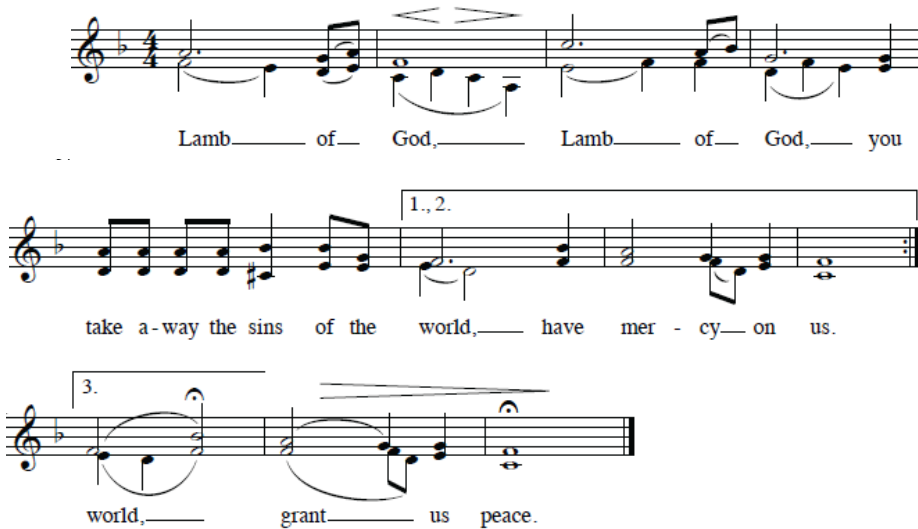
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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*

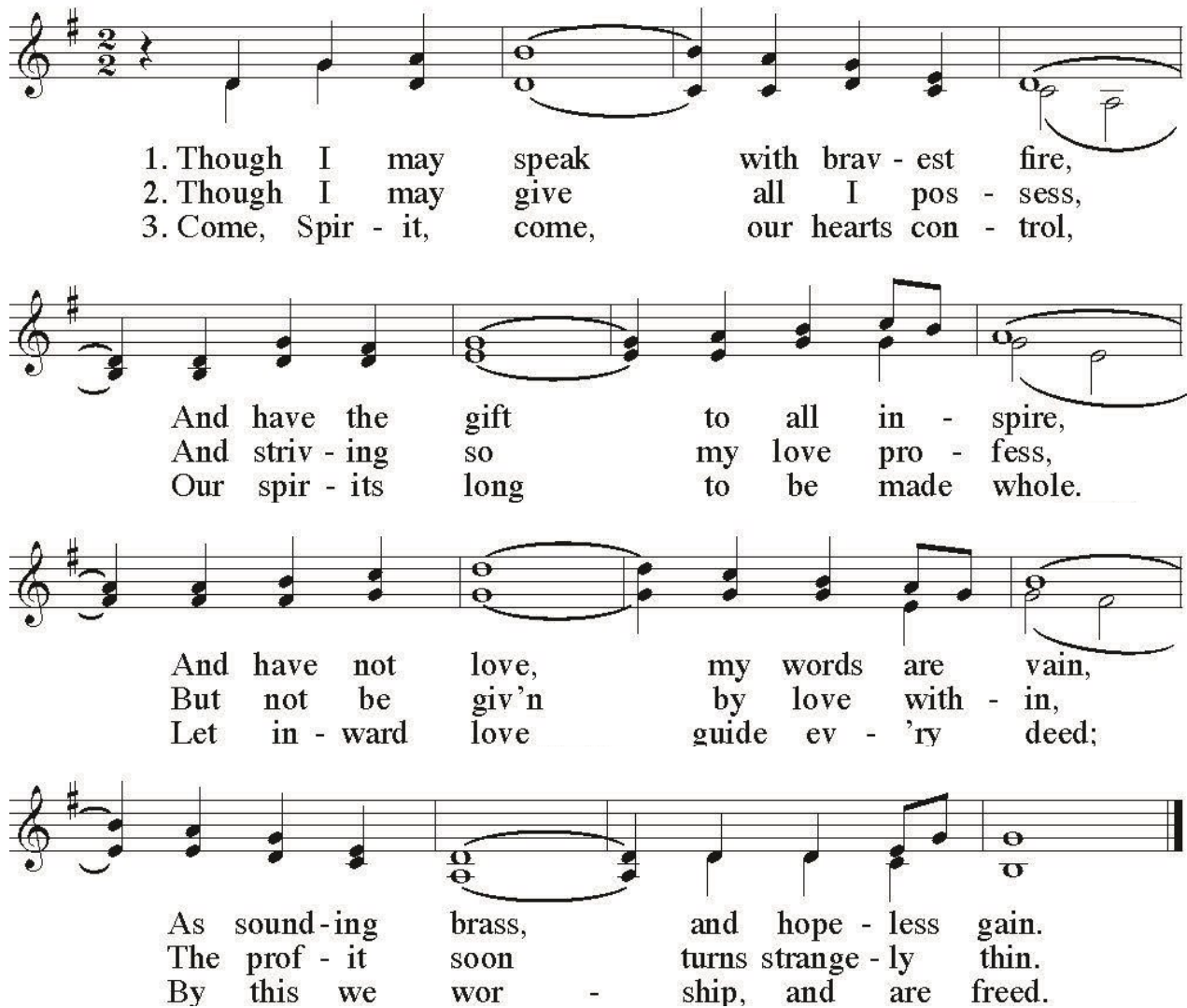


Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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*

THE GIFT OF LOVE



1. Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
2. Though I may give all I pos - sess,
3. Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol,

And have the gift to all in - spire,
And striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
Our spir - its long to be made whole.

And have not love, my words are vain,
But not be giv'n by love with - in,
Let in - ward love guide ev - 'ry deed;

As sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
The prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
By this we wor - ship, and are freed.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Stand*

Presider Let us pray.

All Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

A WORD ABOUT SHARING GOD'S GIFTS *8:00am*

SUZANNE JONES

A WORD ABOUT SHARING GOD'S GIFTS *10:30am*

RUBY S. DOWNS

BLESSING

Presider The Spirit give you grace to confess Jesus Christ is Lord, and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God; and the blessing of God almighty, the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *8:00 only*

THE GIFT OF LOVE

MUSIC ON PREVIOUS PAGE

SENDING HYMN *10:30 only*

WHEN WE ARE LIVING

1 When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,
2 God sent Christ Je - sus to be our sha - lom,
3 To pain and sor - row Christ brings sha - lom.
4 Sha - lom to you, now; sha - lom, my friends.

and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord.
to show us mer - cy and heal - ing love.
In peace and jus - tice Christ brings sha - lom.
May God's full mer - cies bless you, my friends.

Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,
So in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,
So when we're liv - ing the ways of Je - sus,
In all your liv - ing and through your lov - ing,

we be - long to God, Christ is our sha - lom,
we are God's sha - lom, Christ be your sha - lom,
we be - long to God. Christ is our sha - lom.
we are God's sha - lom. Christ be your sha - lom.

DISMISSAL

Deacon 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!**