Che Church of the Holy Trinity Rittenhouse Square

# The Third Sunday in Lent

11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

# LEN

Reflection - Preparation - Renewal

WIDE OPEN DOORS WIDE OPEN HEARTS

March 12, 2023

# What's Happening This Week:

Morning Prayer is held every weekday at 9:00 am on Facebook.

Winter Shelter for our unhoused guests, run by Project Bethesda, takes place every day in our Centennial Room.

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, March 12	11:00 am 12:00 12:30 12:30 4:30 pm	Holy Eucharist – <i>The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</i> Refreshments Formation/Education Chorister Rehearsal Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Church Narthex Parish House Choir Room Walnut St.
Monday, March 13	10:00-3:00 12:15 pm	Church Open for Prayer Warden/Clergy Meeting	Online
Tuesday, March 14	10:00-3:00 4:30 pm	Church Open for Prayer Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Walnut St.
Wednesday, March 15	10:00-3:00 12:15 pm	Church Open for Prayer Lenten Organ Meditation	Church
Thursday, March 16	10:00-3:00	Church Open for Prayer	
Friday, March 17	10:00-3:00	Church Open for Prayer	Church
Sunday, March 19	11:00 am 12:00 12:30 12:30 4:30 pm	Holy Eucharist – <i>The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</i> Refreshments Chorister Rehearsal Formation/Education Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Church Narthex Choir Room Parish House Walnut St.

# Save the Date: The Annual Parish Meeting April 30, 2023

Join us after the meeting for a special meeting to elect new Vestry members, learn more about the vision for the church as we move out of the pandemic, and get to know your fellow parishioners. This is not your ordinary parish meeting! You're going to have FUN and learn something!!

# If you are interested in serving on Vestry, please talk to one of the clergy or wardens, Simson Hui and Greg Maughan.

# Welcome! We are so glad you are with us today!

A few reminders and information for your time with us today

Masks: Masks are welcomed, encouraged and optional at this time. If you need a mask, please let us know and we will be happy to get one for you.

**Children** are always welcome in our worship service and we love to hear their joyful sounds and see their wiggly ways! We have books for all ages and activity bags (you can even decorate your own) in the back near the service bulletins for those who wish to stay with their families during the service. Parents, if you want a little quiet time to yourself, your children can join Madison and Laura, our wonderful Child Care Team, in the Parish House for activities. They will meet you in the Narthex and show you where to go. All children will return to the church for communion during the Peace.

During **The Peace**, we invite you to connect with your neighbors by waving, showing the peace sign, or using fist/elbow bumps. Please be sure your neighbor is comfortable with physical contact before shaking hands.

**Offering:** You can give a financial gift to the church in three ways: by placing it in the plate that we pass in church today, by texting **CHT DONATE to 73256** or using the QR code to the right. You can also sign up to give weekly with REALM (www.htrit.org/give).



**Communion** Those who are baptized in any tradition are welcome to join us for communion. If you prefer a blessing, please let one of the clergy know. We will share the bread and wine at the altar rail at the front of the church. Gluten free wafers are available. If you are unable to come to the front, or prefer to stay in your pew and keep social distance, we will bring communion to you.

More Information? Join us at the Welcome table in the back of the church or visit our website <u>www.htrit.org</u> for more information about services and activities at The Church of the Holy Trinity and to sign up for the weekly E-News. If you prefer a printed version, please fill out a slip in the Narthex. Information about how to get more involved is in the back of the bulletin!

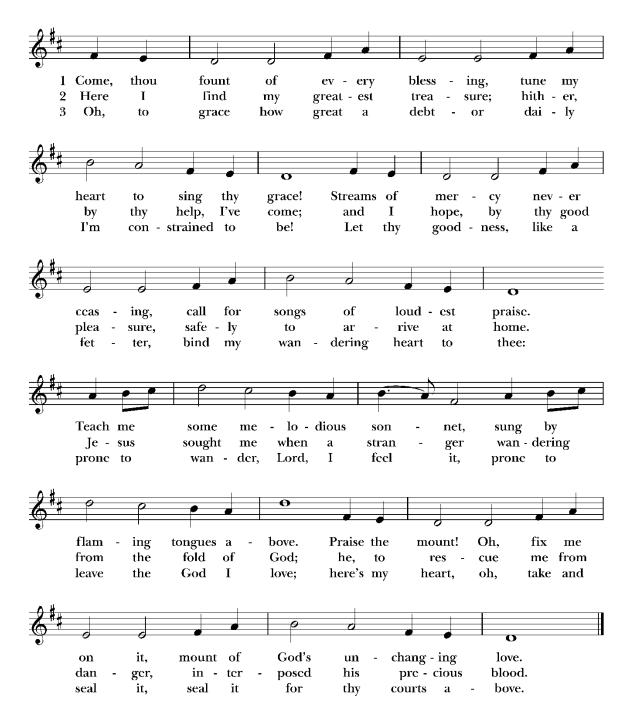
We ask that you **turn off or silence your Cell Phone** during the service. Thank you!

Welcome & Parish Notices

# THE ENTRANCE RITE

# Please stand as able Entrance Hymn 686

Nettleton



# **Opening Acclamation**

*Presider* Blessed be the God of our salvation.*People* Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

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

People Amen.

The Kyrie	Communion Service in the Phrygian Mode	Charles Wood	
	Lord, have mercy upon us.		
	Christ, have mercy upon us.		
	Lord, have mercy upon us.		

# The Collect of the Day

- *Presider* The Lord be with you.
- People And also with you.
- *Presider* Let us pray.
  - Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

Please be seated.

# THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

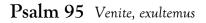
*Reader* A reading from the Book of Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded.

Veronica Aplenc

They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.



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The People sing the **bold** verses, taking a brief pause at the asterisk.



let us shout for joy to the Rock of our / salvation.

- <sup>2</sup> Let us come before his presence with thanks/giving\* and raise a loud shout / to him with psalms.
- <sup>3</sup> For the LORD is a / great God,\* and a great King / above all gods.
- <sup>4</sup> In his hand are the caverns of the / earth,\* and the heights of the hills are / his also.
- <sup>5</sup> The sea is his, for he / made it,\* and his hands have molded / the dry land.
- <sup>6</sup> Come, let us bow down, and / bend the knee,\* and kneel before the LORD / our Maker.
- For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his / hand.\*

Oh, that today you would hear/ken to his voice!

- <sup>8</sup> Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the / wilderness,\* at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when / they tempted me.
- <sup>9</sup> They put me to the / test,\* though they / had seen my works.
- <sup>10</sup> Forty years long I detested that generation and / said,\*
   "This people are wayward in their hearts; they do / not know my ways."
- So I swore in my / wrath,\*
  "They shall not enter / into my rest."

The Epistle: Romans 5:1-11

Jeannie Welsh

*Reader* A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans:

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person~ though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able



# The Gospel: John 4:5-42

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city.

She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Celebrant	The Gospel of the Lord.
People	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

# The Sermon

The Reverend Rachel Wenner Gardner

Following a period of silence, the people stand.

# The Nicene Creed

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is 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.

# The Prayers of the People, Lent

Ben Leiby

Leader Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving kindness; in your great compassion, hear our prayers. We pray for the whole church, for the Anglican Communion, for the Episcopal Church, and the Diocese of Pennsylvania, for all the leaders and ministers who serve this church and every church, and all the holy people of God.

Wash us through and through,

People And cleanse us from our sin.

Leader We pray for our nation, for all the nations of the earth, for our leaders and all who govern and judge.

Purge us from our sin,

- People And we shall be pure.
- *Leader* We pray for those who hunger, those who thirst, those who cry out for justice, those who have been affected by natural disasters, those who live under the threat of terror or gun violence, especially those in our city and those without a place to lay their head.

Make them hear of joy and gladness,

People that those who are broken may rejoice.

*Leader* We pray for those who are ill, those in pain, those under stress, those who are lonely, and especially for those on our prayer list: J.J., Cornelius, Paolo, Molly, Paula, Sandy, Sery, Allen, Divine, Vincent, Jan, Danielle, B.J, Dustin, Joan, and Sarah.

People	Give them the joy of your saving help, and sustain them with your bountiful Spirit.
Leader	In this season of Lent we pray for those who prepare for baptism, especially Jon. We pray that we all might be given the grace and strength to repent and grow closer to you, O God.
	Create in us clean hearts, O God,
People	and renew a right spirit within us.
Leader	We pray for those who have died, and who have entered into the land of
	eternal Light and your abiding peace. Cast them not away from your presence,
People	and take not your Holy Spirit from them.
Presider	Lord Jesus, you were tempted in the wilderness and yet did not succumb. You were tried, yet did not give in. Be with us, who live with trials and temptation every day, and give us your strength, courage and conviction, to abide in your love and share in the grace you have freely given. Amen.

# **Confession of Sin**

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

A brief period of silence is kept.

All 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.

# Absolution

*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. **Amen** 

# The Peace

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

You are invited to connect with your neighbors by waving, showing the peace sign, or using fist or elbow bumps. Please be sure that your neighbor is comfortable with any physical connections before offering that kind of peace. Following the Peace, the people are seated.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

# **Offertory Sentence**

*Presider* Let us do what is good and spread love to those we meet. Let us bring forth the fruit of our labor, sharing what we have with our neighbors and with God, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Your financial gifts help the church to continue to serve the community, lift up the faithful, and keep this beautiful building safe. We invite you to give a gift/pledge to the church during the Offertory. If you prefer to give electronically you can text CHT DONATE to 7325 or use the QR Code on page 3.

# Anthem

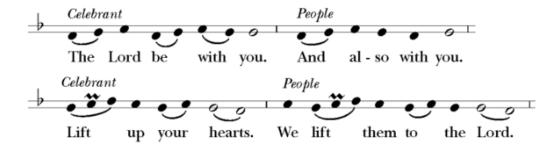
Like as the Hart

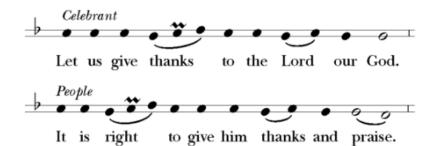
Herbert Howells

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks : so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God : when shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat day and night : while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

# Please stand as able. **The Great Thanksgiving**

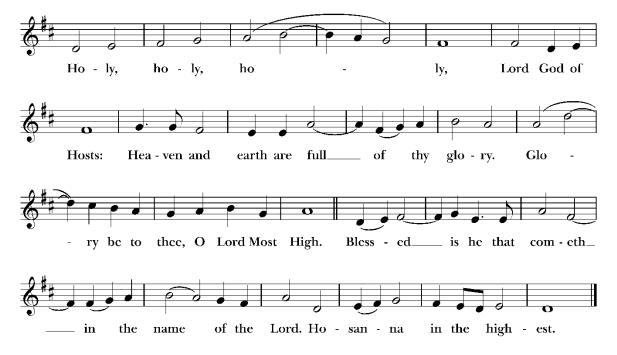
Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 1





Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. 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:

The Sanctus: S-114



The people remain standing or kneel.

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

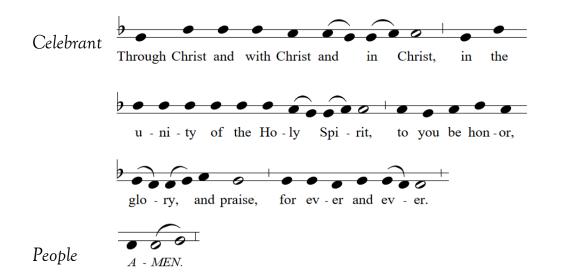
On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.



# The Lord's Prayer

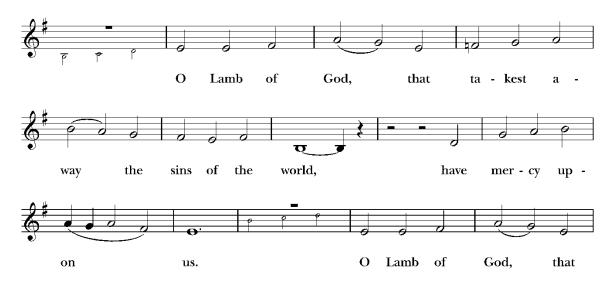
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

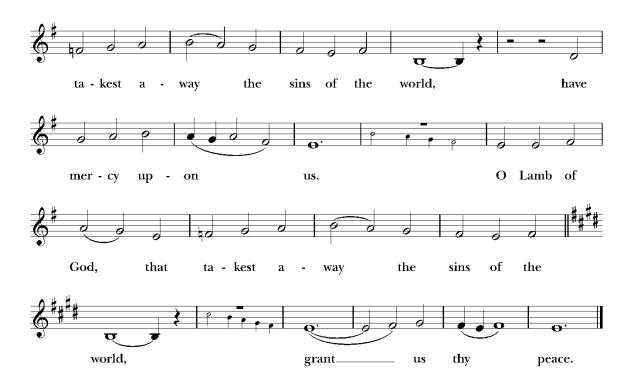
All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

# The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

# Agnus Dei: S-158





Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The People are seated.

#### Prayer for Spiritual Communion for those not taking communion or joining online today

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen *by* St. Alphonsus de Liguori (1696-1787),

### Distribution of Communion

If you wish to receive communion, please follow the directions of the ushers and come to the altar rail at the front of the church. We will bring communion to those unable to come to a standing station or those who are more comfortable staying in their pew. If you need a gluten-free wafer or prefer a blessing, please let the priest know. Our healing team will be available in the prayer chapel to pray for you or someone you love during communion.

Communion Motet	Sicut o	cervus	Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes a ita desiderat anima mea ad T	<b>1</b> /		t desireth the water-brooks: soul after thee, O God.

# Please stand. Post Communion Prayer

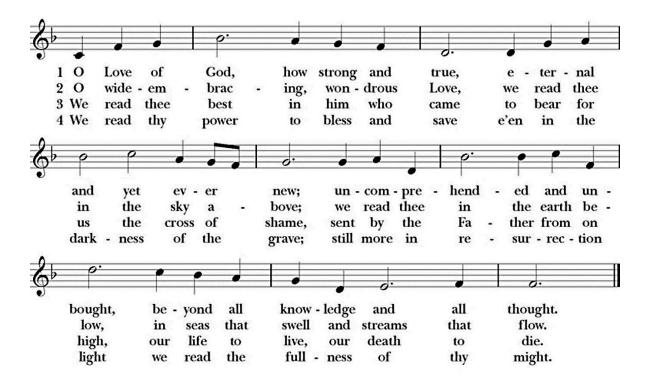
Celebrant Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The Blessing

*Celebrant* God, who from the death of sin raised you to new life in Christ, keep you from falling and set you in the presence of his glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

Dismissal Hymn 455



# The Dismissal

*Presider* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

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Thomas Lipscomb, Crucifer Connor Gardner & Robert Lipscomb, Torch bearers Ben Leiby, Intercessor Veronica Aplenc & Andy Gutknecht, Lectors Martha Lipscomb, Virtual Greeter

# Interested in knowing more or getting more involved?

Stop by the Welcome Table in the back of the church and let us know what you're interested in – we want to use YOUR gifts and the skills you want to share. For specifics see below!

if you have a flair for the dramatic, **read in church** – Jeannie jeanniewelsh7@gmail.com if you love to iron or polish silver, **join the altar guild**! Don <u>-mckenzie2101@aol.com</u> if you love baking –**bring a treat** after church – Nancy <u>nrasmussen2740@gmail.com</u> if you love being the center of attention, **acolyte** – Donald <u>dmeineke@htrit.org</u> if you love talking to people, help **greet and usher** – Nancy <u>nrasmussen2740@gmail.com</u> if you love all things techy – **help with the livestream/sound** – Daniel <u>dcooper@htrit.org</u> if you love throwing parties – **join Congregational Life** - Nancy <u>nrasmussen2740@gmail.com</u> if you love to knit/hang out – **join the Knitting Circle** –Martha <u>martha.lipscomb1723@gmail.com</u> if you love this church and want to help lead – **join vestry** – Greg <u>greg.maughan@gmail.com</u> if you want to give back to the community – **volunteer at Open Hearts** <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a44ada72faa8-open#/</u> if you love this church and want to tell others about it – **join us at the Welcome Table!!** 

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