



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 17, 2023 • 10:00 AM

*Welcome to St. John's, Shaughnessy!
Wherever you are on your spiritual
journey, and whether you are joining us in
the church building or via the livestream,
we are glad you are here!*

*If you are new here and would like to learn
more, please introduce yourself to the clergy
after the service. If you would like to be
added to our mailing list so that we may
keep you informed of upcoming events,
please contact the church office.*

*Infants and children (and their
accompanying noises) enliven our services.
Colouring, crafts, and quiet toys are
available in the children's area, just to the
left of the front pews.*

*We acknowledge with respect that we
worship on the traditional, ancestral, and
unceded territory of the Coast Salish
Peoples, and we pray that we may live more
deeply into the calls to action from Canada's
Truth and Reconciliation Commission.*

*A brief organ voluntary offered a few minutes before the hour bids us all keep silence for prayer
and preparation.*

*The people's responses are in **bold**.*

PRELUDE *St. Anne Fugue* BWV 552b-ii

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

GREETING

THE ENTRANCE RITE

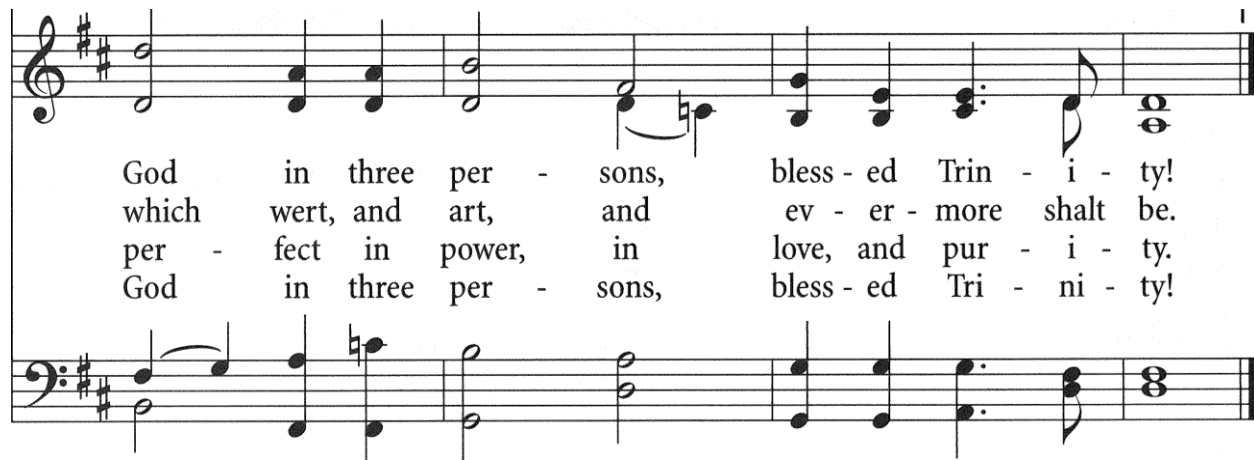
HYMN

NICEA

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though our sin - ful hu - man gaze thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,



THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
 and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
And also with you.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
 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. Amen.

THE GLORIA

ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from
 2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther
 3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -



hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be
 gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -
 va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who



to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for
 on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and
 was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,



your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al - might - y Fa - ther.
 we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.
 with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 14:19-31

A reading from the Book of Exodus

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

- 1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- 2 Judah became God's sanctuary
and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled;
Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams,
and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?
O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams?
you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob.
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans


Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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Thanks be to God.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE


WOODWORTH



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy
 2 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - ya
 4 Just as I am, and wait - ing not to rid my
 5 Just as I am— thy love un - known has bro - ken



blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me come to
 heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in thee to
 con - flict, man - ya doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with -
 soul of one dark blot, to thee, whose blood can cleanse each
 ev - ery bar - rier down—now to be thine, yea, thine a -



thee,
 find,
 out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 spot,
 lone,

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Cantor sings the Refrain; then all repeat.



Cantor A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you. *Refrain.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

"But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.

"When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his

entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Terry Shields Dirbas

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, **the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

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

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

This is Christ's commandment: to love one another as he loved us. With contrite spirits and respect for all humanity, let us pray to God that we may learn to care for not only our brothers and sisters, but for all God's creation shown forth in the wonder of nature that maintains our common life.

Have compassion on all who suffer from trials and pain, especially the victims of natural disasters caused by our own greed and negligence. Grant them their needed relief and the help of your children in their daily struggles. (We remember especially . . .)

Lord in your mercy,

Inspire us to love the whole of creation.

Kindle the hearts of the leaders in your Church; especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Linda, our Primate; Chris, the National Indigenous Archbishop; and John, our bishop. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean. In our own diocese, we pray for the parish of St. Matthew, Abbotsford; and for Christ Church, Hope. We pray also for our companion diocese, the

Diocese of Northern Philippines; and for our companion parishes of St. Luke, Butbut Proper and St. James, Luccong Reveal in them the example of your Christ, who revered and cared for the fullness of your creation.

Lord in your mercy,

Inspire us to love the whole of creation.

Inspire all civil authorities to dedicate their resources and efforts to the building of a better world for all your people. May they govern with respect and balance toward nature through policies that seek to relieve the environmental calamity that surrounds us.

Lord in your mercy,

Inspire us to love the whole of creation.

Have mercy on your children suffering from illness, granting them healing and comfort from their afflictions. (We remember especially . . .) Equip us to serve all who are ill as we would serve Christ.

Lord in your mercy,

Inspire us to love the whole of creation.

Bring to your glorious presence all those faithful who have departed this world with faith in Jesus Christ (especially . . .). Grant them eternal rest in the company of the Virgin Mary, apostles, martyrs, and all your saints.

Lord in your mercy,

Inspire us to love the whole of creation.

Receive the prayers we now offer you as a sign of our immense gratitude for the many blessings you have given us (especially . . .), and above all for the life in nature that continues to flourish despite our carelessness. Grant that we may return your love in acts of charity and compassion toward the world that you created and all its creatures.

Lord in your mercy,

Inspire us to love the whole of creation.

The Celebrant concludes

O God, because in our ignorance and selfishness we so often fail to care rightly for your Creation, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may soften and unite our hearts with all living beings who suffer; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

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 neighbours 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.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY

As the altar is prepared for Holy Communion, the congregation is invited to make an offering as an expression of gratitude for God's generosity. A QR code is provided for those who prefer to donate online. During the collection, a hymn is sung.



OFFERTORY HYMN

LAND OF REST

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for -

2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to

3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each

4 The spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un -

5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, by

giv - en, loved, and free, the life of Je - sus

find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -

proud di - vi - sion ends. The love that made us

seen, but ev - er near, is in such friend - ship

all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to

to re - call, in love laid down for me.

ty of love in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.

makes us one, and strang - ers now are friends.

bet - ter known, a - live a - mong us here.

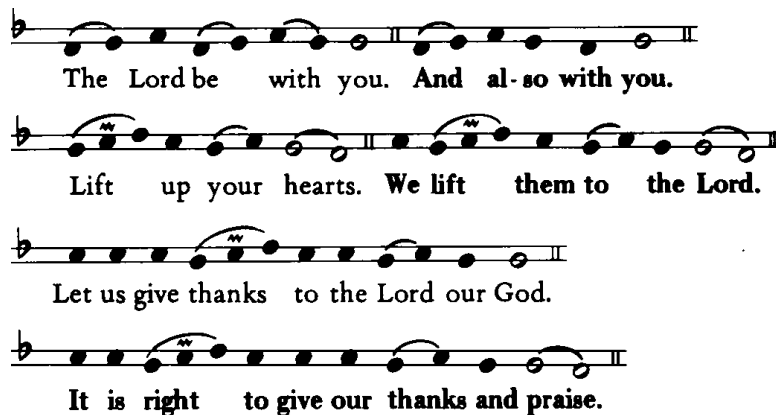
give the world the love that makes us one.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Holy God, accept all we offer you this day. May we who are reconciled at this table bring wholeness to our broken world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS *Deutsche Messe* F. Schubert (1797-1828)

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo -

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

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

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

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, 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."

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

“I am the bread of life,” says the Lord. “Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

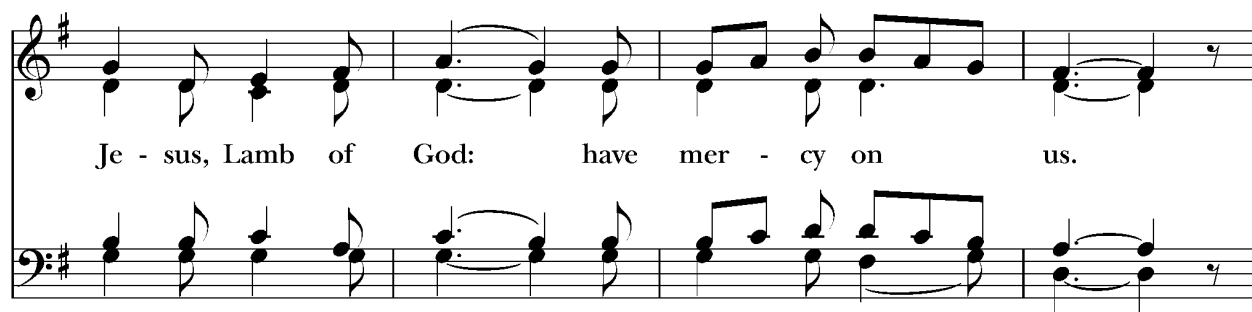
Taste and see that the Lord is good;

happy are they who trust in him!

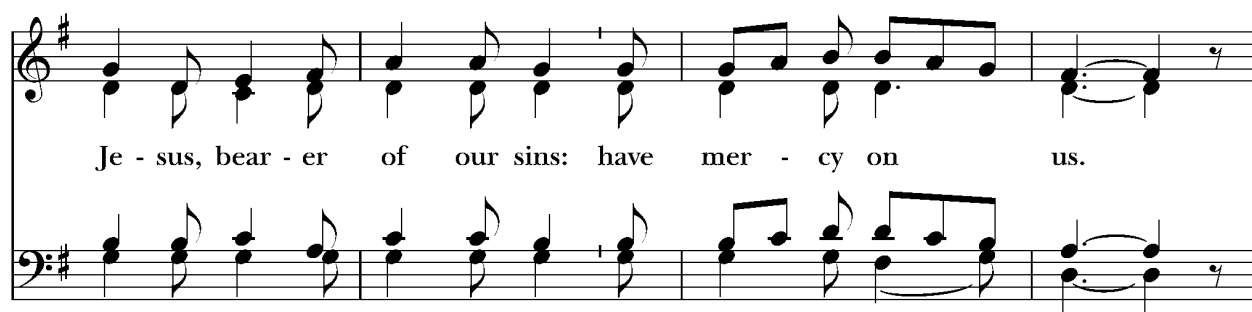
THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Deutsche Messe

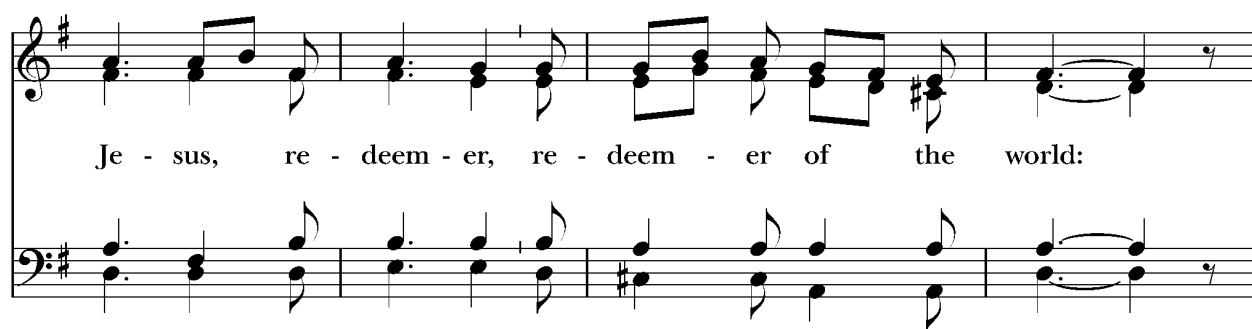
F. Schubert



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:



give us your peace, give us your peace.

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

We invite all baptized Christians to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, you may indicate that desire by crossing your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come forward, please ask a sidesperson to have Communion brought to you.

COMMUNION ANTHEM *Wash me Thoroughly*

S.S. Wesley (1810-1876)

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness,
and forgive me all my sin.
For I acknowledge my faults,
and my sin is ever before me.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of peace, in this eucharist we have been reconciled to you and to our neighbours. May we who have been nourished by holy things always have the courage to forgive. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

THE DOXOLOGY

Glory to God, **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE NOTICES

THE BLESSING

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN AT THE CLOSING

REPTON

Unison

1 Dear God, com - pas - sion - ate and kind, for - give our
 2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be - side the
 3 O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O calm of
 4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness till all our
 5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy cool - ness

fool - ish ways. Re - clothe us in our right - ful
 Syr - ian sea, the gra - cious call - ing of the
 hills a - bove, where Je - sus knelt to share with
 striv - ings cease; take from our souls the strain and
 and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh re -

mind, in pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in
 Lord, let us, like them, with - out a word, rise
 thee the si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty in -
 stress, and let our or - dered lives con - fess the
 tire; speak through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O

deep - er rev - erence, praise, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
 up and fol - low thee, rise up and fol - low thee!
 ter - pret - ed by love, in - ter - pret - ed by love!
 beau - ty of thy peace, the beau - ty of thy peace.
 still small voice of calm, O still small voice of calm.

THE DISMISSAL

Let go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY *St. Anne Fugue* BWV 552b-iii

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please remain standing as the procession leaves the church. We hope you will join us for refreshments in the Trendell Lounge after the service.

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