The Episcopal Parish of Saint Paul The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 9, 2025

10:30am ~ Holy Eucharist with Joyful Noise! ~



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~From wherever you have come, with whatever you bring, you are welcome here.~

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Meghan T. Sweeney

Musician: Dustin Ledgard
Intercessor (INT): Margaret Hummel
Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM): Margaret Hummel

Reader 1: Eliza Blay

Reader 2: Bernice Cramer Usher/Attendance: Phil Whitbeck

Altar Guild: Mary Lou Pierron and Jack Blay

Counting: David Montgomery and Kathryn Anderson

Tech: Will Holz

SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy birthday Ken Brooks (February 11)!

Happy birthday Caryn Coyle (February 15)!

Today's flowers are given by the Boyer family for the glory of God and in loving memory of Donald and Joann Boyer and Tom Melideo.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

For the Episcopal Church; for Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; and Julia Whitworth, our Diocesan Bishop; and for the following churches of the Boston Harbor Deanery: St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain (Boston), Northeastern University Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry, and St. Cyprian's Church, Roxbury (Boston); and for the Building Bridges Ministries.

PARISH PRAYER LIST - PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR:

Kristin, Deb, David Murphy, David Tabors, a special family intention; and the Global Village Children's Project, the Centre Street Food Pantry, AA, and NewCity Church.

(To add a name to the prayer list, please contact Lise at office@parishofstpaul.org or Rev. Meghan, or use the QR code below.)



RECEIVE THE PARISH NEWSLETTER!

We usually send about one email per week -- we promise we won't bombard you with email!



STAFF

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. Dr. Meghan T. Sweeney -- meghan@parishofstpaul.org. Office Hours: In-Person, usually on Wednesday, 10am -1pm and by appointment (please email Rev. Meghan directly if you would like to make an appointment). Parish Administrator: Lise Brody – office@parishofstpaul.org. Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9-1

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Prelude Musicians

ENTRANCE RITES

WELCOME: From wherever you have come, with whatever you bring, you are welcome here.



Section: The Holy Trinity Title: Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty Meter: 11 12. 12 10 Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt. Music: Nicaea, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

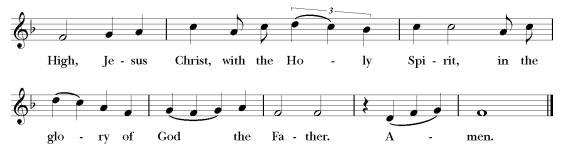
Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

All: Glory to God for ever and ever.

Celebrant: 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. **Amen.**

GLORIA





Section: Canticles Title: Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev. Copyright: Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing, Inc.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

(This week's Psalm is from the St. Helena Psalter, and the other readings come from the NRSV.)

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Celebrant: God is with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Together, let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING (*Please be seated.*)

Isaiah 6:1-13

Reader 1: A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw God sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of God's robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance, each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the God of hosts; the whole earth is full of God's glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a person of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the Holy One, the God of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of God saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" [And God said, "Go and say to this people:

`Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.'

Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes,

so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed."

Then I said, "How long, O God?" And God said:

"Until cities lie waste without inhabitant,

and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate;

until God sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again,

like a terebinth or an oak
whose stump remains standing
when it is felled."

The holy seed is its stump.]

Reader 1: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM Psalm 138

I will give thanks to you, O God, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, because of your love and faithfulness;

For you have glorified your Name and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O God, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

They will sing of the ways of God, that great is the glory of God,

Who is on high, yet cares for the lowly, and perceives the haughty from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

You will make good your purpose for me; O God, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

THE SECOND READING

I Corinthians 15:1-11

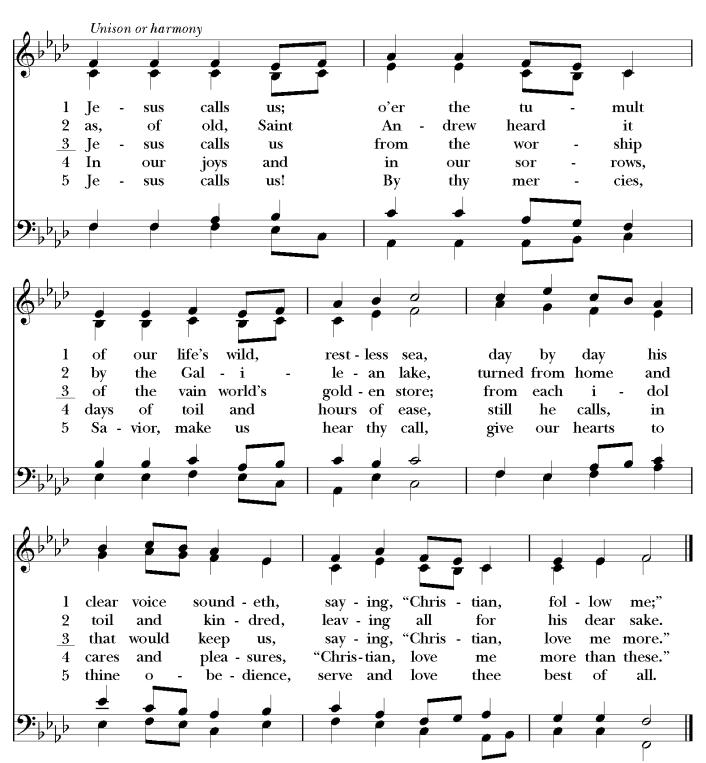
Reader 2: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then Christ appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, Christ appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and God's grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Reader 2: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All: Thanks be to God.



Section: Christian Vocation and Pilgrimage Title: Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult Meter: 87. 87 Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt. Music: Restoration, melody from The Southern Harmony, 1835; harm. Hymnal 1982, after The Southern Harmony, 1985; alt. harm. Margart W. Mealy (b. 1922)



THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 5:1-11

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Christ.

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Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fisherfolk had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Jesus got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Priest-in-Charge

STATEMENT OF FAITH

INT: Please rise as you are comfortable as we proclaim our Statement of Faith.

We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all, and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom. Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, we put our trust in God; and in the name of Jesus Christ we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice, and to live in peace; to care for the earth, and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness; to live in the freedom of forgiveness, and the power of the Spirit of love. And in the company of the faithful we will be the church, a community of flawed and forgiving disciples, for the glory of God alone.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INT: In peace, we pray to you, O God.

Silence

INT: For all people in their daily life and work;

All: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

INT: For this community, the nation, and the world;

All: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

INT: For the just and proper use of your creation;

All: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

INT: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

All: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

INT: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

All: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

INT: For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Julia, our Diocesan Bishop; for all bishops and other ministers; and for the following churches of the Boston Harbor Deanery: St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain (Boston), Northeastern University Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry, and St. Cyprian's Church, Roxbury (Boston); and for the Building Bridges Ministries.

All: For all who serve God in God's Church.

INT: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation; and especially for Kristin, Deb, David Murphy, David Tabors, a special family intention; and the Global Village Children's Project, the Centre Street Food Pantry, AA, and NewCity Church. Either silently or aloud, for whom and what else do we pray today?
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(The People may add their own petitions.)

INT: Hear us, O God;

All: For your mercy is great.

INT: We thank you, O God, for all the blessings of this life. Either silently or aloud, for whom and what do we give thanks today?

(The People may add their own thanksgivings.)

INT: We will exalt you, O God;

All: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

INT: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kindom. We pray especially for Donald and Joann Boyer and Tom Melideo, in whose memory today's altar flowers are given. Either silently or aloud, who else do we name and remember this day?
(The People may add their own names.)

INT: O God, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

All: Who put their trust in you.

INT: We pray those written prayers offered by our community this morning (the LEM reads aloud any written prayers submitted before our liturgy began this morning.)

INT: Hear us, O God;

All: For your mercy is great

PRAYER FOR THE SOCIAL ORDER (BCP P. 823)

INT: Together let us pray.

All: Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence

Celebrant offers a collect.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbors, and ourselves.

Silence

All: O God, we bring you our failure, our hunger, our disappointment, our despair, our greed,

our arrogance, and our fear. We have not loved you with our whole hearts. We have not truly loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are sorry, we are humbled, and we pray that you will strengthen us with your grace. We turn to you, O God. We renounce evil, we claim love, we choose to be made whole. Forgive us and renew us now.

Celebrant: Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive your every sin through our Savior Jesus Christ

Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive your every sin through our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All: Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of God be always with you.

All: And also with you.

HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Choir

THE DOXOLOGY (*Please rise as you are comfortable*)

Hymnal #380

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above all life and death Creator, Christ, and Holy Breath. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C

Celebrant: God be with you.
All: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to God.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

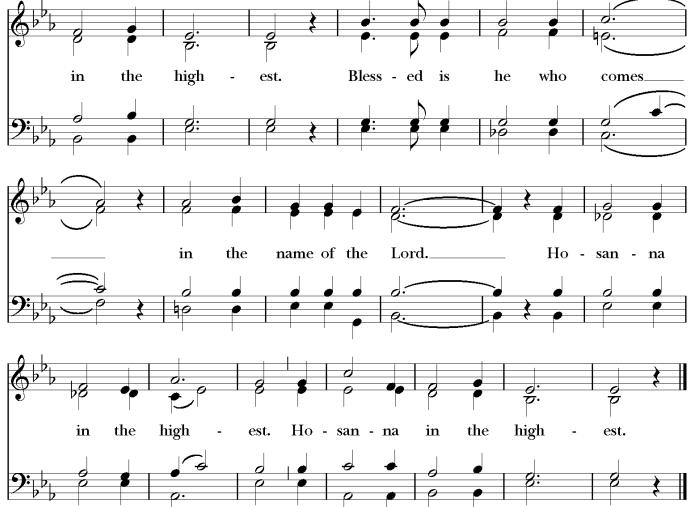
Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

(*The celebrant inserts a preface.*)

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:

SANCTUS





Section: The Holy Eucharist Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus Music: From Deutsche Messe, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937) Copyright: © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

Celebrant:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior 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 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died Christ has risen Christ will come again.

Celebrant:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in Christ's sacrifice, through whom may we all be acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 forever. **AMEN**.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (We invite you to say whatever version of the Lord's Prayer is most meaningful for you.)

Celebrant: As Jesus taught us, we now pray:

All:

Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kindom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And 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 kindom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: We who are many are one body;
All: For we all share in the one bread.

FRACTION ANTHEM



Section: The Holy Eucharist Title: The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: *Agnus Dei* Music: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937) Copyright: Adaptation: Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

Celebrant: These are the Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived and loved, died, and rose again for you, and feed on Christ in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION

You are welcome at this Table, exactly as you are, because of who you are.

If you feel called to the Table, please come forward to receive Communion.

At this time, the Parish of St. Paul offers a common cup as well as individual cups for receiving the consecrated wine. Please either take an individual cup (found on a front pew on the right as you approach the altar for communion) or indicate to the Lay Eucharistic Minister that you would like to receive from the common cup. If you do not wish to receive the consecrated wine, please know that receiving the consecrated bread alone constitutes a full Communion.

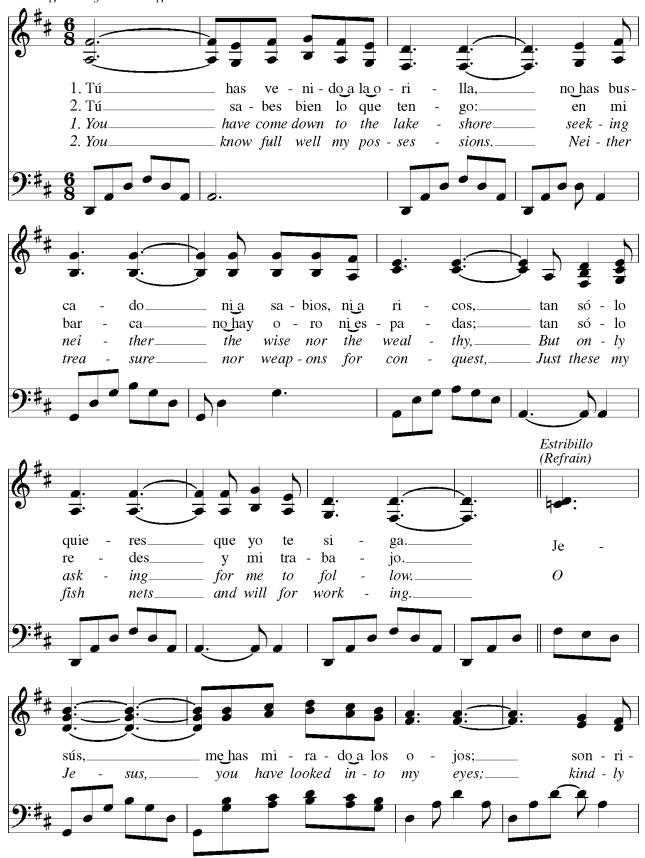
If you do not wish to receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing – please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire a blessing.

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(This prayer of Spiritual Communion is said privately and is intended for individuals participating remotely, and for individuals who may not wish to receive Communion or a blessing.)

In union, O God, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. And since I cannot receive you today in the sacrament of bread and wine, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

POSTCOMMUNION HYMN (Please rise or sit as you feel moved.) You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore WLP #758 We will sing this hymn in English





- 3. Tú necesitas mis manos, mi cansancio que a otros descanse, amor que quiera sequir amando. Estribillo
- 4. Tú, Pescador de otros mares, ansia eterna de almas que esperan. Amigo bueno, que as' me llamas. *Estribillo*
- 3. You need my hands, my exhaustion, working love for the rest of the weary a love that's willing to go on loving. Refrain
- 4. You who have fished other waters; you, the longing of souls that are yearning:
 As loving Friend, you have come to call me. Refrain

Section: Christian Pilgrimage Title: Tú has venido a la orilla [You have come down to the lakeshore] Meter: Irr. Words: Cesáreo Gabaraín (1936-1991), alt. trans. Madeleine F. Marshall, alt. Music: Pescador, Cesáreo Gabaraín (1936-1991), alt. harm. Skinner Chávez-Melo (1944-1992)

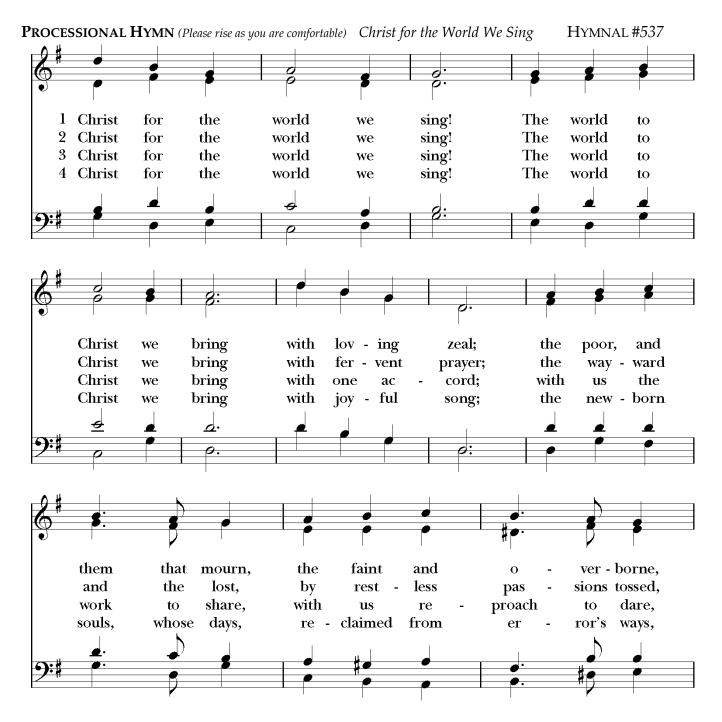
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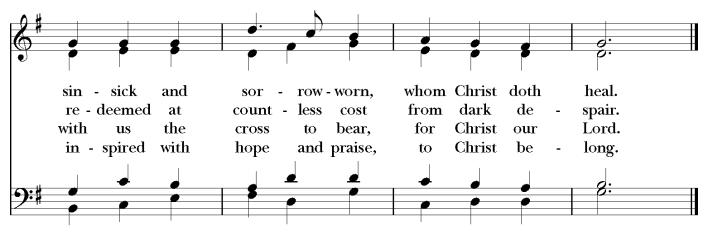
Celebrant: Let us pray.

All:

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of compassion. You have united us with Christ, and you have made us one with all peoples and creatures in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that our lives may give birth to your love in the world, and that we may continue to make our home in your life. Amen.

THE BLESSING





Section: The Church's Mission Title: Christ for the world we sing Meter: 664. 6664 Words: Samuel Wolcott (1813-1886) Music: *Moscow*, melody Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916 based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1892)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Our worship has ended, let our service begin. Go in peace to love and serve God and God's

people.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Musicians



PARISH NOTICES

Survey regarding a possible change in time of liturgy

Your priest-in-charge and wardens have been in conversation with NewCity Church about the *possibility* (with an emphasis on possibility; nothing is set in stone) of changing our liturgy time to either 10am or 9:30am. Please complete this survey (using QR code below) to share your thoughts so that your vestry can make an informed decision. The survey will remain open through Tuesday, February 18.



Renewing the Prayer List

Beginning today, our parish prayer list begins anew (we hope to renew it quarterly). If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please be in contact with Lise in the parish office or with Rev. Meghan, or use the QR code below.



Prayers of the People - Add an Intention Before Liturgy

Beginning today, a basket will be set on the altar before our liturgy, and slips of paper will be available next to the basket *and* on the entrance table inside the church. Please feel free to write an intention and place it into the bowl or basket by 10:25am. The intercessor for the day will include these intentions in the Prayers of the People. (Prayers submitted through the basket will be read aloud only on the day they are submitted.)

Pastoral Care

If you desire pastoral care for a particular need, please be in contact with Rev. Meghan. It could be as simple as a private prayer request emailed to her, or an in-person conversation about something of concern.

Prayer Circle

Beginning in Lent, we will have a prayer circle that will meet monthly on Zoom in the evening. More details forthcoming.

Receive the Parish Newsletter!

We usually send about one email per week -- we promise we won't bombard you with email!



Can Redemption Volunteers

Volunteers sought to assist with can redemption for the Plenty ministry. Please connect with Christopher Gruener if you can assist.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to reach out to our Vestry!

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