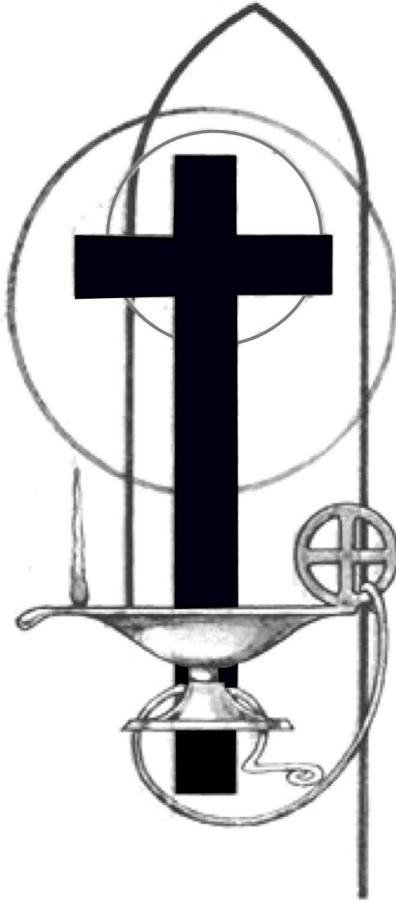


St. Luke's Episcopal Church
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The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2024 at 10 AM, Lectionary Proper 17B

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The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Word of God

This time during the prelude is a period of transition into experiencing the liturgy. Please refrain from conversation and remember to silence your phones before the service, so that those in the space and those joining online via livestream can enjoy the music and prepare to worship together.

Prelude *Kommst du nun Jesu, vom Himmel herunter*
 (Praise to the Lord), BWV 650

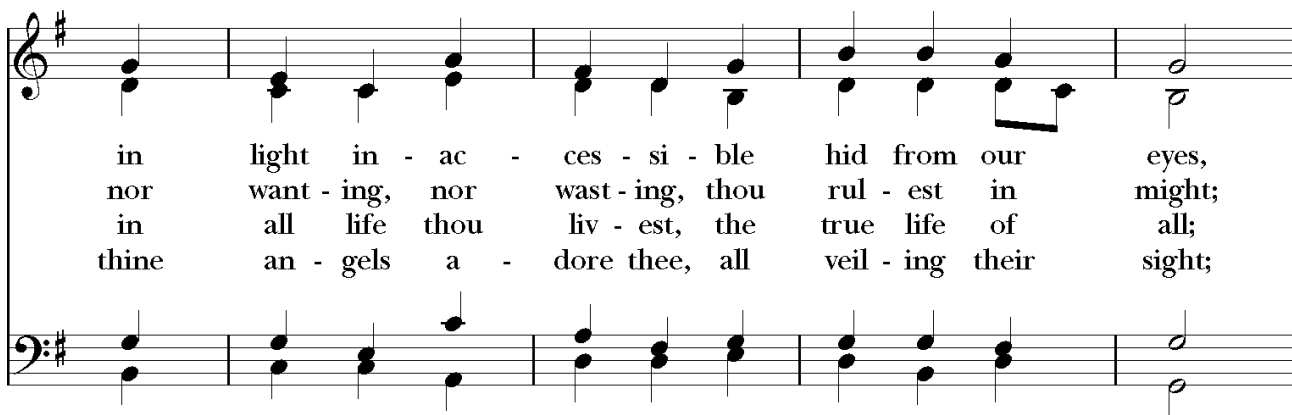
J. S. Bach (1685–1750)
Karl Schrock, Guest Organist

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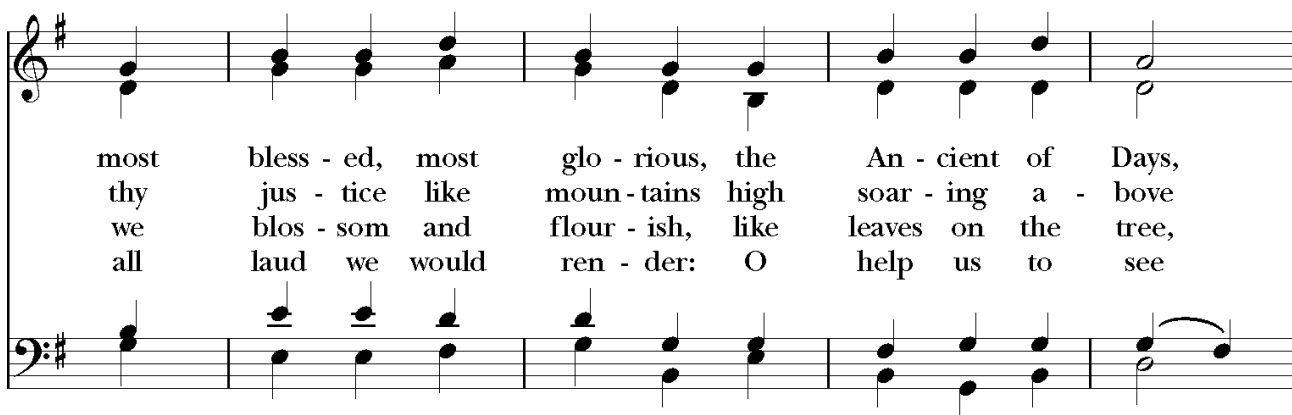
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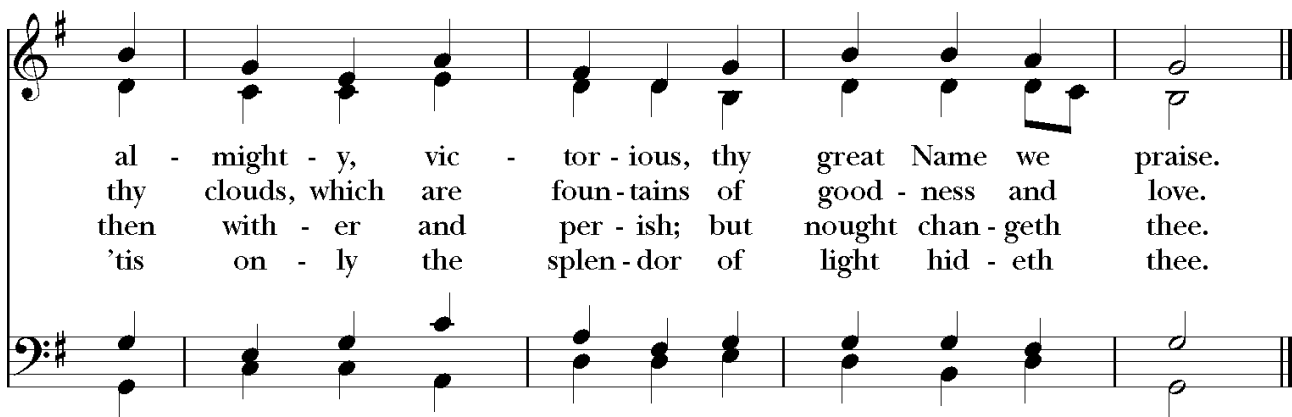
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Assembly And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Confession & Absolution

Deacon Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*

Pause. Please remain standing or kneel.

Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbor, and ourselves.

Assembly Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

Assembly Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King,

almighty God and Fa - ther, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your

glo - ry. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: re - ceive our prayer.

For you alone are the Ho - ly One. You a - lone are the Lord.



Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

Assembly And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Assembly Amen.

The Lessons Please be seated.

The First Lesson

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9

Lector A Reading from *The Book of Deuteronomy*.

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

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

Assembly Thanks be to God.

A Portion of the Psalter

Psalm 15

Kaylee Hueschen, Cantor

Antiphon Cantor, then Assembly



Cantor 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
 who may abide upon your holy hill?
 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
 who speaks the truth from his heart.

Assembly Antiphon

Cantor 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
 he does no evil to his friend; *
 he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
 but he honors those who fear the Lord.

Assembly Antiphon



- Cantor
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

Assembly Antiphon

Antiphon and psalm tone by Karl Schrock (b. 1948)

The Second Lesson

James 1:17-27

Lector A reading from *The Letter from James*.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
Thanks be to God.

Assembly

Please stand.

"Lord, be thy word my rule"

Quam dilecta

1 Lord, be thy word my rule; in it may I re - joice;
2 thy prom - is - es my hope; thy prov - i - dence my guard;
thy glo - ry be my aim, thy ho - ly will my choice;
thyne arm my strong sup - port; thy - self my great re - ward.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Assembly

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the

market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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

Assembly

As “Be still and know” plays after the Gospel all children kindergarten to 5th grade are invited to follow the adult leader to the library for the children’s sermon.

The Homily *Please be seated.*

The Rev. Dr. Gregory L. Flentje

The Nicene Creed *Please stand.*

Deacon As you are able, please stand and join in proclaiming our faith, which covers the earth and spans the ages, by reciting the Nicene Creed.

Assembly 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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: Form III

Please stand or kneel.

Deacon

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Pause.

Assembly

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Intercessor

We pray for our Diocese of Western Michigan and the Diocese of
Eastern Michigan as we engage the work of becoming one new
diocese. May we proclaim the Good News of God in Christ in
fresh and effective ways.

Deacon	Grant that every member of the Church
Assembly	may truly and humbly serve you; That your Name may be glorified by all people.
Intercessor	We pray for Sarah our Monastic Solitary, the staff and volunteers of our parish, and our ministering agencies.
Deacon	We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
Assembly	That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.
Intercessor	We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Presiding Bishop-Elect, Skip our Assisting Bishop, Randall and Gill our Priests, Greg, Micheal, Anne Marie, and Barrett, our Deacons, and all leaders of faith communities throughout the world.
Deacon	We pray for all who govern and hold authority
Assembly	in the nations of the world; That there may be justice and peace on the earth.
Intercessor	We pray for Joseph our President, Kamala, Chuck, Mitch, Mike, Hakeem, John, and Gretchen our Governor.
Deacon	Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
Assembly	That our works may find favor in your sight.
Intercessor	We pray for peace in our world and for all members of our armed forces, especially Joe, Nathan, Stephen, Allison, Gordon, Andrew, Riley, and Kevin.
Deacon	Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief
Assembly	or trouble; That they may be delivered from their distress.
Intercessor	We lift before you especially Sue, and Josh.

Deacon Give to the departed eternal rest;
Assembly Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Intercessor We remember Dorothy,
 knowing that you are doing better for her
 than we can desire or imagine.

Deacon We praise you for Blessed Mary the God-Bearer,
 Luke and John our Patrons,
 and all your saints who have entered into joy;
Assembly May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Intercessor We pray for all who are celebrating birthdays,
 particularly Patty, Dan, Judy, Beatrice, Michael, Heron, Annika,
 Gordon, and Dennis.
 We pray for all who are celebrating baptismal anniversaries,
 particularly Wesley.
 We pray for all who are celebrating wedding anniversaries,
 particularly Norma and Ross, Dee and Herman.

Deacon Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Pause.

Deacon Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we
 possess: Grant us grace that we may honor you with our
 substance, and, remembering the account which we must one
 day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty, through Jesus
 Christ our Lord.

Assembly Amen.

The Exchange of Peace *Please stand.*

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

Members of the Assembly may greet one another with the peace of Christ.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Psalm 50:14

Presider Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and make good your vows unto the Most High.

Offertory Music

Idyl Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877–1933)

Table Setting Sentence

I Chronicles 29:14

Deacon All things come from you, O Lord;
Assembly and of your own have we given you.

Eucharistic Prayer 2 *Please stand.*

Presider The Lord be with you.
Assembly And also with you.

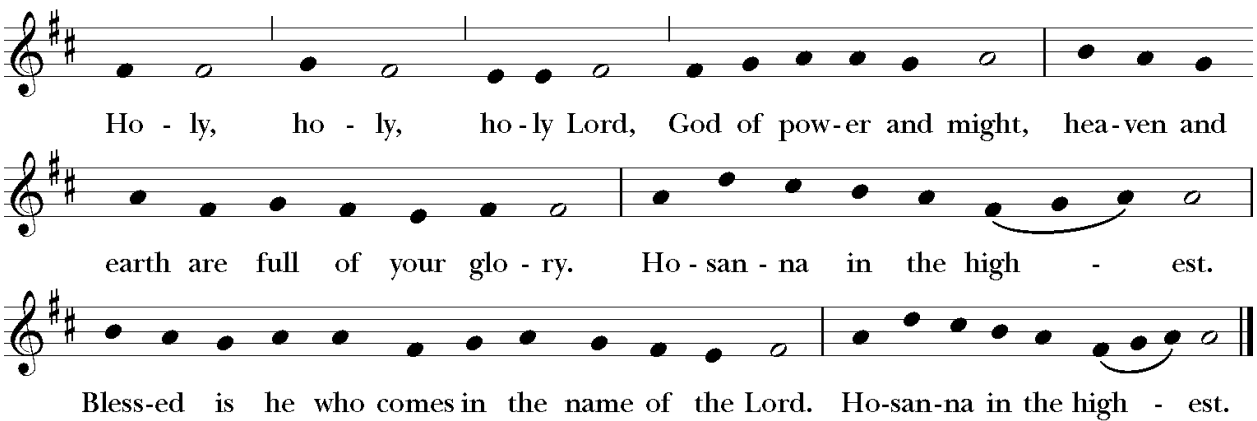
Presider Lift up your hearts.
Assembly We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Assembly It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The Presider continues, giving voice to this prayer
which we are all praying in our hearts and minds.*

We praise you and we bless you,
holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.
From before time you made ready the creation.
Your Spirit moved over the deep
and brought all things into being:
sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters;
and every living thing.
You made us in your image,
and taught us to walk in your ways.
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;
and yet, as a mother cares for her children,
you would not forget us.
Time and again you called us to live
in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:



Presider

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus the holy child of God.
Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it,
and gave it to them, 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.
Again, he gave thanks to you, 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.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.
Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.
In the fullness of time bring us,
with [_____ and] all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet
prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever.

Assembly

AMEN!

The Lord's Prayer

Deacon And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us,
we are bold to say,

Assembly 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

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Assembly Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation to Holy Communion

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



him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

*Holy Communion is available to all baptized Christians
regardless of age or denomination.*

*If you are not baptized but desire a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ,
you are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

*If you do receive Holy Communion,
please make yourself known to one of the clergy after today's liturgy.
Our clergy would be happy to work with you to deepen your relationship to Christ.*

Healing prayers can be received in the Chapel after your communion.

Music during Communion

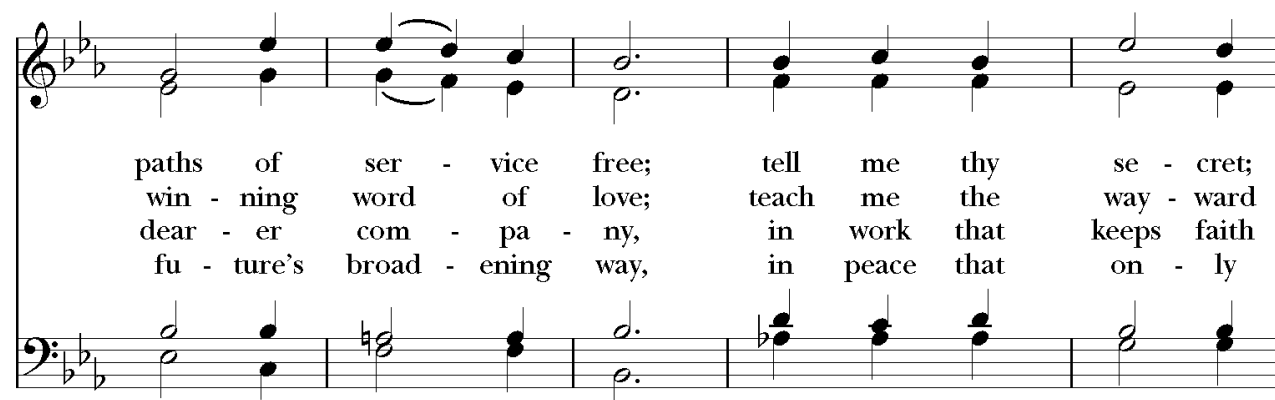
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Théodore Dubois (1837–1924)

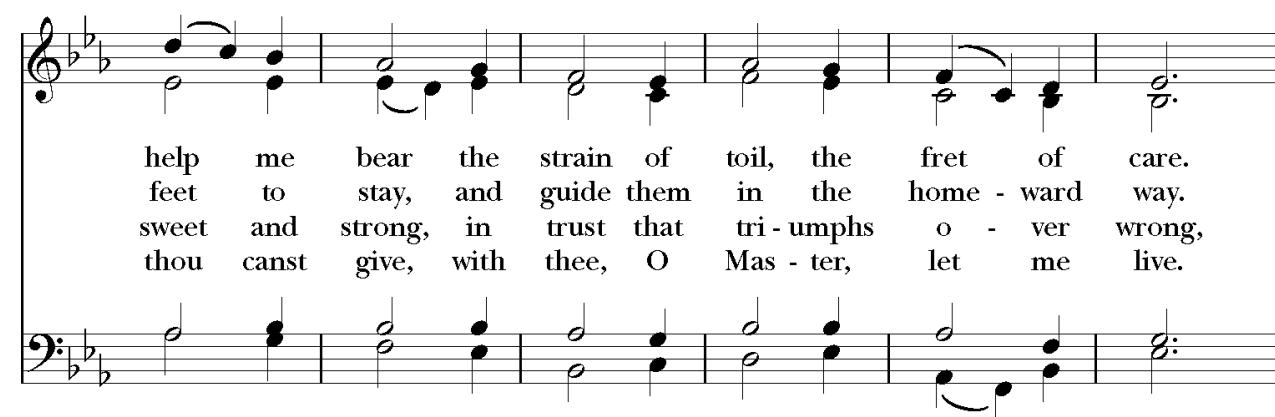
*Please stand and join in singing “O Master, let me walk with thee” as found on the
next page.*



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clos - er,
 4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

The Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand.*

Presider Let us pray.

Assembly 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 Announcements *Please be seated.*

The Blessing *Please stand.*

Please join in singing “Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing” as found on the next page.



1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
 3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the



joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
 world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,



tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace: O re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
 glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to thy truth this may we be found;
 may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

The Dismissal

A Deacon pronounces a dismissal.

The Assembly's response is Thanks be to God.

Postlude

In Dir ist Freude (In thee is gladness), BWV 615

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

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Bill James

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Please Pray for the Following People this Week

Josh Dobbins, Sue Kaatz, Vonceal Kubler, Steve Smith, Nancy Calloway, Alan Forrester, Molly Lehman, Mary Sue Hoffman, Anne Dixon, Donna, Gabby James, Erin C., Pat Buell, Gordon Boardman, Bill James, McKenzie, Fletcher Ray, and Dawson John Krill, LaRae Rutenbar, Lydia Geiser, Jan Tucker, Allyson Beam, Florence Orosz, Tara, Donna Lambert, Nakeia, Mark, Kim Melvin, Will, John Brigham, Pat, Thomas Allen, Adam, Cynthia Williams, Dennis Mapes, Jill Toma, Matthew Sweet, Jim Kalleward, Biemer families, Paula Morrison, Conn Maacomber, Anne Marie James, Maya Hanna and family, Linda Snyder, Dee Cekola, John Caswell, Todd Miller, BJ Jeschke, Wally Clore, Diane Bishop, Kevin, Barbara Spence, Drew, Sadie, Jenna Bungard, Linda H., Elizabeth Belden, Bob, Chris Welborn, Darlene, Herman, Joel Orosz, Lucy Matthews, Bonnie Tucker, Patti Fenner, Craig Timm, Nora (Breisach) Brannan, Nancy Kelley, Pam Grimm, Brian Buerkle, Roger Peterson, Ben Brown, Mary, Laura, Donna Stearns, Beverly Alward, David O'Rourke, Val Clore, Barbara Bailey, Kay Ishmael, Ryan Ledow, Steven, George Peterson, Charlotte Dentler, Caitlin Dane, Bill LaDuke, Hattie Ford, Dave Stimpson, Eve Reid, Larry Lueth.

Those in the Military

Joe Geiser, Nathan, Stephen Breisach, Allison Meyers, Gordon Hueschen, Andrew Orosz, Riley, Kevin Dechert

Birthdays this Week

Patty Lisk, Dan Missad, Judy Smith, Beatrice Beech, Michael Dombos, Heron Bothwell, Annika Barnas, Gordon Hueschen, Dennis LeClear

Baptismal Anniversaries this Week

Wesley Mauwa

Wedding Anniversaries this Week

Norma & Ross Stancati, Dee & Herman Smith

Please Pray for the Departed

Dorothy Francher

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Liturgical Resources

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Enriching Our Worship 1

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