



**10:30 SERVICE**  
*In Person & Online*

# The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist

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**Sunday, October 24, 2021**  
**Proper 25, Year B**

# Welcome, Visitors!

We're glad you joined us for this service. If you're attending in person, we invite you to fill out a bright green Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate when it comes by midway through the service. If you're attending online, please fill out our [Online Welcome Card](#) so we can get to know you. Visit our website, [www.st-john-aptos.org](http://www.st-john-aptos.org), for more information about our community.

- **COVID-19 Protocols: Face Masks** are required while singing, optional at other times outdoors. (Per CDC and state health guidance, unvaccinated people are encouraged to wear face masks at all times.)
- **Restrooms** are located on either end of the building.
- **Children** are invited to leave the service during the Gloria or Song of Praise (second hymn in the service) for Children's Church. They return in time for communion.
- **The “Abundance Table”** at the back of the worship space near the bulletins is for bringing extra produce and flowers from your yard to share with others at church. Feel free to take home whatever you'd like!

## Announcements

An asterisk (\*) denotes in-person events or activities.

**Next Sunday: Healing Community.** During next week's service, you will be invited to write your answer to this question on a piece of paper and place it in a box during the offertory: **What issues, problems, or conflicts are you struggling with in our church community that you are ready to work toward healing?** The responses will be reviewed by the Rector, the Junior Warden, and a member of the Pastoral Care Committee. If you put your name on what you write, one of them will be in touch with you to follow up. If you submit your answer anonymously, the anonymous responses will be passed on to the Daughters of the King and the weekday worship service leaders so those groups can pray for the intentions offered.

**All Hallow's Eve / All Saints Day Commemoration, Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021.** For our commemoration of All Saints Day this year, we encourage you to bring a photo or other remembrance of deceased loved ones to the 10:30 service to add to a communal altar we will create with everyone's photos. We will read aloud in the service the names of those who have died since Nov. 1, 2020 (last All Saints' Sunday). If you have names of people you would like included, please email their name, with dates of birth and death, to Mother Tracy at [rector@st-john-aptos.org](mailto:rector@st-john-aptos.org). Please also include how they are connected to you (parent, uncle, friend, etc).

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# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Rite II from the Book of Common Prayer (1979)

## † The Liturgy of the Word †

### Prelude: Jerusalem, My Happy Home

arr. Robert Powell, & Robert Lau

performed by Ann Elizabeth Thiermann

### Opening Hymn: I Come With Joy

*Unison or harmony*

Hymnal 1982 #304

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
2 I come with Christ tians far and near to each  
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,  
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord, His  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

### Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Presider

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## 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. Amen.

### Gloria

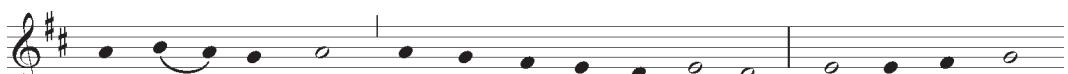
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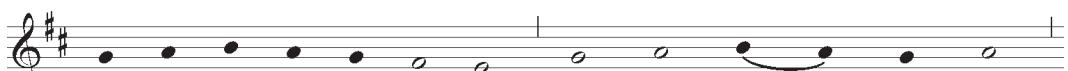
1. Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



2. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;



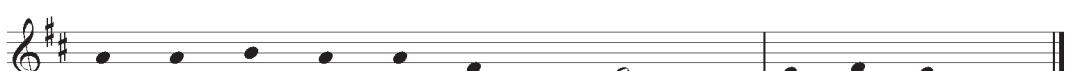
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## Collect of the Day

*Presider*      The Lord be with you.

*People*        And also with you.

*Presider*      Let us pray. (Silence) Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Introduction to the Hebrew Scripture Reading

In this passage, the prophet Jeremiah brings a word from God to the people of Israel in exile in Babylon, promising them that one day they will return to the land of Israel.

### Jeremiah 31:7-9

*New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*

Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say,  
“Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.”

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

*Lector*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*          Thanks be to God.

A bell is rung. We wait until we cannot hear the residual of the bell ringing anymore before continuing.

## Psalm 126

*BCP Translation*

- 1      When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.
- 2      Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3      Then they said among the nations, \*  
“The LORD has done great things for them.”

- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, \*  
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, \*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears \*  
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

## Introduction to the Epistle Reading

As we continue in our reading from the Letter to the Hebrews, the author continues to compare Jesus with the priests of the Temple period, making the case that Jesus's death was a one-time sacrifice that did not need to be repeated like the sacrifices of the Temple priests.

### Hebrews 7:23-28

*New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*          Thanks be to God.

## Introduction to the Gospel Reading

In this passage, Jesus heals a blind man who then becomes one of his followers.

### Gospel Acclamation: Celtic Alleluia

MHSO #20

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## Gospel Reading: Mark 10:46-52

*New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

We repeat the Gospel acclamation after the Gospel reading.

## Sermon - Mother Tracy Wells Miller, Rector

A moment of silence follows the sermon.

### The Nicene Creed

*English Language Liturgical Consultation (ELLC), EOW 53*

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.

## Prayers of the People: A Litany of Healing

*The Rev. Adam Thomas, St. Mark's, Mystic, CT*

*Deacon*      Together we lift our prayers to you, O God of love and healing.

*Intercessor*    In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the extra-provincial churches<sup>1</sup>: The Anglican Church of Bermuda, The Church of Ceyon (in Sri Lanka), The Parish of the Falkan Islands, The Lusitanian Catholic Apostolic Evangelical Church (in Portugal), and The Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church (in Spain). In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the Episcopal Church in Almaden, San Jose and the parish of St. Jude the Apostle in Cupertino. In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Dave Evans, Maureen McKenzie and Lisa Freeman. From our parish prayer list, we pray for Sandra M., Lise, and Anita.

*People*        **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor*    God the Father, you breathe life into your whole Creation.

*People*        **Help us breathe deeply of your peace and presence.**

*Intercessor*    God the Son, you give us yourself to make our joy complete.

*People*        **Help us give our fear, pain, and grief to you.**

*Intercessor*    God the Holy Spirit, you move through our lives in unexpected ways.

*People*        **Help us move in concert with your life-giving motion.**

*Intercessor*    Holy Trinity, One God, accept our thanks and praise for all the blessings of this life, especially for those blessings that our present circumstances make difficult to see.

*People*        **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor*    Shed the light of your healing love on all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, that they may find new wholeness illumined by your grace.

*People*        **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor*    Knit together in your love all whose relationships have frayed, that they may find reconciliation and new beginnings.

*People*        **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

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<sup>1</sup> The extra-provincial Anglican churches are a group of small, semi-independent church entities within the Anglican Communion. Unlike the larger member churches of the Communion, extra-provincial churches are not part of an ecclesiastical province and are subject to the direct metropolitical oversight of the Archbishop of Canterbury in England.

<i>Intercessor</i>	Bless all who work to improve the health of others, that they may bring hope, care, wisdom, and skill to all they serve.
<i>People</i>	<b>O Lord, hear our prayer.</b>
<i>Intercessor</i>	Hold in the palm of your hand all who are near death and all who care for them, that they may know the peace that passes all understanding.
<i>People</i>	<b>O Lord, hear our prayer.</b>
<i>Intercessor</i>	Grant all who turn to you the courage to participate with you in restoring this broken world to wholeness, that everyone and everything may share in the hope of your kingdom.
<i>People</i>	<b>O Lord, hear our prayer.</b>
<i>Intercessor</i>	At this time, I invite your prayers of thanksgiving or intercession either silently or aloud. (Silence is kept.)

## Concluding Collect

*Book of Occasional Services (2018) 176*

*All* Open us to your healing power, O God. We entrust ourselves to your care, knowing that you are doing for us and for all the world far better things than we can ask or imagine. With you as our companion and guide, strengthen us to hope for all that is good, and to fear no evil. For your love is stronger than death, and your faithfulness reaches to the heavens; and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and to the ages of ages. Amen.

## Confession of Sin

*BCP 360*

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

During the silence, we invite you to review the past week and acknowledge specific sins to God.

*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

*BCP 360*

*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.

Please share the peace with those who are attending with you in person, maintaining at least six feet of physical distance at all times (no hugging, shaking hands, etc). If you're attending online, you can share the peace in the chat box.

## Welcome to Visitors

## Community Prayers

### For Birthdays:

*BCP 830*

Watch over Bill Manich (10/24), Paula Atiee-Mason (10/26), Isla Hall (10/27), O Lord, as their days increase. Bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### For Baptism Anniversaries:

*BCP 421, modified*

Almighty God, through baptism you unite us to the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ and commission us for ministry in his name. As your servant \_\_\_\_\_ celebrates the anniversary of her baptism, give her courage, patience, and vision, and strengthen her in her Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### For Wedding Anniversaries:

*BCP 431*

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church; send therefore your blessing upon your servants Robbie Kilpatrick & Birgit Weskamp (10/24), Mary Lou & John McKenney (10/25), Lynn & Arnold Knudsen (10/26) that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home(s) may be a haven(s) of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**For Travelers:**

BCP 831

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel, in particular \_\_\_\_\_; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## † The Holy Communion †

### **The Offertory**

During the offertory portion of the service, we offer our gifts to God. At St. John's, that takes the form of both financial gifts and gifts of our time. Time donated is documented on a form and put in the offering plate along with financial offerings.

During this portion of the service, we also hear occasionally from parishioners in a "Minute for Ministry," a short testimony about how they use their gifts in God's service.

### **Offertory Anthem: River in Judea**

Words: Linda Marcus, Music: Jack Feldman

Sung by St. John's Choir

Oftentimes I dream of music, of the river that freely flows.  
And it sings a song sweeter than honey, one everybody knows.  
Late at night, I hear it singing; then again when I wake at dawn.  
And it fills me up with hope and goodwill; the will to go on, go on.

(Chorus) *There is a river in Judea, that I heard of long ago.*

*And it's a singing, ringing river that my soul cries out to know.*

I believe it keeps on trav'lin' but it rests on the Sabbath day.  
And the time when it pauses in stillness, I almost hear it pray.  
When I'm weary and downhearted, how I long for the song it sings,  
For the calm within its gentle blue, the peace that it brings, it brings.

(Chorus)

May the time not be too distant when we meet by the river, meet by the shore.  
'Til then dream of that wonderful day as we sing once more, once more:

(Chorus)

There is a river in Judea, Hallelu, that I heard of long ago, Hallelu.  
It's a singing, ringing river that my soul cries out,  
My soul cries out to the River in Judea, Hallelujah!

## Presentation Hymn: Take My Life and Let It Be

Hymnal 1982 #707

The Presentation Hymn is sung as the usher brings the gifts collected in the offering plate up to the altar to be blessed.

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

Take my hands and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love.  
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

## Eucharistic Prayer 1

*Enriching Our Worship 1, p. 57-59*

*Presider*      The Lord be with you.

*People*      And also with you.

*Presider*      Lift up your hearts.

*People*      We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*      It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Presider*      It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

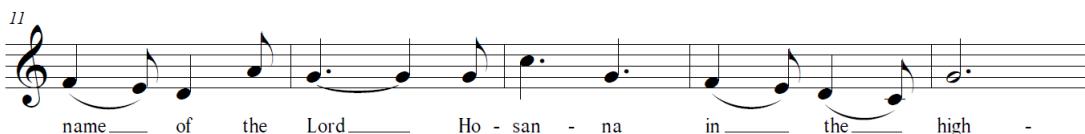
### Sanctus

*Andrew Carteer*

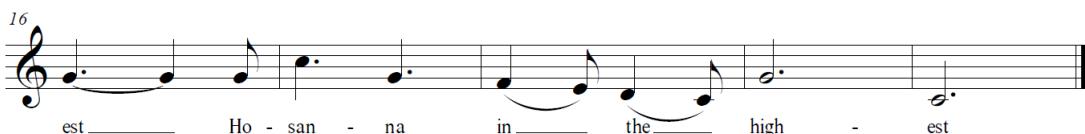
Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord God of pow - er God of might.



5  
Hea - ven and earth are full\_\_ of your glo - ry Bless-ed is he who comes in the



11  
name\_\_ of the Lord\_\_ Ho - san - na in\_\_ the\_\_ high\_\_



16  
est\_\_ Ho - san - na in\_\_ the\_\_ high\_\_ est

*Presider* 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:

## Memorial Acclamation

*Andrew Carter*

Chri - st has died      Chri - st has ri - sen      Chri -      st will come a - gain

*Presider* 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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed John the Baptist, Blessed Francis, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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.

## Great Amen

Andrew Carter

Musical notation for "Great Amen" in G major, 8/8 time. The lyrics are "A - men" repeated three times.

## The Lord's Prayer

Andrew Carter

*Presider:* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Musical notation for "The Lord's Prayer" in G major, 8/8 time. The lyrics are the Lord's Prayer in English, with some words underlined for emphasis. The music includes various dynamics and rests.

Our Fa - ther who art in Hea - ven Hal - lowed be thy name. Our  
Fa - ther who art in Hea - ven Hal - lowed be thy name Thy king - dom come thy  
will be done on earth as it is in Hea - ven in Hea - ven Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread for - give our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us For - give us our  
sin and lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion and de - liv - er us de - liv - ver us from  
ev - il for thine is the King - dom and thine is the Pow - er and thine is the Glo - ry  
now and For e - ver A - men

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## The Breaking of the Bread

Andrew Carter

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

Musical notation for "The Breaking of the Bread" hymn, featuring three staves of music in G major, common time, and a treble clef. The lyrics are integrated into the musical notes. The first staff starts with "Al - le lu - ia \_\_\_\_". The second staff begins at measure 5 with "Christ our Pass - ov - er is sac - ri - ficed for us.". The third staff continues at measure 9 with "Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia". Measure numbers 5 and 9 are indicated above the staves.

## Invitation to Communion

Presider      The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## The Communion

Communion will be distributed in one kind only, the bread (wafer). Gluten free wafers are available; they are in a separate gold container on the paten (plate) where the wafers are.

If you are participating online and you have a consecrated wafer, please consume it now. If you do not have a consecrated wafer, you can say this Prayer for Spiritual Communion instead:

"In union, O Lord, with the faithful of St. John's, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen."

(You can also use this prayer any time you are unable to attend church and receive the Holy Eucharist.)

# Communion Hymn: It is Well With My Soul

LEVAS #188

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my  
2. Though sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should  
3. My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous  
4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be

1. way, When sor - rows like sea - bil - lows roll;  
2. come, Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol,  
3. thought— My sin— not in part, but the whole—  
4. sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,

1. What - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to -  
2. That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -  
3. Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no -  
4. The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -

1. say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
2. tate, And has shed His own blood for my soul.  
3. more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
4. scend, "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

## The Postcommunion Prayer

*Enriching Our Worship 1, p. 69*

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

## The Blessing

*Modified from the Rev. Jean Dalby Clift, Women's Uncommon Prayers*

May the one true and living God, who made us for love,  
who saved us by love, and who loves us still,  
open your hearts to know ever deeper and truer love  
for God, for yourselves, and for all God has created,  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

## Closing Hymn: We Will Go Out with Joy

Glory to God #539

*Leader*



1 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.  
2 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.  
3 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.

*Fine*

*All*



We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.  
Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.  
We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.

*Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia! We will go out with joy.



Al - le - lu - ia! *to Stanzas*

Al - le - lu - ia!

## Dismissal

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Postlude: Tuba Tune in D Major

C.S. Lang

performed by Ann Elizabeth Thiermann

## Serving Today at 10:30 a.m.

<i>Presider &amp; Preacher:</i>	The Rev. Tracy Wells Miller, Rector
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<i>Scripture Introductions:</i>	The Rev. Tracy Wells Miller
<i>Acolyte:</i>	Janet Duncan
<i>Hebrew Scripture Reading:</i>	Susan VonSchmacht
<i>Psalm Leader:</i>	Jon Showalter
<i>Epistle Reading:</i>	Myra Prestidge
<i>Intercessor:</i>	Anne Baker
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister:</i>	Jon Showalter
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Cindy Phillips, Wilma Staver, Nancy Young
<i>Flower Guild:</i>	TBD
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