



Holy Eucharist
The Fifth Sunday in Lent
10:00 a.m. — March 17, 2024
Rite II

Welcome

We welcome you to St. James this morning and are delighted you are here. Please join us for coffee and conversation after the service in Centennial Hall, located directly below the church. **The Service** is outlined from the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP). **The Music** is found in the *Hymnal 1982*.

During the Voluntary we invite you to a time of quiet reflection and prayer as you prepare for the service.

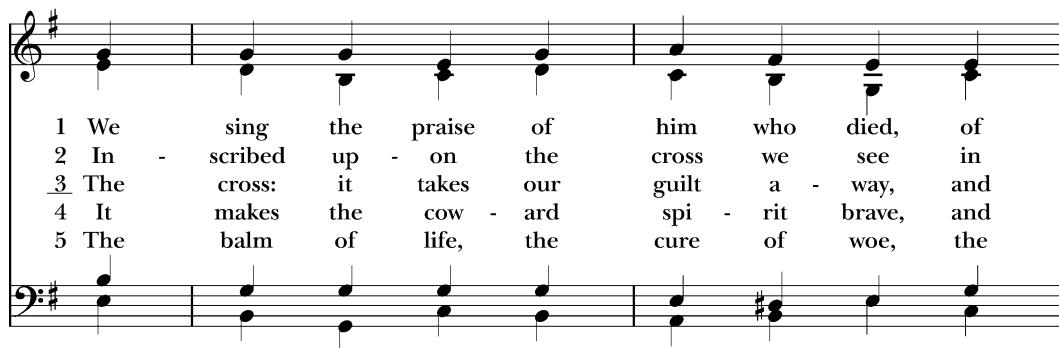
Voluntary O Welt, ich muss dich lassen, Op. 122, No. 11 Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)
O World, I now must leave thee

The Word of God

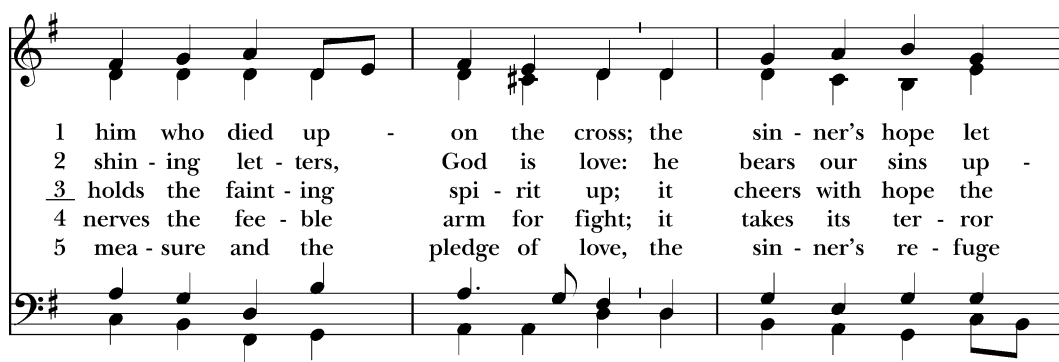
Please stand as able and sing

Hymn 471 We sing the praise of him who died this

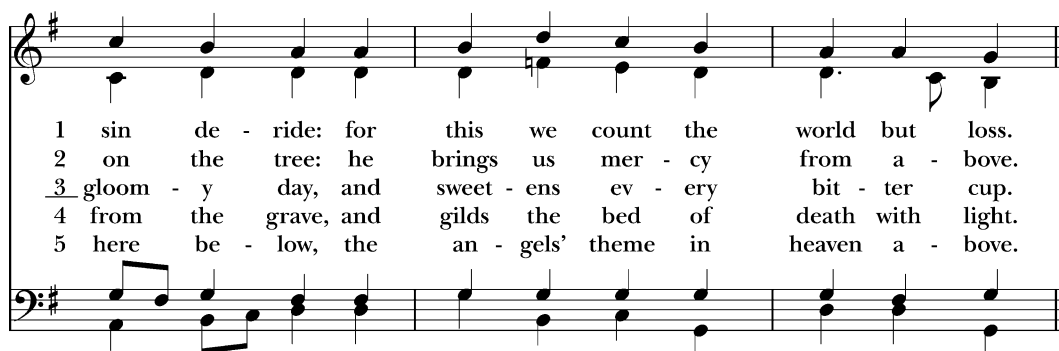
Breslau



1 We sing the praise of him who died, of
 2 In - scribed up - on the cross we see in
 3 The cross: it takes our guilt a - way, and
 4 It makes the cow - ard spi - rit brave, and
 5 The balm of life, the cure of woe, the



1 him who died up - on the cross; the sin - ner's hope let
 2 shin - ing let - ters, God is love: he bears our sins up -
 3 holds the faint - ing spi - rit up; it cheers with hope the
 4 nerves the fee - ble arm for fight; it takes its ter - ror
 5 mea - sure and the pledge of love, the sin - ner's re - fuge



1 sin de - ride: for this we count the world but loss.
 2 on the tree: he brings us mer - cy from a - bove.
 3 gloom - y day, and sweet - ens ev - ery bit - ter cup.
 4 from the grave, and gilds the bed of death with light.
 5 here be - low, the an - gels' theme in heaven a - bove.

Words: Thomas Kelly (1769-1855), alt. Music: *Breslau*, melody from Lochamer Gesangbuch, ca. 1450; harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847).

The Opening Acclamation

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People His mercy endures for ever.

The Confession and Absolution

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

All may kneel or remain standing through the Collect of the Day.

People **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 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.**

All sing.

Kyrie eleison

John Merbecke (1510-1585)



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

The Collect of the Day

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The choir sings the psalm.

Psalm 51:1-13

Miserere mei, Deus

Plainsong, Tone IV.1

Antiphon: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.

- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. [Antiphon]

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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| <i>Reader</i> | The Word of the Lord. |
| People | Thanks be to God. |

Please stand as able and sing the hymn.

Hymn 474 When I survey the wondrous cross

Rockingham

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music: *Rockingham*, from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1970; harm.
 Edward Miller (1731-1807).

The Holy Gospel

John 12:20-33

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a

grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Josh Hoover

The Nicene Creed

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

O God, you are our God; eagerly we seek you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water. Guide us with your mighty hand and outstretched arm.

Guide us in wisdom.

Guide us in truth.

Guide us in love.

We pray for your church throughout the world, Christ Church in Pleasant Lake; Church of the Resurrection in Ecorse; Jesus the Pilgrim in Barahona, the Dominican Republic in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer; for Bonnie our Bishop and Michael our Presiding Bishop. With Christ as the rock beneath our feet and our citizenship assured in heaven, guide us who bear your name to live with integrity, bringing forth fruit to nourish this hungry world.

Guide us in wisdom.

Guide us in truth.

Guide us in love.

We pray for this nation, for Joe our President and Gretchen our Governor and for all the nations of your world; wherever we are living in righteousness, strengthen us; wherever we have lost our way, guide us and make us repentant that we may find the way we should go.

Guide us in wisdom.

Guide us in truth.

Guide us in love.

We pray for your world that is fractured by greed and fear, and by privilege and discrimination; through your Christ make us one with yourself, not counting our trespasses, but grafting us to your gospel of reconciliation that we, your image bearers, might be transformed into the righteousness of God.

Guide us in wisdom.

Guide us in truth.

Guide us in love.

We pray for Birmingham and her surrounding communities, and all who have made this their home; create in us a spirit of true community where we, like you, would seek one another's safety and nurture, as a hen who gathers her brood under the shadow of her wing.

Guide us in wisdom.

Guide us in truth.

Guide us in love.

We pray for our family, friends and neighbors who are laboring beneath burdens too heavy to bear: for refugees and immigrants, for those without homes or adequate employment, for respectable households concealing domestic violence or addiction, and for those for whom we have been asked to pray Penny; Ronald; Anne; Calvin; Tom; Michael; Quenten; Bev; Jane; Margaret; Michael; Anita; Mary; Rich; Daniel; Cynthia; Sue M.; Linda; Patti; Bruce; Julian; merciful God, join our eyes, our hearts and our hands to yours, that together we may provide them a way out and give them strength to endure.

Guide us in wisdom.

Guide us in truth.

Guide us in love.

We pray for those who have died; may everything that has passed away be gathered into Christ's new creation, that all may see your goodness in the land of the living.

Guide us in wisdom.

Guide us in truth.

Guide us in love.

Gracious God, our refuge and stronghold, the God in whom we put our trust; guide your people through our Lenten wilderness, have mercy on us and answer us as we call, through Christ the Lord of all, who is generous to everyone who calls upon him. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory is a time when we offer back to God some of what God gives to us. God gives us wheat and grapes and, through our labor, we turn them into bread and wine.

God gives us bodies and minds, and we use these in our life and labor to earn our daily bread. When we give a portion of our income back to God, God blesses it, and returns it to us as services provided by the church, in outreach to those in need, and in lives changed by God's spirit.

Offertory Anthem

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God. When shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat day and night while they daily say unto me, "Where, where is now thy God?" *Words: Ps. 42:1-3*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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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 God thanks and praise.**

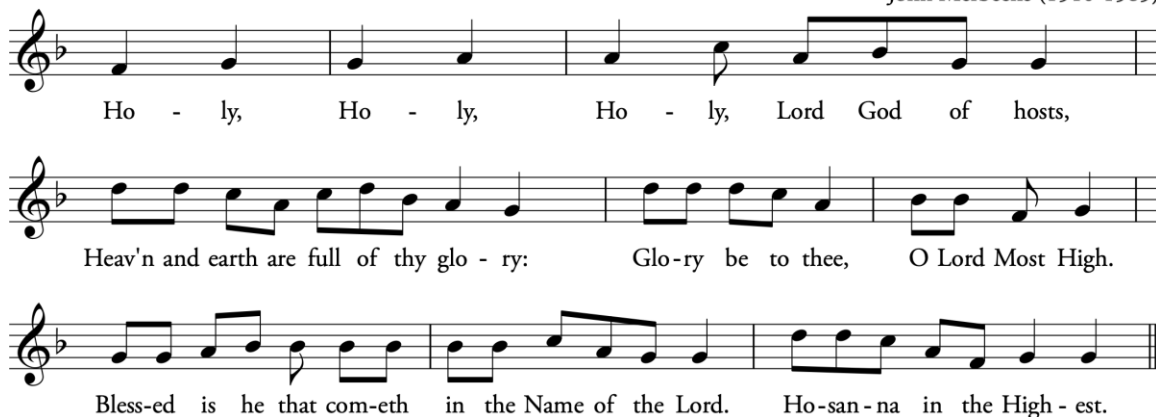
It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

All sing.

Sanctus and Benedictus

John Merbecke (1510-1585)



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts,
Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo - ry: Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Bless-ed is he that com-eth in the Name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the High - est.

The people stand or kneel as able.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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 he 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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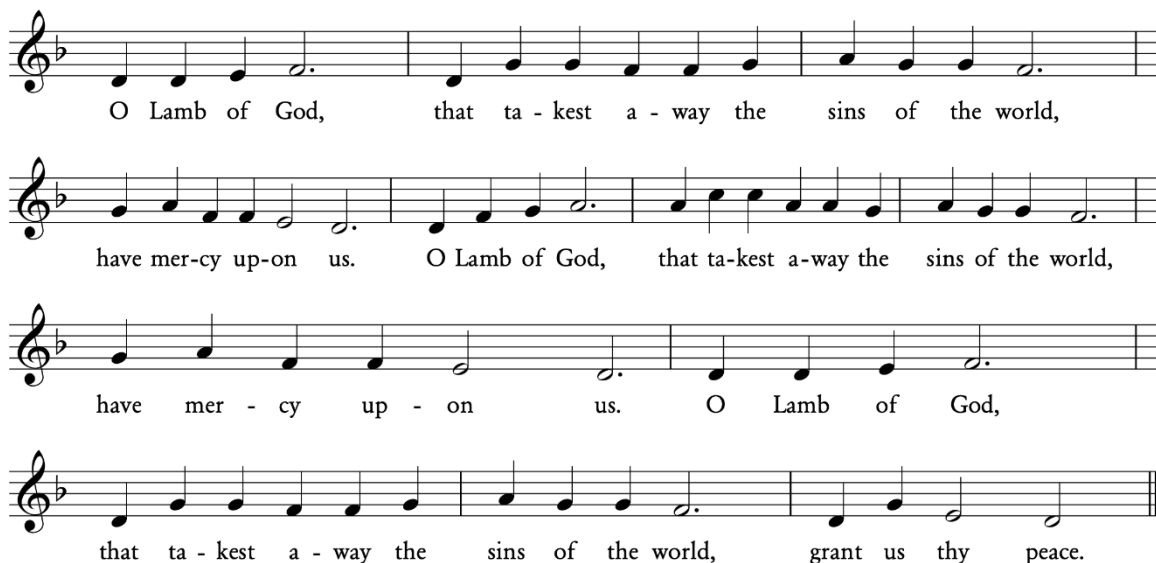
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. All sing the Fraction Anthem.

Fraction Anthem: Agnus dei

John Merbecke (1510-1585)



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world,
have mer-cy up-on us. O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world,
have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God,
that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Invitation to Communion

Presider These are the gifts of God for the people of God, take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All sing the hymn.

Hymn 309 O Food to pilgrims given

O Welt, ich muss dich lassen

1 O Food to pil - grims giv - en, O Bread of life from
2 O stream of love past tell - ing, O pur - est foun - tain,
3 O Je - sus, by thee bid - den, we here a - dore thee,

hea - ven, O Man - na from on high! We
well - ing from out the Sa - vior's side! We
hid - den in forms of bread and wine. Grant

hun - ger; Lord, sup - ply us, nor thy de - lights de -
faint with thirst; re - vive us, of thine a - bun - dance
when the veil is riv - en, we may be - hold, in

ny us, whose hearts to thee draw nigh.
 give us, and all we need pro - vide.
 hea - ven, thy coun - te - nance di - vine.

Words: Latin, 1661; tr. John Athelstan Laurie Riley (1858-1945), alt. By permission of Oxford University Press. Music: *O Welt, ich muss dich lassen*, present form of melody att. Heinrich Isaac (1450?-1517), alt.; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

Please stand or kneel as able.

The Postcommunion Prayer

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Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

People Amen.

All sing.

Hymn 555 Lead on, O King eternal

Lancashire

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, the day of march has come;
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears;

hence - forth in fields of con - quest thy tents shall be our home:
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er thy face ap - pears.

through days of prep - a - ra - tion thy grace has made us strong,
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,
Thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light:

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
but deeds of love and mer - cy, the heaven - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Words: Ernest Warburton Shurtleff (1862-1917). Music: *Lancashire*, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879).

The Dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary Prelude and Fugue in E minor, BWV 555 attributed to J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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Worship Schedule

Sundays 8:00 a.m. in person

10:00 a.m. in person and on [Facebook](#) and our [Website](#) and via [Zoom](#)

Weekdays Compline 7:50 p.m. on [Zoom](#)

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