

# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



We believe in sharing love and grace with God and one another.

## THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, June 22, 2025

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Glenda Curry, Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama

The Rt. Rev. Brian Prior, Assisting Bishop

The Reverend Candice B. Frazer, Rector

The Reverend Andrew S. Brislin, Associate Rector

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### ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER:

Becky Taylor

**LECTOR:** 8:00 AM: Wes Little

10:30 AM: Evans Bailey

**LEMS:** Nan Barganier,  
Harry Simon, "Smitty" Smith

**VERGER:** Ellen Brooks

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Grady Pate, Natalee Coker,

Harper Mielke, Lily Mielke

**VESTRY GREETER:** Barrett Austin,  
"Smitty" Smith

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

**AV CREW:** Jason Pate, Camera

**ALTAR GUILD:**

8:00 AM: Debbie Hackett

10:30 AM: Debbie Hackett, Valerie Lee

**USHERS:** Robert Prescott,

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## HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II ~ 10:30 AM LIVESTREAM

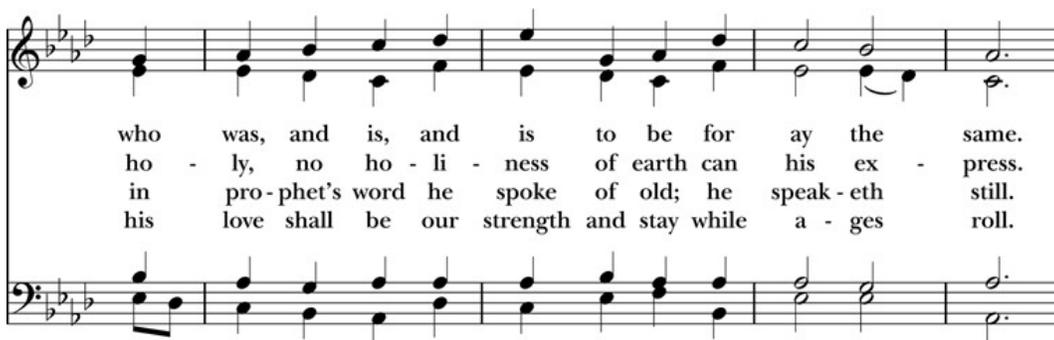
Voluntary *Blessed Jesus, we are here* (J. S. Bach)

Introit *There is a longing in our hearts* (A. Quigley)

Hymn 372 *Praise to the living God!* (Leoni)



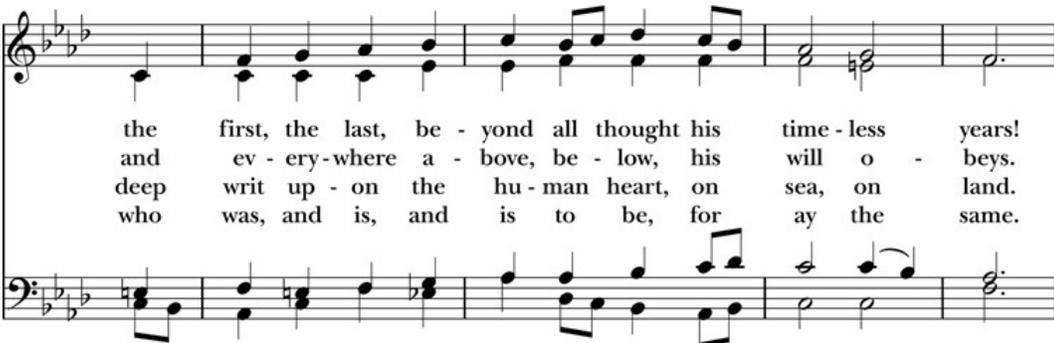
1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name  
2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;  
3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:  
4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;



who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.  
ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.  
in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.  
his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.



The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:  
Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,  
Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,  
Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name



the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!  
and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.  
deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.  
who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

Words: Medieval Jewish liturgy; tr. Max Landsberg (1845-1928) and Newton M. Mann (1836-1926). Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1985, alt.

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

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

*The Celebrant says*

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.*

Song of Praise S280 *Glory to God in the highest* (R. Powell)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - 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



### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 65:1-9

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah.*

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name.

I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices;

a people who provoke me to my face continually,

sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks;

who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places;

who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."

These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

See, it is written before me:

I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their laps their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD;

because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills,

I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions.

Thus says the LORD:

As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,"

so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all.

I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;

my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

William Russell  
(1777–1813)

## PSALM 22:18-27 *Deus, Deus meus*



- 18 Be not far a- / way, O / Lord; \*  
you are my strength; / hasten • to / **help** / me.
- 19 Save me / from the / sword, \*  
my / life from • the / power of • the / dog.
- 20 Save me from the / li - on's / mouth, \*  
my wretched body from the / horns of / **wild** / bulls.
- 21 I will declare your / Name to • my / brethren; \*  
in the midst of the congregation / I will / **praise** / you.
- 22 Praise the Lord, / you that / fear him; \*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of / Ja - cob's / line, give / glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he / hide his / face from them; \*  
but when they / cry to / him he / hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the / great as- / ssembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the / presence • of / those who / worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the / Lord shall / praise him: \*  
"May your / **heart** / live for / ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and / turn to • the / Lord, \*  
and all the families of the / nations • shall / bow be- / fore him.
- 27 For kingship be- / longs to • the / Lord; \*  
he / **rules** / over • the / nations.

## THE EPISTLE: Galatians 3:23-29

*A reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians.*

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE ANTHEM 566 *From thee all skill and science flow (The Church's Desolation)*

1 From thee all skill and sci-ence flow, all pi-ty, care, and love,  
2 And has-ten, Lord, that per-fect day when pain and death shall cease,  
all calm and cour-age, faith and hope: O pour them from a-bove!  
and thy just rule shall fill the earth with health and light and peace;  
Im-part them, Lord, to each and all, as each and all shall need,  
when ev-er-blue the sky shall gleam, and ev-er-green the sod,  
to rise, like in-cense, each to thee, in no-ble thought and deed.  
and our rude work de-face no more the hand-i-work of God.

Words: Charles Kingsley (1819-1875), alt. Music: *The Church's Desolation*, traditional melody; harm. J. T. White (19th cent.); adapt. C. H. Cayce (19th-20th cent.).

**THE GOSPEL: LUKE 8:26-39**

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon:** *The Rev. Andrew S. Brislin*

### **The Nicene Creed**

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,  
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 are Form V found on page 389 in The Book of Common Prayer.**

*Pause for a slow count of 3.*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy".

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Here and after every petition the People respond*

Lord, have mercy.\*\*

For the discernment for the next Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Glenda and Brial our Bishops, for Candice and Drew our clergy, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.\*\*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.\*\*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.\*\*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.\*\*

For those in positions of public trust especially Donald, our President, Kay our Governor, Steven our Mayor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.\*\*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.\*\*

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.\*\*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.\*\*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We pray for the safety of our armed forces both here and abroad; we pray for peace throughout the world; and we give thanks for Ascension Day School.

We pray for *The Way, The Truth, and The Life, our capital campaign.*

We pray for the discernment of the 13th bishop of Alabama: Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For those on our parish prayer list: Kenneth Mullinax, Tad Davis, Nancy Morgan, Paul Davis, George Thomas, Ann Lewis, Debbie Mathis, Janet Hutto, Lila Dryer, Andi Silberman, Bob Lewis, Brittney Calhoun, Violet Monson, Ann Thorington, Sue & Bill Hicks, Betty Godbold, Sophie Xides, Edith Crook, Hugh Alsabrook, Marion Allison, Ginny White, Anne Waldo, Bruce Salmon, we pray to you, O Lord.\*\*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those in whose memory the altar flowers are given: Glen Cain, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.\*\*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

*To you, O Lord our God.*

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect, or the following Doxology*

[Stay until the priest has finished the collect.]

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and 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.

*The Priest, stands and says*

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**

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

**Announcements**

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**Offertory Anthem** *Draw us in the Spirit's tether* (H. Friedell)

**Presentation** *The Doxology (Old 100th)*

*All things come of thee, O Lord,  
And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.*

**The Holy Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer B**

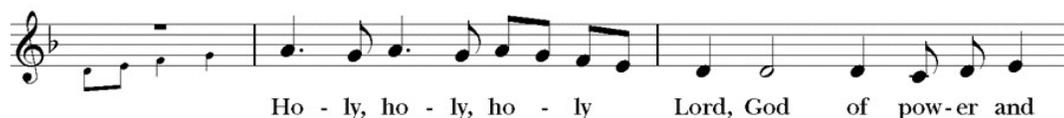
*Celebrant*           The Lord be with you.  
*People*                And also with you.  
*Celebrant*           Lift up your hearts.  
*People*                We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant*           Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
*People*                It is right to give him thanks 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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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 Hymn S129** *Holy, holy, holy* (R. Powell)



might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people kneel or stand.*

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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**Memorial Acclamation Hymn S135 (J. Hill)**

*Celebrant and People*

We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -  
 rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

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*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 Celebrant then continues*

And now, as our Savior

Christ has taught us,

We are bold to say

*Officiant and People*

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.

## Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

*A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*Fraction Anthem S163 Lamb of God (R. Powell)*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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*The Celebrant says*

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.

## **Communion Hymns** *Alleluia II: 34*

Surely, it is God who saves me;  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold  
and my sure defense,  
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water  
with rejoicing  
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say,  
Give thanks to the Lord and  
call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known  
among the peoples;  
see that they remember  
that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord,  
for he has done great things,  
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion,  
ring out your joy,

for the great one in the midst of you  
is the Holy One of Israel.

## *Alleluia II 65*

I will change your name.  
You shall no longer be called  
Wounded, outcast, lonely  
Or afraid.

I will change your name.  
Your new name shall be  
Confidence joyfulness,  
Over coming one,  
Faithfulness, friend of God  
One who seeks my face.

## **Lay Eucharistic Commission**

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

***All: We who are many, are one body because we all share in one bread, one cup.***

## ***The Post Communion Prayer***

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

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.

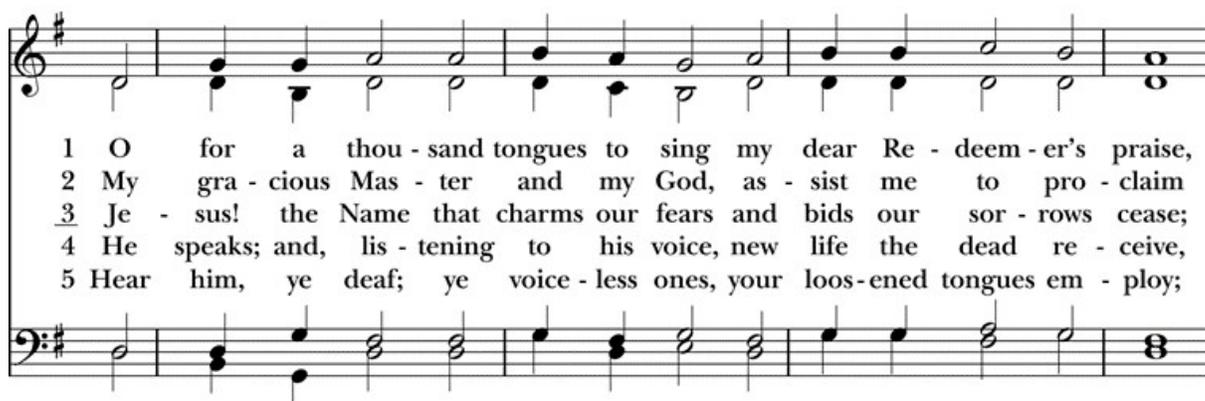
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Blessing**

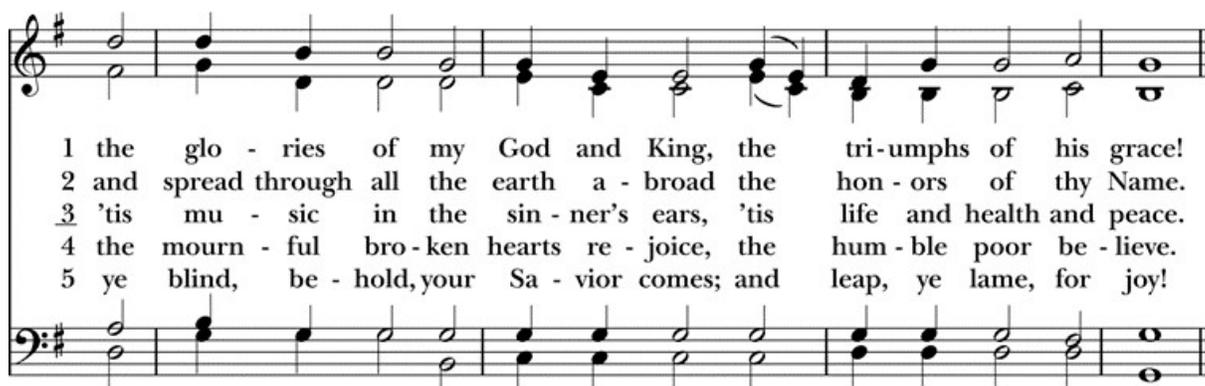
*The priest blesses the people, saying*

*May the peace of God which passes all understanding  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God Almighty the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.*

Processional Hymn 493 *O for a thousand tongues to sing (Azmon)*



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim  
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;  
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,  
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;



1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.  
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love  
be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above,  
the Church in earth and heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Azmon*, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

**Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
*Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!*

**Voluntary** *Fanfare on Azmon* (A. Wyton)

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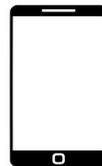


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