

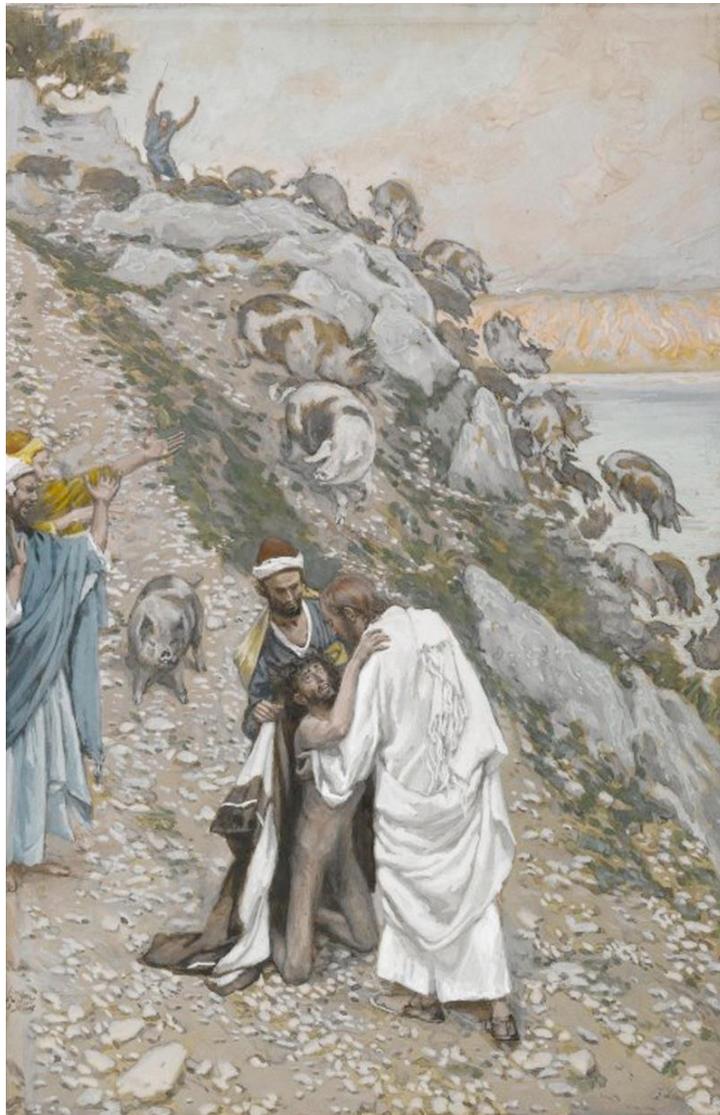
The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost *June 19, 2022*

As people of God, we celebrate Christ in the heart of Victoria through joyful worship, building inclusive community, and putting faith into action.

St. John's acknowledges these ancestral lands of the Lekwungen speaking people.

We are an inclusive and affirming parish; the sacraments of the church (baptism, communion and marriage) are available to all people on equal terms. Christ welcomes you, and so do we.



Tissot, James, 1836-1902. Jesus, the Gerasene, and the Unclean Spirits, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=56176> [retrieved June 16, 2022]. Original source: [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Brooklyn_Museum_-_The_Swine_Driven_into_the_Sea_\(Les_porcs_pr%C3%A9cipit%C3%A9s_dans_la_mer\)_-_James_Tissot.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Brooklyn_Museum_-_The_Swine_Driven_into_the_Sea_(Les_porcs_pr%C3%A9cipit%C3%A9s_dans_la_mer)_-_James_Tissot.jpg).

Welcome to the Parish Church of St. John the Divine, Victoria. We are a community of faith in the Anglican Tradition, seeking to live lives of faith, hope, and love as part of this community of Downtown Victoria. We are on a journey of learning to be a welcoming, inviting, inclusive, and serving community which is open to all.

Our worship reflects our rootedness in the Anglican tradition, whilst drawing on liturgies that reflect the long history and heritage of our Christian faith. Please join in as you feel able, and enjoy the words, music, and opportunity for prayer and to be a part of our community.

Worship as we move forward in COVID-19: We are carefully gathering for **worship in-person at 10am (Holy Eucharist) and 5:30pm (BCP Evensong)** – no booking is required, and we continue to remain masked through the services and practice respectful distances and safety protocols. We encourage in-person attendance for all who are vaccinated, and if not-vaccinated, unable to attend in person, or feeling vulnerable or unable to mask we would encourage you to join via Zoom (email admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca for link) or through the livestream on the Website: <https://www.stjohnthedivine.bc.ca/>

We continue to share daily prayer online with a link on our website.

Contacting Us: We are all learning ways to build community "at a distance." We are checking phone messages and answering emails. The main email for contact is: admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca. If you wish to receive prayer for yourself or for another, there will be members of our Healing Prayer group who will offer their prayers. Please contact the church office at the above email address.

You are very welcome here. We don't always get it right; please let us know when we do, and when we don't. Please stay and be a part of our family, for however long you would like.

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

*The congregation is invited to join in the hymns, responses and prayers marked in **bold print**.*

Presider: The Reverend Stephanie Wood

Greeters: Merle Wall, Christine Scott

Readers: Margaret Walker, Judith Branion

Gospel: The Reverend Dr. John Thatamanil

Sermon: The Reverend Dr. John Thatamanil

Intercessor: David Buckman

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Gerry Melville, Iris Elsdon

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Streaming Technicians: Karen Coverett, Vanessa Whyte

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David Stratkauskas, Director of Music

The Gathering of the Community

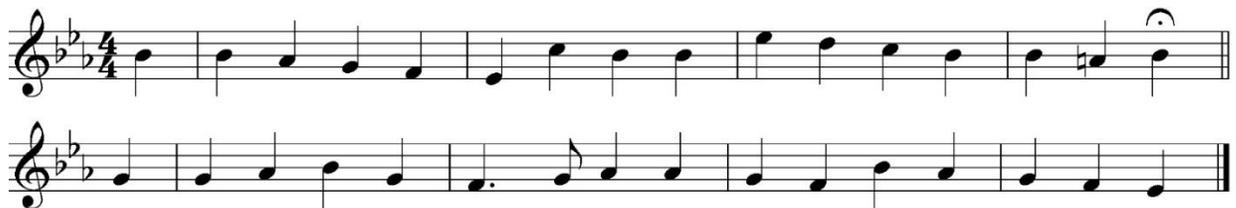
As we seek to care for one another in pandemic, we remember that masks must be worn over nose and mouth in our services at all times, especially when singing.

Prelude

Land Acknowledgement and Welcome

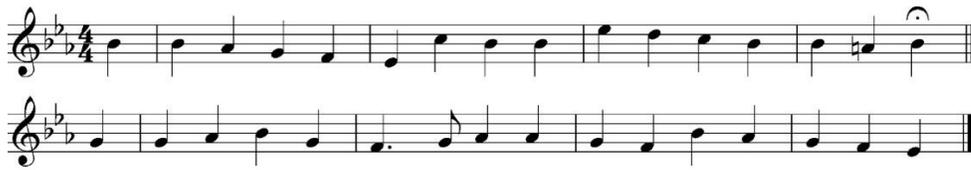
Processional Hymn (CP 7)

MELCOMBE



- 1. New every morning is the love
our waking and uprising prove;
through sleep and darkness safely brought,
restored to life and power and thought.**
- 2. New mercies, each returning day,
hover around us while we pray;
new perils past, new sins forgiven,
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.**
- 3. If on our daily course our mind
be set to hallow all we find,
new treasures still of countless price
God will provide for sacrifice.**
- 4. Old friends, old scenes will lovelier be,
as more of heaven in each we see;
some softening gleam of love and prayer
shall dawn on every cross and care.**

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5. **The trivial round, the common task,
will furnish all we ought to ask:
room to deny ourselves, a road
to bring us daily nearer God.**
6. **Only, O Lord, in thy dear love
fit us for perfect rest above;
and help us, this and every day,
to live more nearly as we pray.**

Text: John Keble (1792-1866).
Music: Samuel Webbe the elder (1740-1816).

The Church Family Prayer

Loving God,
All: **you have called us to be your family
and to celebrate our life together in worship.
We pray now, for all members of our family
as we gather in our church buildings, our homes, and online.
Through your spirit keep us united in love.
Bless each of us with your beloved friendship.
Teach us, gracious God,
how to be your church in these times.
Help us to know that we are your people,
that we are your Family, always. Amen.**

Gathering

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
All: **And also with you.**

Almighty God,
All: **to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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

John Merbecke (1510-1585), adapted



Glo - ry be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will to-wards all.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glo - ri - fy you,



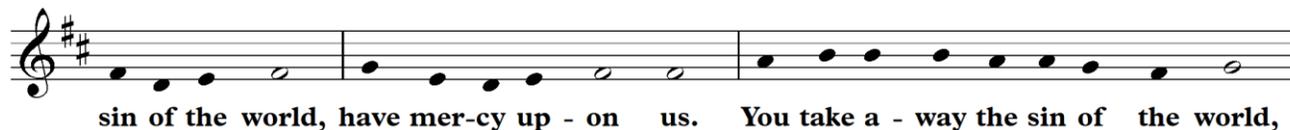
we give thanks to you for your great glo-ry, O Lord god, heav-en - ly King,



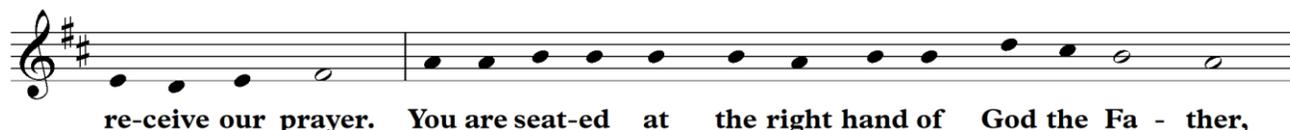
God the Fa-ther al-migh - ty. O Lord the on - ly be-got ten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the



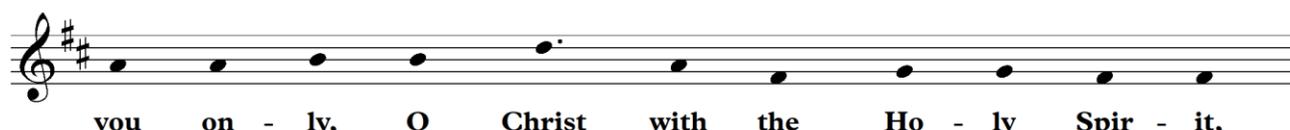
sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. You take a - way the sin of the world,



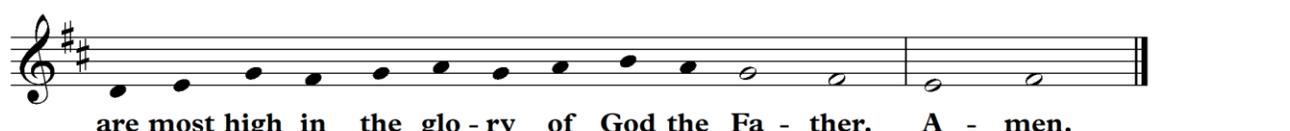
re-ceive our prayer. You are seat-ed at the right hand of God the Fa - ther,



have mer-cy up - on us. For you on-ly are ho - ly; you on-ly are the Lord;



you on - ly, O Christ with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



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

The Collect of the Day

Silence is kept.

God, our refuge and hope,
when race, status or gender divide us,
when despair afflicts us,
and community lies shattered,
comfort us with the stillness of your presence,
so that we may confess all you have done;
through Christ, to whom we belong
and in whom we are one.

All: Amen.

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

Let us listen for the Word of God in Holy Scripture.

The First Reading

1 Kings 19:1-15a

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, ‘So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.’ Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: ‘It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.’ Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep.

Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, ‘Get up and eat.’ He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, ‘Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.’ He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’ He answered, ‘I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.’

He said, ‘Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.’ Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind;

and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’ He answered, ‘I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.’ Then the LORD said to him, ‘Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

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As the deer longs for the water-brooks, so longs my soul for you, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

My tears have been my food day and night, while all day long they say to me, “Where now is your God?”

I pour out my soul when I think on these things; how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God.

With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, among those who keep holy-day.

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? And why are you so disquieted within me?

Put your trust in God, for I will yet give thanks to God, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

My soul is heavy within me; therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan, and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.

One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; all your rapids and floods have gone over me.

God grants God’s loving-kindness in the daytime; in the night season their song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

I will say to the God of my strength, “Why have you forgotten me? And why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?”

While my bones are being broken, my enemies mock me to my face;

All day long they mock me and say to me, “Where now is your God?”

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? And why are you so disquieted within me?

Put your trust in God; for I will yet give thanks to God, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying

All: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Luke 8:26-39

Before the Gospel

Cantor: Alleluia.

All: Alleluia.

Cantor: My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord. I know them, and they follow me.

All: Alleluia.

God is with you.

All: And also with you.

Hear the Good news of Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Christ.

Then they 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.

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Following the address there will be a pause for silence.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe and trust in God, Creator
who made all things?

All: We believe and trust in God.

Do you believe and trust in God, living Word,
who embraces all creation?

All: We believe and trust in God.

Do you believe and trust in God, life-giving Spirit,
who inspires the people of God?

All: We believe and trust in God.

This is the faith of the Church.

**All: This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Creator, Word, Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Those who have asked for our prayers are listed at the end of the leaflet.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

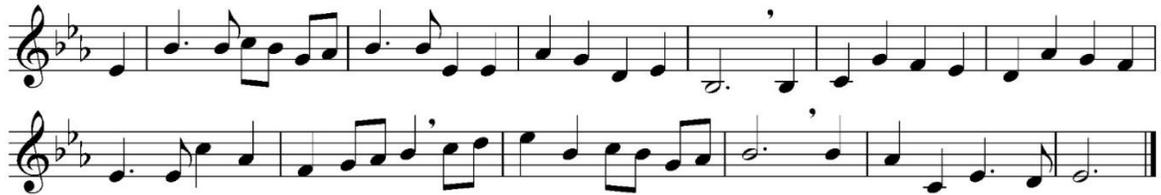
All: And also with you.

All may offer their neighbour a contactless sign of peace.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn (CP 455)

REPTON



1. Dear God, compassionate and kind,
forgive our foolish ways.
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.
2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow thee!
3. O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity
interpreted by love!
4. Drop thy still dews of quietness
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.
5. Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm.

Text: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892), alt.
Music: Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918).

The Prayer over the Gifts

In the name of all of us gathered, near and far, we present these our gifts to God.

Let us pray:

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
Through your goodness
you have blessed us with these gifts:
our selves, our time and our possessions.
Use us, and what we have gathered,
in feeding the world with your love,
through the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

As we prepare to celebrate this Eucharist, we remember that we are the people of God. Near or far we are gathered together by the love of Christ. We remember that we are incorporated into the body of Christ. We join together in this celebration of our union in Christ.

Let us pray.

Thanks be to you,

All: Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given us, and all that you have borne for us. In our sharing in this Eucharist, in Church or at home, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 1,
Book of Alternative Services

May God be with you

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to our God.

Let us give thanks to the Creator of all.

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

It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God,
for you created all things.

You formed us in your own image:
in the wonderful diversity of gender you created us.

When we turned away from you in sin,

You did not cease to care for us
but opened a path of salvation for all people.

You made a covenant with Israel,
and through your servants Abraham and Sarah
gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.

Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom;
through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation.

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints
who have served you in every age,
we give thanks and raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of hosts, heav-en and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Glo - ry be to you, O Lord most high. Bless-ed is he
 that comes in the name of the Lord: Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise.

In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ,
 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 healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;
 he opened the eyes of the blind
 and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom
 to the poor and to those in need.

In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to 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.'

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice
 destroys the power of sin and death;
 by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection,
 and looking for his coming again in glory,
 we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts,
that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people,
a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.



All: **A men A - men A - men.**

The Disciple's Prayer

Priest: As our saviour Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come, your will be done,
on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins
as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al,
and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r, and the glo-ry are yours,
now and for ev-er. A-men

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The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All: **We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

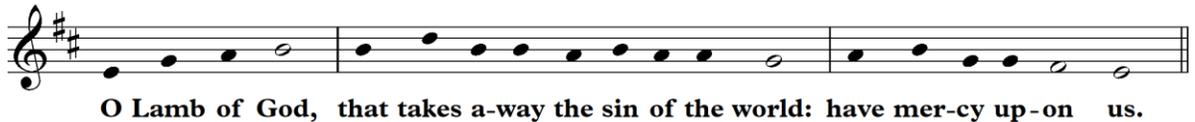
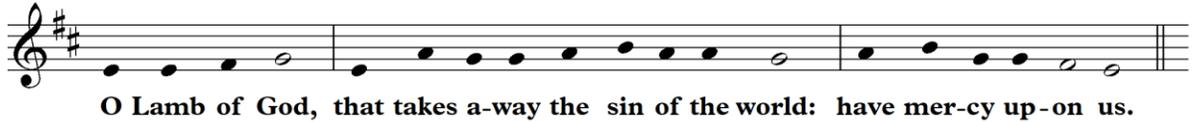
The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

All are welcome to receive communion, if you are sitting on the left hand side of the church (the North side) please go to the back of the Church. If you are seated on the right hand side OR require gluten free wafers please come to the front of the Church. You are welcome to receive bread and wine or just bread, both are full communion, as you are comfortable.

Agnus Dei



Following the Communion there will be a pause for silence.

The Commissioning of the Community

One body are we.

All: For, though we are in many places, we spiritually share one bread.

Prayer after Communion

God of abundance,
with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ,
making us one with all your people.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
so that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

Blessing

Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love and serve our living God. Alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.



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| <p>1. King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
and that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.</p> | <p>2. Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried
thou didst clear me;
and along, when they replied,
thou didst hear me.</p> |
| <p>3. Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
to enrol thee:
even eternity's too short
to extol thee.</p> | |

Text: George Herbert (1593-1633).
Music: Joseph David Jones (1827-1870).

Please join us for coffee hour on Zoom.

Readings for June 26th – The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost - Pride Sunday

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Elijah comes to the end of his prophetic work, is taken up into heaven, and Elisha, his disciple, assumes his mantle.

Psalms 77:1-2, 11-20 In a painful and troubling situation the many acts of God's providence are remembered and faith is restored.

Luke 9:51-62 With lessons about commitment, Jesus decides it is time to take his message to Jerusalem.

Flowers

Given to the Glory of God in loving memory of my parents, Jim and Hilda Dutton, and my brother Douglas Dutton, from Dorothy Chuhran.

The following people have asked for our prayers.

Please keep them in your heart and mind as you go through your week.

Mark
Anne
Charlotte
Brian
Colleen & Neil

Daryl
Nancy
Kat
Chris
Dr. John and family

Savio
Eric
Joe & family
John & Pat
Steven, Melody, Sharon

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