

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 28, 2026

10 AM



SAINT MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
*Annapolis, Maryland*

The Holy Spirit gathers us once again on this Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

## PRELUDE

*God of the Ages (National Hymn)*

*by Mary McDonald*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS - Pastor

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)*

1 John 1:8

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

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**

## GATHERING HYMN

**All Are Welcome**

**ELW 641**

2 Corinthians 13:13-14

## GREETING - Pastor

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

We ask for God's mercy  
Luke 17:13; 18:39,  
Psalm 123:3

## HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

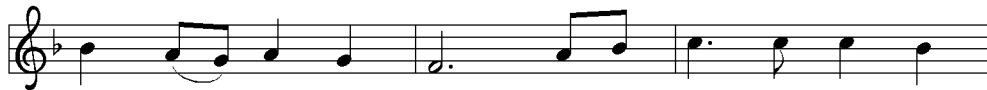
## All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
claim the faith of Je - sus:  
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
end to fear and dan - ger:  
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

This prayer "collects" the theme of the day.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY - *Assisting Minister*

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** (Please be seated)

This reading is typically from the Hebrew Scriptures, which Jesus often quoted.

## THE FIRST LESSON - *Lector*

**Jeremiah 28:5-9**

<sup>5</sup>The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

The Word of The Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. Psalms are the hymnbooks of the children of Israel

## THE PSALM (*Read Responsively*)

**Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18**

- <sup>1</sup>Your love, O LORD, forever <sup>1</sup> will I sing;  
from age to age my mouth will pro- <sup>1</sup> claim your faithfulness.
- <sup>2</sup>**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is estab- <sup>1</sup> lished forever;  
you have set your faithfulness firmly <sup>1</sup> in the heavens.**
- <sup>3</sup>"I have made a covenant with my <sup>1</sup> chosen one;  
I have sworn an oath to Da- <sup>1</sup> vid my servant:
- <sup>4</sup>**I will establish your <sup>1</sup> line forever,  
and preserve your throne for all <sup>1</sup> generations.' "**
- <sup>15</sup>Happy are the people who know the <sup>1</sup> festal shout!  
They walk, O LORD, in the light <sup>1</sup> of your presence.
- <sup>16</sup>**They rejoice daily <sup>1</sup> in your name;  
they are jubilant <sup>1</sup> in your righteousness.**
- <sup>17</sup>For you are the glory <sup>1</sup> of their strength,  
and by your favor our might <sup>1</sup> is exalted.
- <sup>18</sup>**Truly, our shield belongs <sup>1</sup> to the LORD;  
our king to the Holy <sup>1</sup> One of Israel.**

This reading bears witness to the early church.

## THE SECOND LESSON - *Lector*

**Romans 6:12-23**

<sup>12</sup> Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. <sup>13</sup> No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. <sup>15</sup> What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted <sup>18</sup> and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification. <sup>20</sup> When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup> So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** (*Please stand as you are able*)

We acclaim the living Word, Jesus Christ, present in the gospel reading.  
John 6:68

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## THE GOSPEL LESSON - *Pastor*

**Matthew 10:40-42**

The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Matthew the tenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>40</sup> “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup> Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, <sup>42</sup> and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** (*Please be seated*)

Viva Vox," the Living  
Word of God  
interpreted. (Romans  
10:14-17)

## **SERMON - Pastor**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**The Church of Christ, in Every Age**

**ELW 729**

Ancient church  
councils adopted the  
summary of the  
church's faith in the  
Nicene, Apostles' and  
Athanasian Creeds.

## **CONFESSIO OF FAITH - Assisting Minister**

## **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

We pray for ourselves  
and particularly on  
behalf of others.  
(1 Timothy 2:1-2; 1  
Thessalonians 5:17;  
Acts 2:42)

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH - Assisting Minister**

To the words "God of grace," the congregation responds "**hear our prayer.**"

Extending God's word  
of peace to others.  
(Romans 16:16;  
Matthew 5:23-24)

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE - Pastor**

1 Corinthians 16:1-2  
2 Corinthians 9:7-9

## **THE OFFERING** *(Please be seated)*

*We thank you for your generosity and support! We are blessed to return thanks to God through our offerings to support the work of the Church in the world. Ushers will bring the plates to those worshipping in person this day. For those worshipping online you may give electronically or by way of US Mail. Your gifts enable our day to day operational budget, our missions, and the care of those in need. Please visit [www.stmartinsannapolis.org/giving](http://www.stmartinsannapolis.org/giving) or scan the QR code here:*



## **OFFERTORY MUSIC**

*Bring Him Home*

*"In Honor of Those Who Serve Our Nation"*

*Music from Les Misérables, by Claude-Michel Schönberg  
lyrics - Kretzmer & Boublil*

## The Church of Christ, in Every Age

1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.



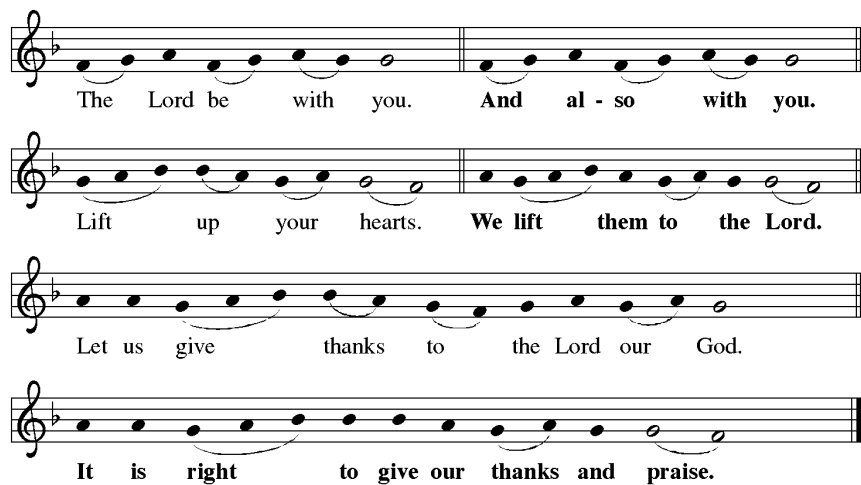
Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
 bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
 we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
 all; u - nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta - ble  
 with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

### OFFERING PRAYER - *Assisting Minister*

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**

*Before the Lord's  
 supper is shared, the  
 presiding minister leads  
 us into thanksgiving.  
 (Psalm 15:1)*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Please stand as you are able*) - *Pastor*



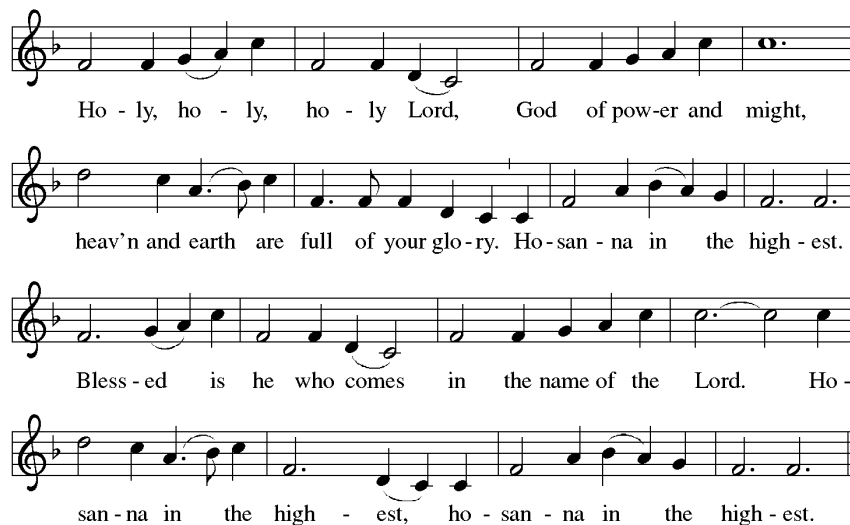
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE - *Pastor*

It is indeed right our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*The Sanctus is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God. (Isaiah 6:3)*

## THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*In these words—Jesus institutes the sacrament for the church*

*Matthew 26:26-28;  
Luke 22:19-20; 1  
Corinthians 11:23-26*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION - *Pastor*

*Jesus teaches his disciples to pray.  
(Luke 11:24;  
Matthew 6:9-13)*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER - *Pastor*

**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, forever and ever. Amen. (Please be seated)**

*Our invitation to Christ's Table (adapted from Iona Community, Scotland)*

## INVITATION - *Pastor*

This is Christ's table. It is a table of love and welcome. It is a table of fellowship with the poor.  
It is a table of communion with the earth.

So, come those of you who have great faith and those of you who wish you had more.

Come, those of you who have tried to follow Jesus, and those of you who have failed.

Come, those of you who depend on this sacrament for your life, and those of you for whom it is a new and strange thing. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Come!

As John the Baptist pointed to Jesus, he said these words.

(John 1:29)

## THE AGNUS DEI



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

\*\*\*Blue Communion Cards– Please remember to fill in a blue communion card each week. You can hand your blue communion cards to an usher as you come up for communion.

**DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION** - At the Lord's Table we share in the gift of Jesus' body and blood. Please bring an empty glass from the head of the aisle to receive wine from a pouring cup. Grape juice is available in the pre-filled glasses near the empty ones. If you need a gluten-free option for bread, please indicate that to the person with bread. Peel away communion kits are also available for any who so desire. Blessings will be given to those not yet communing.

**COMMUNION HYMNS**      **Just As I Am, without One Plea**      **ELW 592**  
   **Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life**      **ELW 719**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER** (Please stand as you are able) - *Pastor*  
The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** - *Assisting Minister*  
Compassionate God,  
through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.  
**Amen.**

A personal blessing from God in the name of the Triune God. (Numbers 6:24-26)

**BENEDICTION** - *Pastor*  
The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

On our way rejoicing. (Colossians 3:16; Philippians 4:4)

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**      **In Christ Called to Baptize**      **ELW 575**

We go forth to bless the world Luke 7:50; Romans 10:12-13

**DISMISSAL** - *Assisting Minister*  
Go in peace. Share the Good News!  
**Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**      *Noble Toccata in D Minor*      *by James Michael Stevens*

## Just As I Am, without One Plea

The musical score is written in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment in the lower staff. The lyrics are arranged in four numbered lines, with the first line of lyrics appearing below the first system and the remaining three lines appearing below the second system. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was  
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict,  
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,  
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry  
shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,  
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871  
Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

## Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the  
 2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed  
 3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man  
 4 The cup of wa - ter giv'n for you still holds the

cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of  
 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the  
 grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from  
 fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -

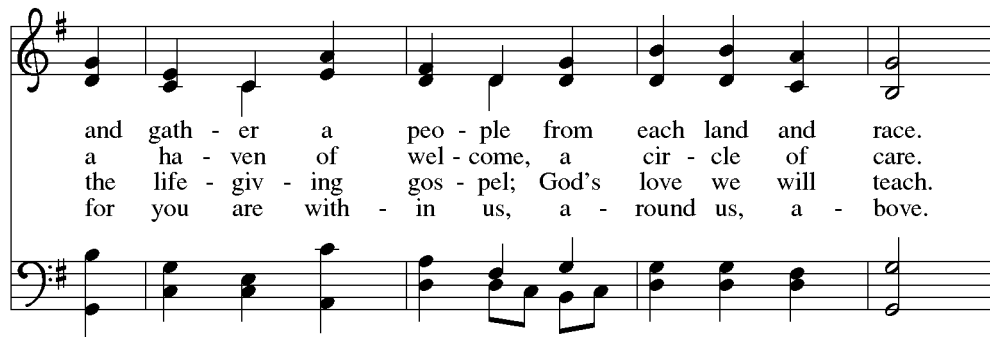
self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.  
 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.  
 sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.  
 tudes to view the strong com - pas - sion in your face.

- 5 O Master, from the mountainside  
 make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
 among these restless throngs abide;  
 oh, tread the city's streets again;
- 6 Till all the world shall learn your love,  
 and follow where your feet have trod;  
 till glorious from your heav'n above  
 shall come the city of our God.

## In Christ Called to Baptize



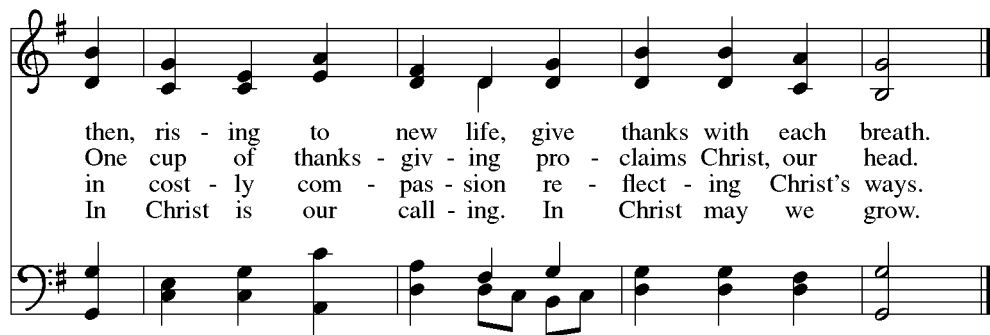
1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace  
2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,  
3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach  
4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,



and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.  
a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.  
the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.  
for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.



In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,  
Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.  
By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise  
E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.



then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.  
One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.  
in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.  
In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947  
Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807-1876, alt.  
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