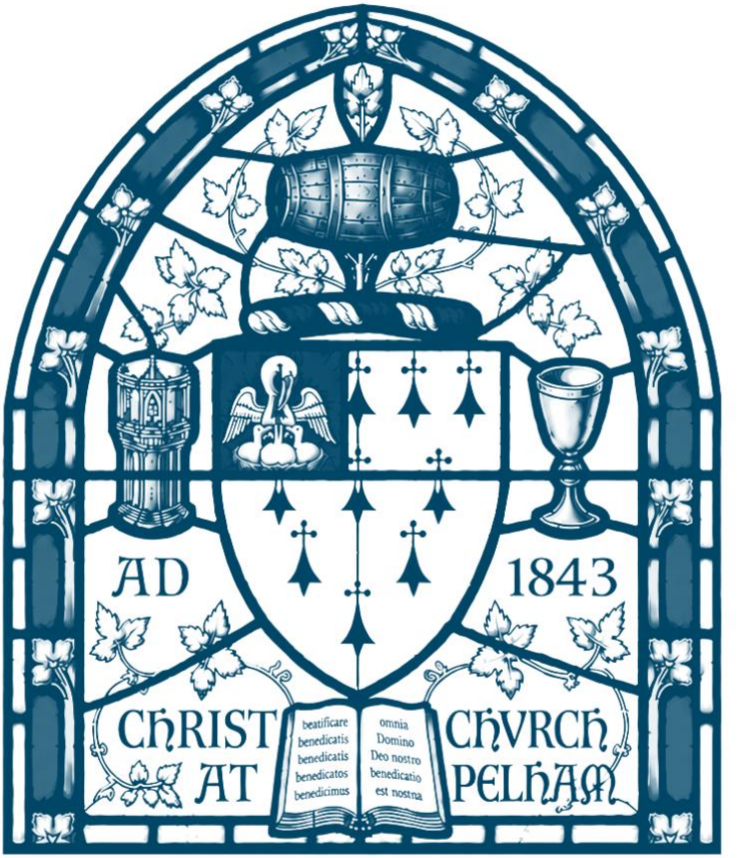
THE PARISH OF

CHRIST THE REDEEMER

PELHAM, NEW YORK



THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

REQUIEM MASS

5:15 PM, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

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ABOUT CHRIST CHURCH

The Parish of Christ the Redeemer (known as Christ Church) is the Episcopal Church in Pelham, New York. The Episcopal Church is part of the Anglican Communion which is made up of 85 million people in over 165 countries and is the third largest Christian denomination in the world. Christ Church was founded in 1843 and is the first house of worship in Pelham. This building was consecrated on September 15, 1843, the original church building was expanded in 1910, and the sanctuary was reconstructed in 1968 to allow for the current, more intimate worship space. Our congregation draws primarily from Pelham, New Rochelle, Mount Vernon, and the Bronx, and includes people from diverse denominational and cultural backgrounds.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Our liturgy and prayers today are offered for those who were killed in the Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001. The word "requiem" is the first word of the traditional Latin prayer used at the burial of the dead, *Requiem æternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis*, which means "Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them." Today's liturgy is from the Episcopal Church Book of Common Prayer, Rite I. A Requiem Mass is characterized by the certainty that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." This certainty, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that ones we love have entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

Entrance Procession

All stand when the Ministers enter and the following anthems are said.

Celebrant I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord;
he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live;
and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth,
and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth;
and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God;
whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold,
and not as a stranger.

For none of us liveth to himself,
and no man dieth to himself.
For if we live, we live unto the Lord.
and if we die, we die unto the Lord.
Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord;
even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy Spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.
O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servants and grant them an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: JOB 19:21-27A

The People are seated.

Reader A reading from the Book of Job.

Job said, "Have pity on me, have pity on me, O you my friends, for the hand of God has touched me! Why do you, like God, pursue me, never satisfied with my flesh? O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL: PSALM 46

The Reader leads the psalm, and the people join in.

Reader God is our hope and strength, *

All **a very present help in trouble.**

Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;
Though the waters thereof rage and swell, *
and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.
There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God, *
the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most Highest.
God is in the midst of her,
therefore shall she not be removed; *
God shall help her, and that right early.
Be still then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations,
and I will be exalted in the earth.
The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

SECOND LESSON: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:16--5:9

The Second Lesson is read.

Reader A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

We do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling-- if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE & GOSPEL PROCESSION: PSALM 23

All stand. The Reader leads the psalm, and the people join in.

Reader The LORD is my shepherd; *

All **I shall not want.**

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; *

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; *

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; *
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; *
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 14:1-6

All remain standing for the Gospel.

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Celebrant Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

All are seated for the sermon by the Rector, Father Matthew Hoxsie Mead.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All stand and join in saying the Creed.

Celebrant In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism,
let us proclaim our faith and say

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,**
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant In peace, let us pray to the Lord, devoutly kneeling.
The people kneel and silence is observed.

Celebrant Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth, thy light and thy peace.
People **Amen.**

Celebrant Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection.
People **Amen.**

Celebrant Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that thy Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Grant to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in thy fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Grant us grace to entrust those who were killed in 9-11 to thy never-failing love; receive them into the arms of thy mercy, and remember them according to the favor which thou bearest unto thy people.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, they may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in thy eternal and everlasting glory, and, with the

glorious and every blessed Virgin Mary and all thy saints, to receive the crown of life which thou dost promise to all who share in the victory of thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Celebrant Our prayers are offered for all of those whose lives were taken on September 11, 2001, especially Montgomery Hord, a member of this parish, and Michael Boccardi, Thomas E. Hynes, Joseph Leavey, Robert McLaughlin, Amy O'Doherty, Joseph Shea, Daniel J. Shea, Robert Scandole and Michael Tamuccio, the Pelham community members who lost their lives during the attacks. We pray for all who were killed, for all who lost family members and friends, for all who were injured, and for all who were traumatized in body or mind. Please say the names of your own loved ones out loud as we kneel in prayer.

Silence is observed.

Celebrant Gracious and merciful God, on this twenty-fifth anniversary of September 11, we remember before thee those whose lives were taken, those who sacrificed themselves in service, and all whose lives were forever changed. Receive the departed into thine eternal embrace, and comfort those who still bear the wounds of grief, loss, and trauma. We give thee thanks for the courage and compassion which arose amid devastation, when strangers became neighbors and fear was met with love. Turn our hearts toward the work thou hast given us: to confront hatred, to resist violence, to welcome the stranger, to seek justice, and to make peace. By thy Holy Spirit, renew thy Church and awaken us to our baptismal calling to seek Christ in every person and to respect the dignity of every human being. Grant that our memory may become moral courage, our grief may become compassion, and our hope may become action. Make us instruments of thy peace; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy Spirit.**

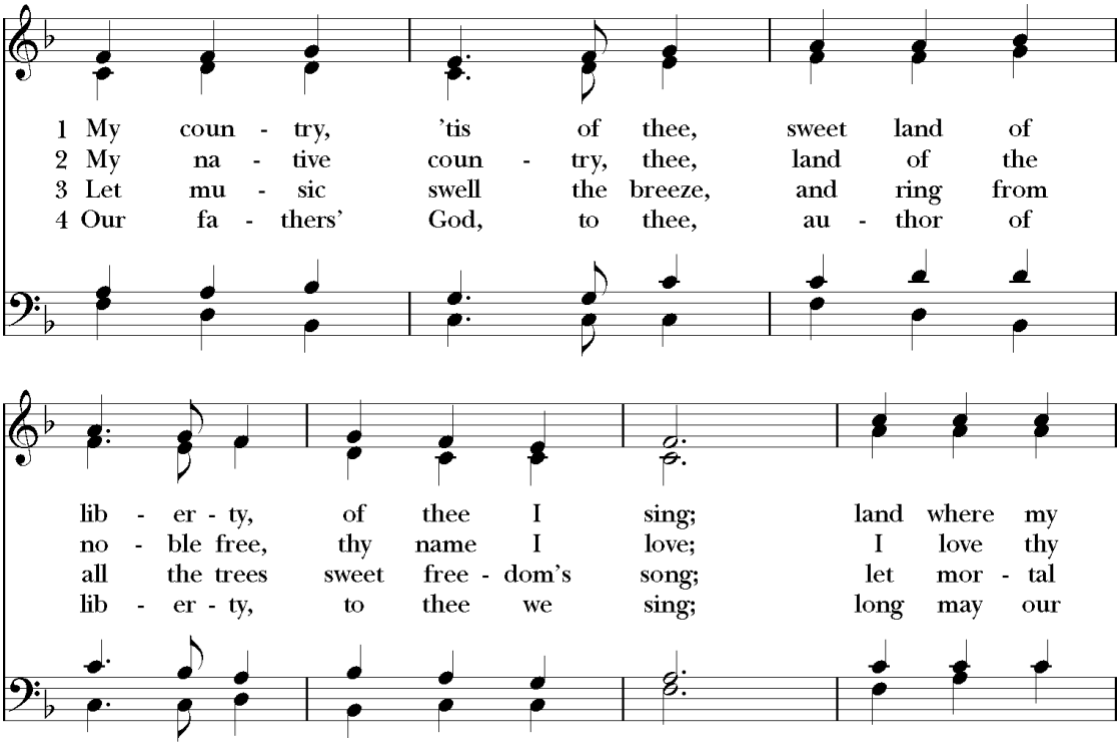
Then the ministers and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

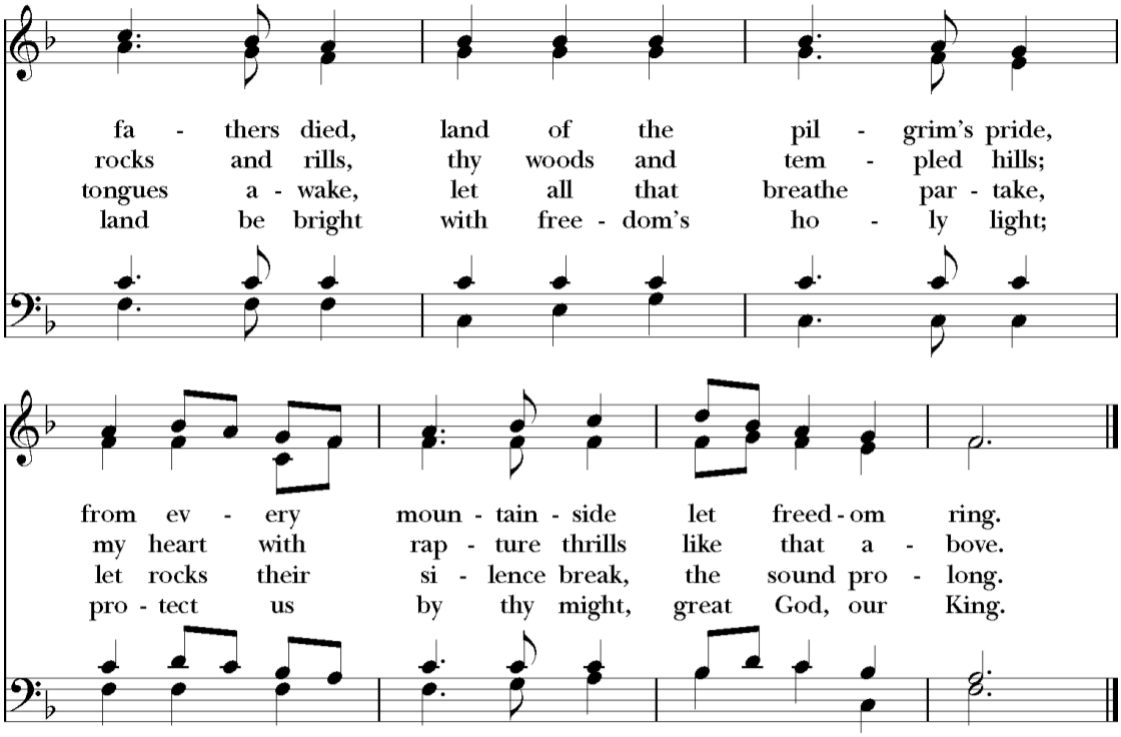
Welcome & Offertory Sentence

All are seated for a brief welcome from the Rector, Father Matthew Hoxsie Mead. The welcome concludes with the offertory sentence.

Offertory Hymn (#717)

All stand and sing the hymn as the offering is collected and the Altar is prepared for Communion.





Words: Samuel Francis Smith (1808–1895)
Music: *America*, from *Thesaurus Musicus*, 1745
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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All stand.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy Spirit**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and doth comfort us with the blessed hope of everlasting life; for to thy faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body doth lie in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

All **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:**
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Celebrant Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

All **Hosanna in the highest.**

The people kneel.

Celebrant All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

All **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

All **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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is observed.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
All **grant them rest.**
Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
All **grant them rest.**
Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
All **grant them rest eternal.**

All **We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, and our souls washed through his most precious Blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION: ALL ARE INVITED

The Celebrant invites the people to receive Holy Communion. In the Episcopal Church all baptized persons are invited to receive Holy Communion. Members of other Christian churches who are baptized are also invited to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. If you wish to receive Communion, come forward to the altar rail and either kneel or stand. If you are not a baptized Christian or do not wish to receive the Sacrament, you are invited to receive a blessing.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

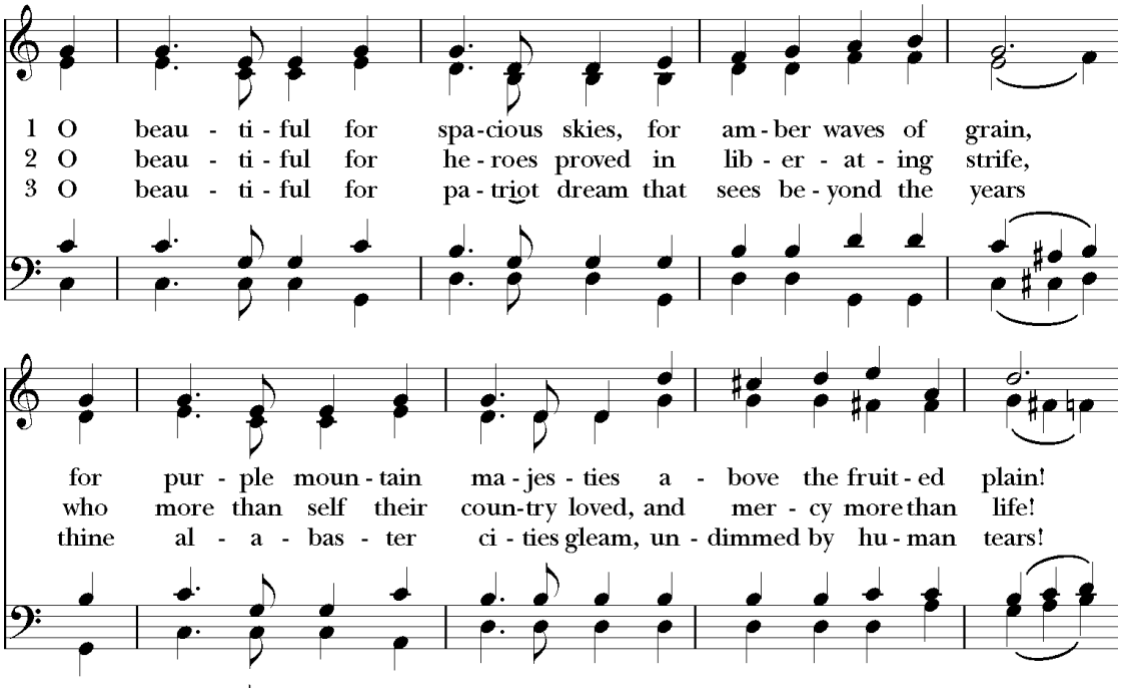
All stand for the Postcommunion Prayer.

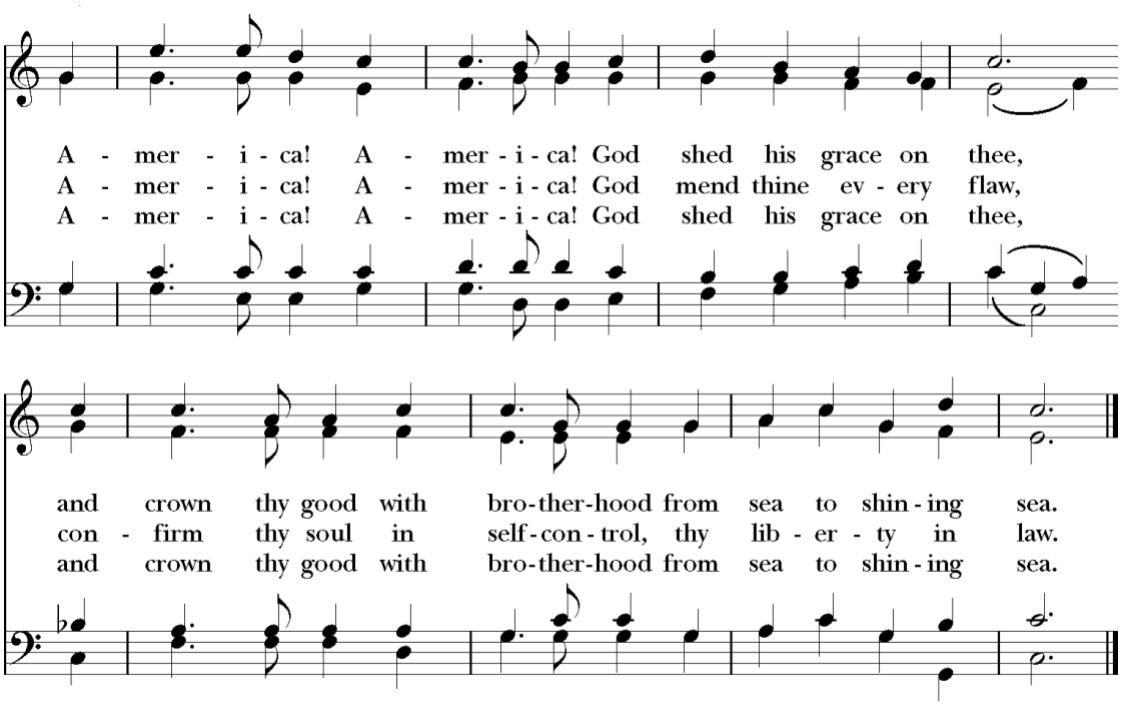
Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Almighty God, we thank thee that in thy great love thou hast fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and hast given unto us a foretaste of thy heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be unto us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

POSTCOMMUNION HYMN (#719)

All sing the hymn.





Words:	Katherine Lee Bates (1859–1929), alt.
Music:	*Materna*, Samuel Augustus Ward (1848–1903)
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COMMENDATION PRAYERS

All remain standing.

Celebrant Into thy hands, O Lord, we commend thy servants, our dear brothers and sisters, as into the hands of a faithful Creator and most merciful Savior, beseeching thee that they may be precious in thy sight. Wash them, we pray thee, in the blood of that immaculate Lamb that was slain to take away the sins of the world; that, whatsoever defilements they may have contracted in the midst of this earthly life being purged and done away, they may be presented pure and without spot before thee; through the merits of Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray thee to set thy passion, cross, and death, between thy judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living, pardon and rest to the dead, to thy holy Church peace and concord, and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord:

People **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Celebrant May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

People **Amen.**

Blessing & Dismissal

All remain standing. The Celebrant blesses the people.

Celebrant The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

As the ministers process from the church, bells are rung in honor of the departed.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Every Sunday at 8am & 10am: Holy Eucharist
Sundays as announced at 4pm: Holy Eucharist or Evensong
Wednesdays & Holy Days as announced at 5:15pm: Holy Eucharist

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