



Welcome to The Parish of
Holy Trinity St. Stephens Anglican Memorial Church

Prayer • Sacrifice • Good Works



FEBRUARY 26TH, 2023

First Sunday of

LENT

A TIME OF PREPARATION

A scenic landscape featuring a range of mountains with patches of snow, reflected in a calm body of water. The sky is a clear, light blue. The text "Glorify Thy Name" is overlaid in the center in a white, elegant cursive font with a thin black outline. The entire image has a torn-paper edge effect at the bottom.

Glorify Thy Name

Verse 1

**Father, we love Thee,
We praise Thee, we adore Thee,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.**

Chorus

**Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.**

Verse 2

**Jesus we love Thee,
We praise Thee, we adore Thee,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.**

Chorus

**Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.**

Verse 3

**Spirit we love Thee,
We praise Thee we adore Thee,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.**

Chorus

**Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.**



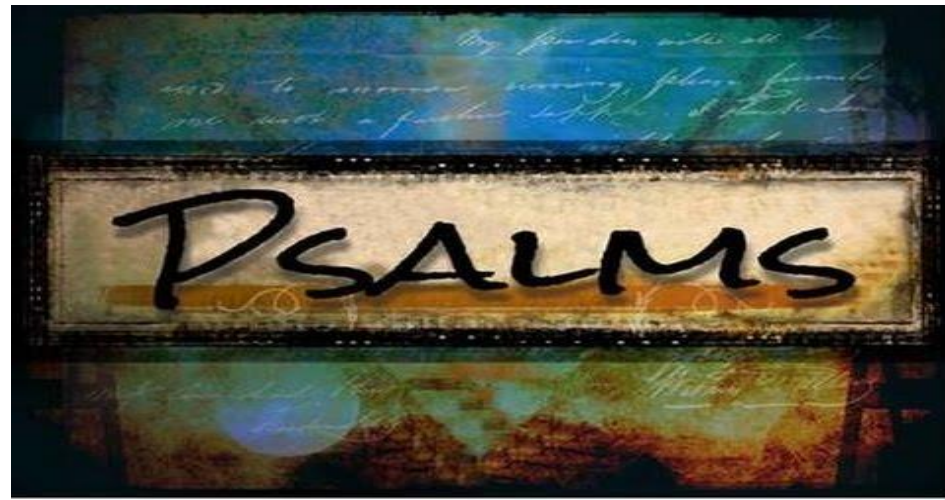
Welcome

WE ARE SO GLAD TO SEE YOU

Announcements: Rev. Rob Henderson

Choir practice !!





Psalm 32 (George Black)

Refrain:

“Happy are they whose sin is put away.”

Tree of Life And Awesome Mystery

**Tree of Life and awesome mystery,
In your death we are reborn;
Though you die in all of history,
Still you rise with every morn,
Still you rise with every morn.**





By The Holy Spirit Sent
Book of Common Praise 176

Verse 1

**By the Holy Spirit sent,
Jesus to the desert went,
That He might
His children show
How sin's power to overthrow.**

Verse 2

**With a word He could have made
Bread from stones around Him laid;
Yet till forty days
were past,
Still He kept a holy fast.**

Verse 3

**When the devil at His side
Tried to make Him
sin through pride,
He would give no outward sign
That He was God's Son divine.**

Verse 4

**Calmly He refused to win
By a single act of sin
Of the whole wide
world the throne;
He would worship God alone.**

Verse 5

**Since our loving Saviour thus
Keep a sacred Lent for us,
We, through Him,
can conquer sin
And a royal victory win.**



THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Celebrant:

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
Be with you all.**

***People:* And also with you.**

Celebrant: **Almighty God,**

People: **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.**



Trisagion – Hymn #707

Trisagion (said 3 times)

**Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy immortal one,
have mercy upon us.**

Repeat twice

We say together the Collect for today:

Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save;

**through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.**



THE READINGS

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The Proclamation of the Word



Genesis

**A Reading from the Book of
Genesis (2:15-17; 3:1-7)**

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it

you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden;

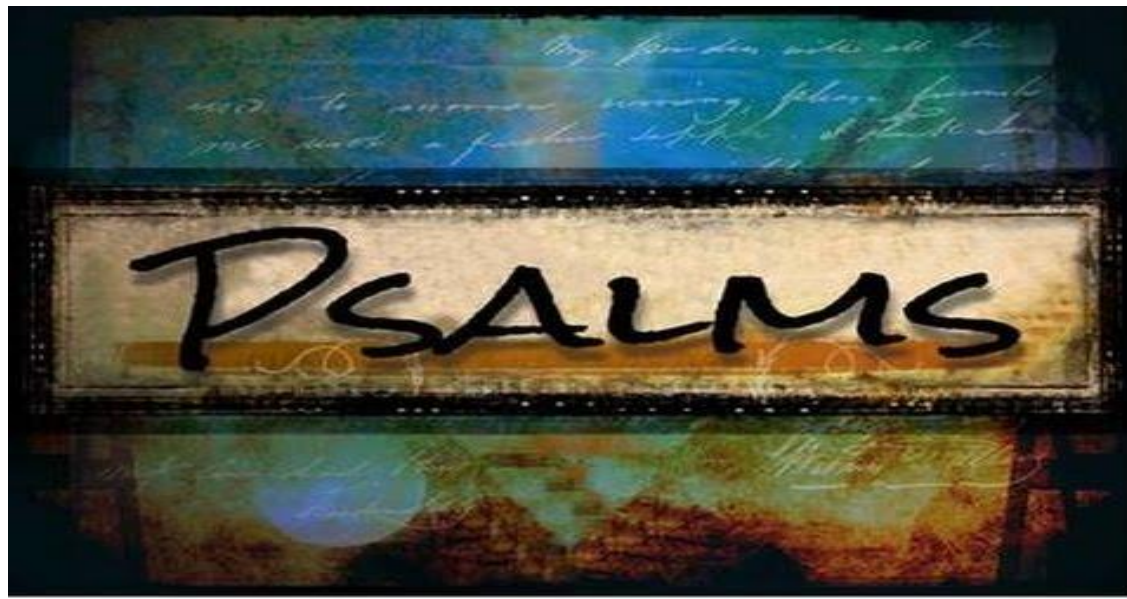
but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened,

**and they knew that they were naked;
and they sewed fig leaves together
and made loincloths for themselves.**

Reader: **The word of the Lord.**

People: **Thanks be to God.**



Psalm 32 (George Black)

Refrain:

“Happy are they whose sin is put away.”

Psalm 63 (Psalms for All Seasons)

**Happy are they whose transgressions
are forgiven, and whose sin is put
away!**

**Happy are they to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit
there is no guile!**

Psalm 63 (Psalms for All Seasons)

**While I held my tongue, my bones
withered away, because of my
groaning all day long.**

**For your hand was heavy upon me day
and night; my moisture was dried up
as in the heat of summer.**

Happy are they whose sin is put away.

Psalm 63 (Psalms for All Seasons)

**Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and did not conceal my guilt.**

**I said, "I will confess my
transgressions to the Lord." Then
you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

Psalm 63 (Psalms for All Seasons)

**Therefore all the faithful will make
their prayers to you in time of
trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they
shall not reach them.**

Happy are they whose sin is put away.

Psalm 63 (Psalms for All Seasons)

**Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
But mercy embraces those who trust in
the Lord.**

**Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in
the Lord;**

Shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Happy are they whose sin is put away.



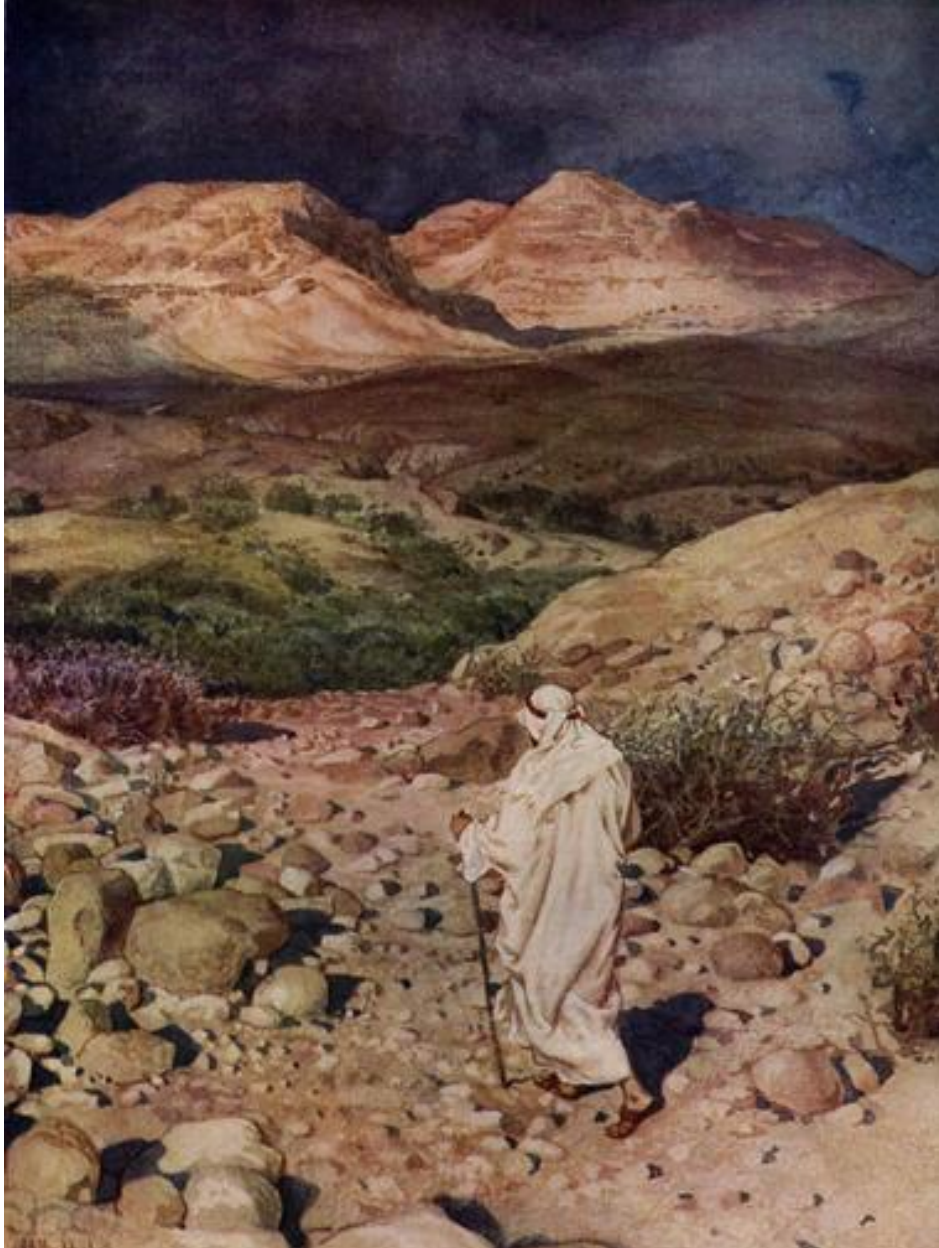
THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

MATTHEW

JESUS, KING OF HEAVEN AND EARTH



HARVEST PLAINS
CHURCH



*Forty Days
& Forty
Nights*

*Book of
Common Praise*

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Verse 1

**Forty days and forty nights
You were fasting in the wild;
Forty days and forty nights
Tempted, and yet undefiled.**

All stand for the Gospel

Reader: **The Lord be with you.**

People: **And also with you.**

Reader: **The Holy Gospel
of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Matthew**

People: **Glory to you,
Lord Jesus Christ.**

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered,

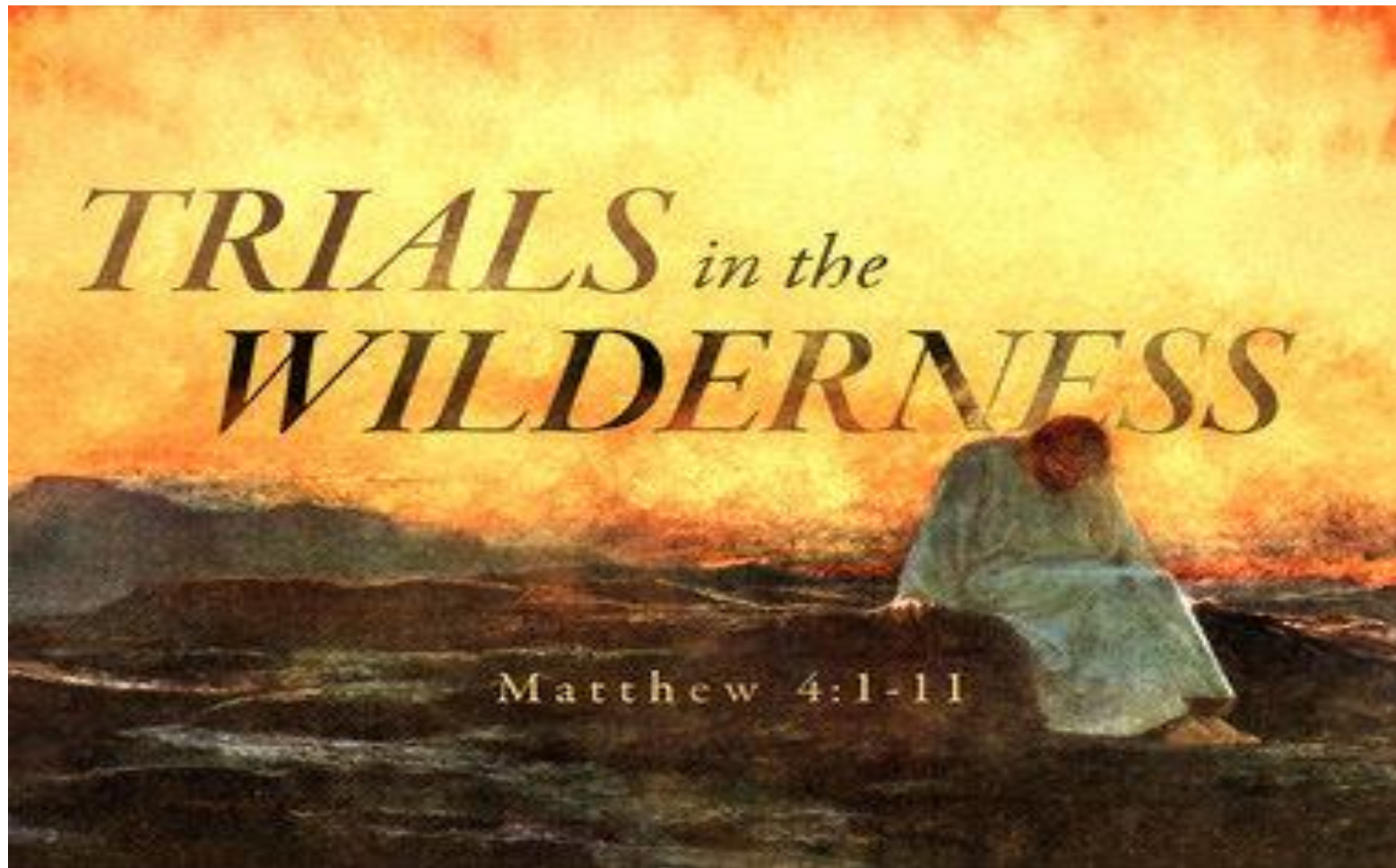
"It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and

'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him,

"All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Verse 1

**Forty days and forty nights
You were fasting in the wild;
Forty days and forty nights
Tempted, and yet undefiled.**



Homily Rev. Rob Henderson

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant: **Let us confess
the faith of our baptism,
as we say,**

People: **I BELIEVE in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I BELIEVE in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived
by the power
of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated
at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
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.**



Prayers of the People

First Sunday in Lent – Year A

Our God knows us and the temptations we face. As the church begins this season of Lent we ask God to remind us of what is important and what is not. Of where we are wandering away and what we need to change.

So that by Easter we may be renewed and strengthened for service in God's world. The response to Lord in your mercy is:

Hear Our Prayer.

Loving God, the world's suffering and pain and desperate need of healing are clear to see and affect us all. We pray now for this damaged world with all its weakness longings and failings, being mindful that in your love of your world there is potential and hope. Lord in your mercy.

Hear Our Prayer.

We pray for all who suffer through the sins of others. We pray for all victims of abuse or oppression or apathy. We pray for all whose adult lives are distorted and misshapen by early damaging experiences which need your healing. Lord in your mercy.

Hear Our Prayer.

**We pray for the good of the earth.
We admit our failings in being the
respectful stewards of creation you
created us to be. Guide us to
appreciate the air, water and soil
that gives us life.
Lord in your mercy.**

Hear Our Prayer.

We pray for those who have asked us to pray for them, knowing you hear all who turn to you. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, especially today we hold up: *Maisie, Solange H., Terry, Cavell, Karen C., and Dan*

Lord in your mercy

Hear Our Prayer.

God of the covenant, in the glory of the cross your Son embraced the power of death and broke its hold over your people. In this time of repentance, draw all people to yourself, that we who confess Jesus as Lord may put aside the deeds of death and accept the life of your kingdom. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: **Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love
and infinite in mercy;
God welcomes sinners
and invites them to this table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.**

Celebrant: **Most merciful God,**

People: **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 neighbours 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.**

Celebrant: **Almighty God**
 have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you
from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you
in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**



Celebrant: **The peace of the Lord
be always with you.**

People: **And also with you.**

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God, We Praise You for the Morning

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Songs for a Gospel People
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Verse 1

God, we praise you for the morning.

**Hope springs forth with each new
day.**

New beginning, prayer and promise.

Joy in work and in play.

Verse 2

**God, we praise you for creation,
mountains, seas, and prairie land.
Waking souls find joy and healing
in your bountiful hand.**

Verse 3

**God, we praise you for compassion,
All the loving that you show;
Human touching, tears and laughter,
help your children to grow**

Verse 4

**God, we praise you for your Spirit,
Comforter and daily friend
Restless searcher gentle teacher
Strength and courage you send.**

Verse 5

**God, we praise you for the Saviour
Come that we may know your ways.
In His loving, dying, rising
Christ is Lord of our days.**

**Receiving the
gifts of money
and other gifts
for the needs
and
responsibilities
of the Church.**

Lenten
Offerings



Prayer Over The Gifts

**God our refuge and our strength,
receive all we offer you this day, and
through the death and resurrection
of your Son transform us to his
likeness. We ask this in his name.**

Amen.



Eucharistic
Prayer
#2

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
to the Lord our God.**

People: **It is right to give our
thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: **We give you thanks and
praise,
almighty God,
through your beloved Son,
Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.
He is your living Word,
through whom
you have created all things.**

**By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.
He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.**

**In fulfilment of your will
he stretched out his hands
in suffering,
to bring release to those
who place their hope in you;
and so
he won for you a holy people.**

**He chose to bear
our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter
the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness
of sin and despair.**

**By his resurrection
he brings us
into the light of your presence.**

**Now with all creation
we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.**

Hymn 722 Holy Holy Holy (Eucharist)

**Holy, Holy Holy,
Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full,
full of your glory
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest,
Blessed is the One who comes
in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Holy and gracious God,
accept our praise,
through your Son our Saviour
Jesus Christ;
who on the night
he was handed over
to suffering and death,**

**took bread and
gave you thanks, saying,
“Take, and eat:
this is my body
which is broken for you.”**

**In the same way he took the cup,
saying,**

**“This is my blood
which is shed for you.**

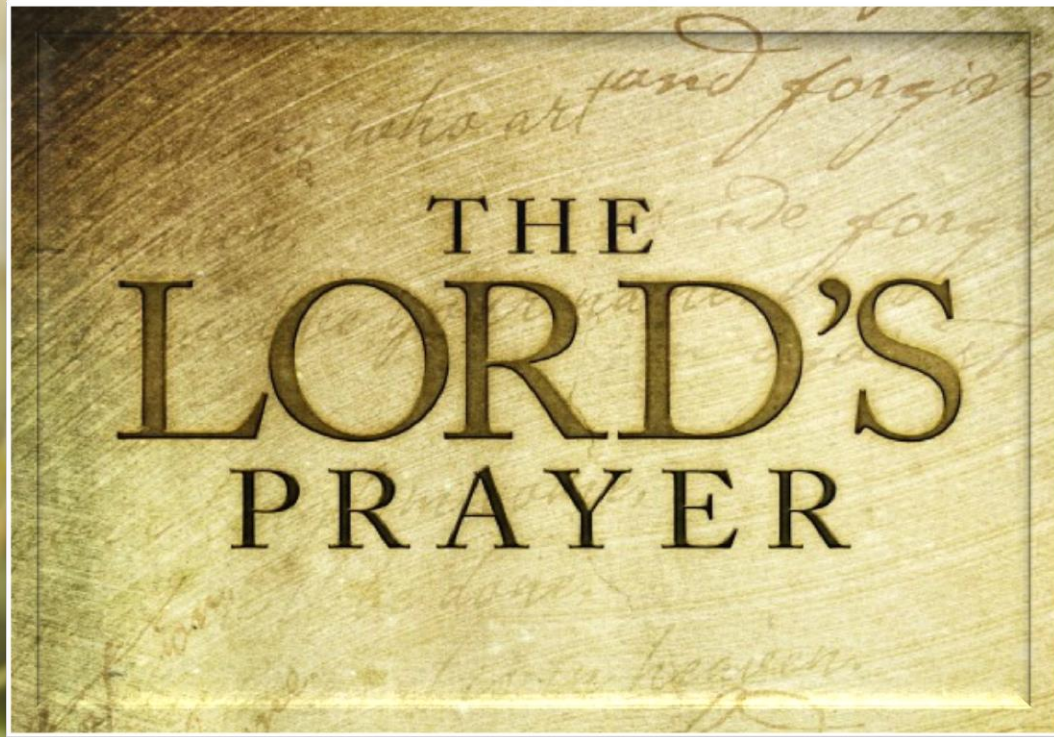
**When you do this,
you do it in memory of me.”**

**Remembering, therefore,
his death and resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this
cup, giving thanks that you have
made us worthy to stand in your
presence and serve you.
We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy
Church.**

**Gather into one all who share
in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the
truth, that together we may praise
you and give you glory
through your Servant,
Jesus Christ.**

**All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son,
with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church,
now and for ever.**

People: **Amen.**



Lord's Prayer

(Songs of a Gospel 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 them,
that 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 ~ Lent

Celebrant: **We break this bread,**

All: **Communion in Christ's
body once broken.**

Celebrant: **Let your Church be the wheat
which bears its fruit in dying.**

All: **If we have died with him,
we shall live with him;
if we hold firm,
we shall reign with him.**





**The gifts of God
for the
People of God.**

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Lamb of
God
(JMT)*



Verse 1

Cantor: **Lamb of God,
you take away
the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

All: **Lamb of God,
you take away
the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

Verse 2

Cantor: **Lamb of God,
you take away
the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

All: **Lamb of God,
you take away
the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

Verse 3

Cantor: **Lamb of God,
you take away
the sin of the world
grant us grant us peace.**

All: **Lamb of God,
you take away
the sin of the world,
grant us grant us peace.**





Come ^{to} the Table

**ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE,
IT IS JESUS WHO INVITES YOU.**

**Please stay physically distanced when
approaching to receive the bread.**

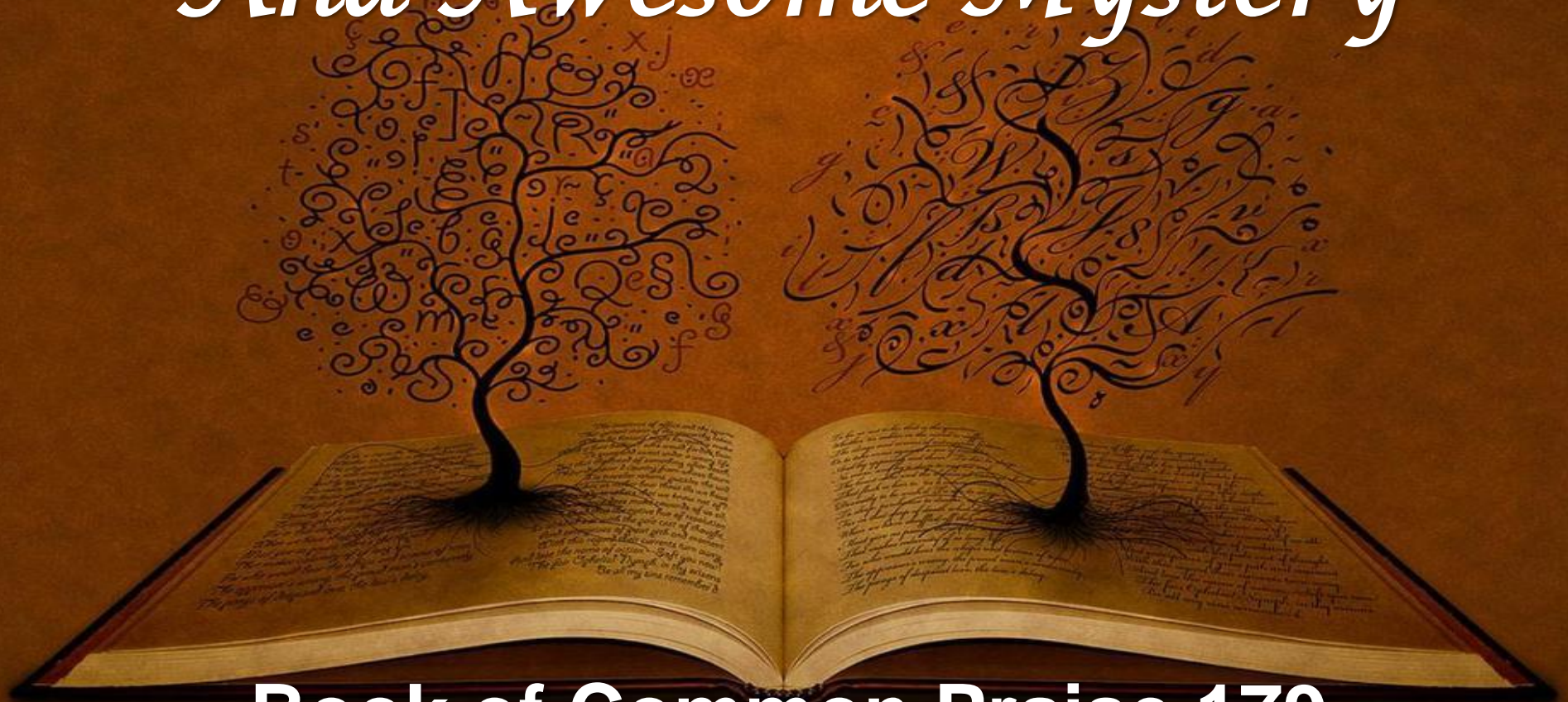
**After receiving your wafer,
please step to the side and remove your mask
before consuming the bread.**

Gluten free wafers are available.

Communion Hymn



Tree Of Life And Awesome Mystery



Book of Common Praise 179

Verse 1

**Tree of Life and awesome mystery,
In your death we are reborn;
Though you die in all of history,
Still you rise with every morn,
Still you rise with every morn.**

Verse 3

**We remember truth once spoken,
Love passed on through act and
word;
Every person lost and broken
Wears the body of our Lord,
Wears the body of our Lord.**

We Say Together the Prayer After Communion:

**Faithful God, in this holy bread
you increase our faith and hope and
love. Lead us in the path of Christ
who is your Word of life.
We ask this in his name.
Amen.**

The Doxology

Celebrant: **Glory to God,**

People: **whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than
we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from
generation to generation,
in the Church and in
Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.
Amen.**



THE BLESSING



Psalm 34:1

I will bless the Lord
at all times:
His praise shall continually
be in my mouth

Praise To The Holiest In The Height
Book of Common Praise 372

Verse 1

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise:
In all His words most wonderful;
Most sure in all His ways.**

Verse 2

**O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
A second Adam to the fight
And to the rescue came.**

Verse 3

**O generous love!
That flesh and blood
Which did in Adam fail,
Should strive afresh against the foe,
Should strive and should prevail.**

Verse 4

**And that a higher gift of grace
Should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence, and His very self
And essence all-divine.**

Verse 5

**Who in the garden secretly,
And on the Cross on high,
Should teach His followers, and
inspire
To suffer and to die.**


Verse 6

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise:
In all His words most wonderful;
Most sure in all His ways.**



The Dismissal





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He Touched Me

Verse 1

**Shackled by a heavy burden,
'Neath a load of guilt and shame.
Then the hand of Jesus touched me.
And now I am no longer the same.**

Chorus

**He touched me,
oh He touched me.
And oh, the joy that floods my soul!!
Something happened,
And now I know!
He touched me and made me whole.**

Verse 2

**Since I met this blessed Savior,
Since He cleansed
And made me whole,
I will never cease to praise Him,
And shout it while eternity rolls.**

Chorus

**He touched me,
oh He touched me.
And oh, the joy that floods my soul!!
Something happened,
And now I know!
He touched me and made me whole.**



Thank You For Worshipping With Us!

Into the Lenten Desert



Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving

May **God Bless You**
ON YOUR JOURNEY