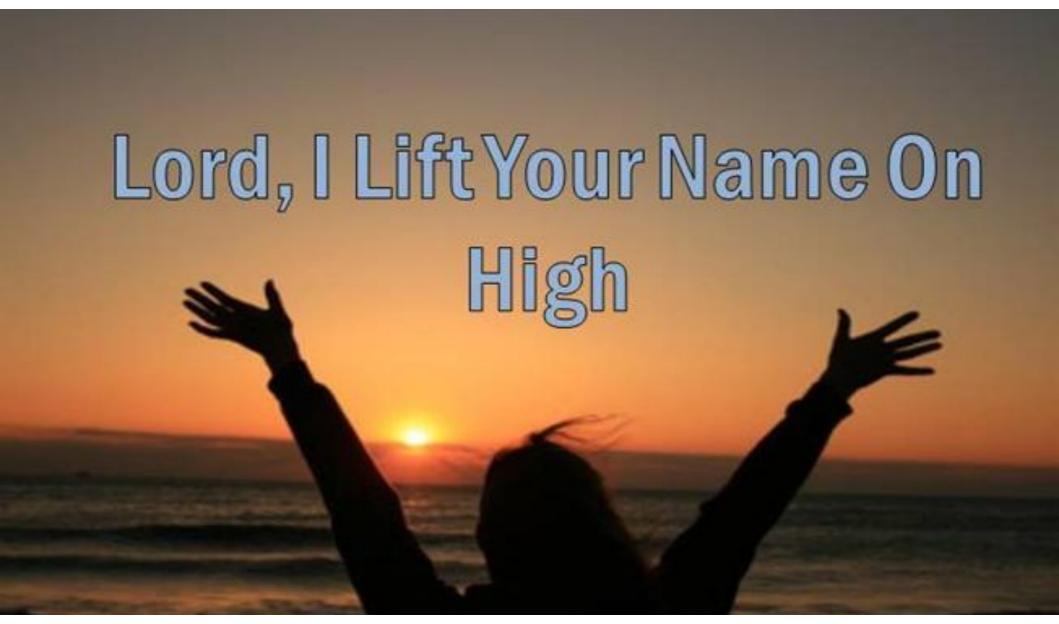
The Parish of Holy Trinity St. Stephens

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Eucharist #2

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Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your praises. I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us

Bridge

You came from heaven to earth To show the way, From the earth to the cross My debt to pay; From the cross to the grave, From the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift Your name on high.

Lord I Lift Your Name On High-2/4

Lord, I pray to you each day.

Lord, I ask You for Your blessings.

I'm so glad You gave your love;

I'm so glad my heart was opened

Bridge

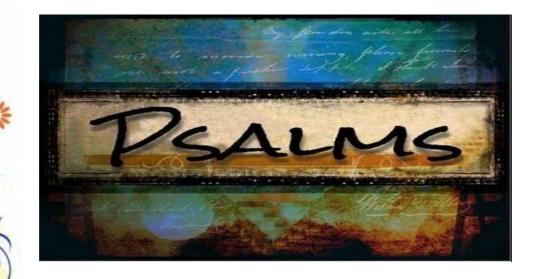
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Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Rob Henderson





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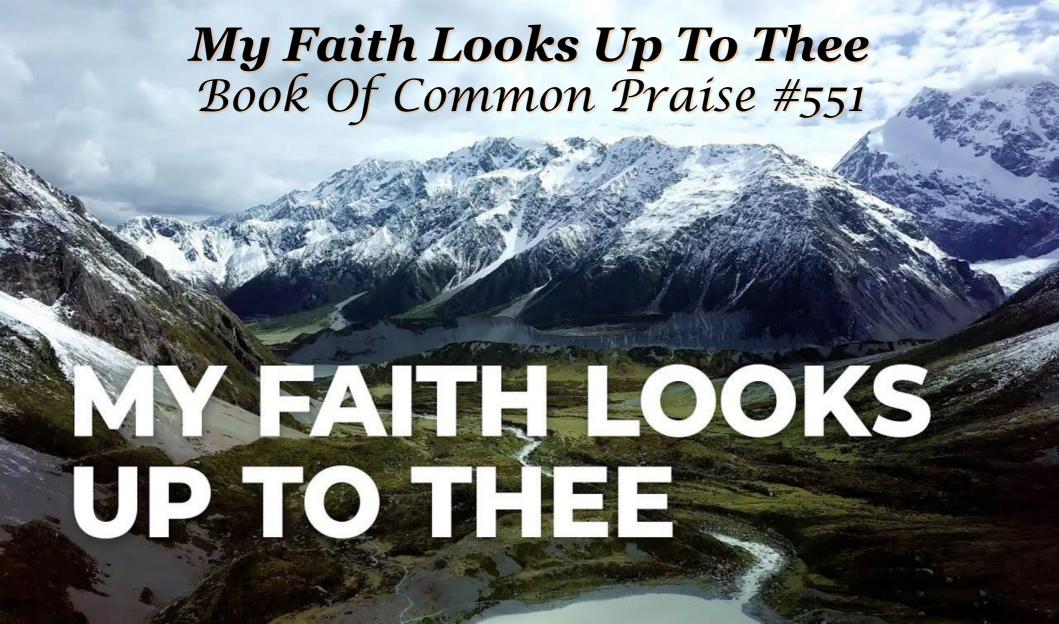
Refrain:

"Into your hands O Lord, I commend my spirit."

How Sweet The Name of Jesus Sounds

How sweet the Name Of Jesus sounds In a believer's ear! It soothes our sorrows, Heals our wounds, And drives away our fear.





My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Saviour divine. Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away. O let me from this day be wholly thine.

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire. As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be a living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from the a-side.



THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed.

Alleluia!

Celebrant: May his grace and peace be with you.

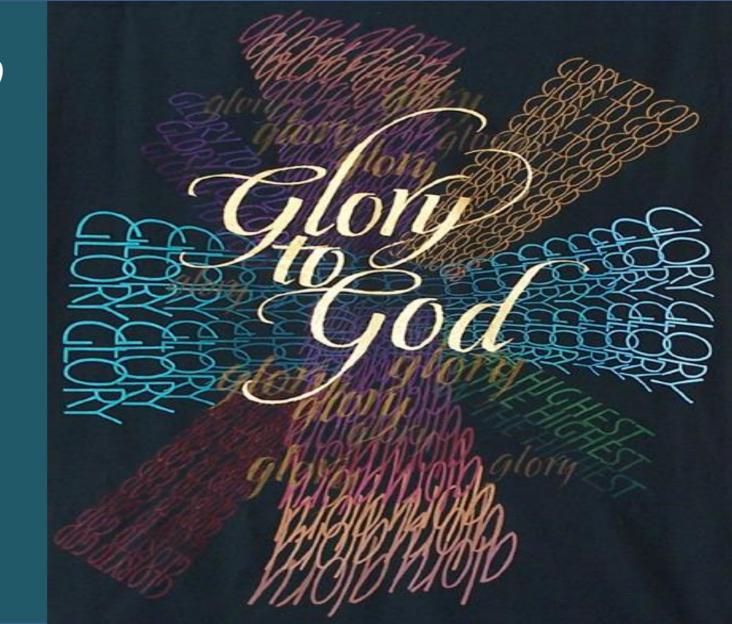
People: May he fill our hearts with joy!

Celebrant: Almighty God,

to you all hearts are open, People: 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.

Glory to God on High

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Glory to God on high, And peace to all on earth. We worship you, we give you thanks, Our heavenly King. We give you praise, **Almighty God and Father** Blessed in glory bright.

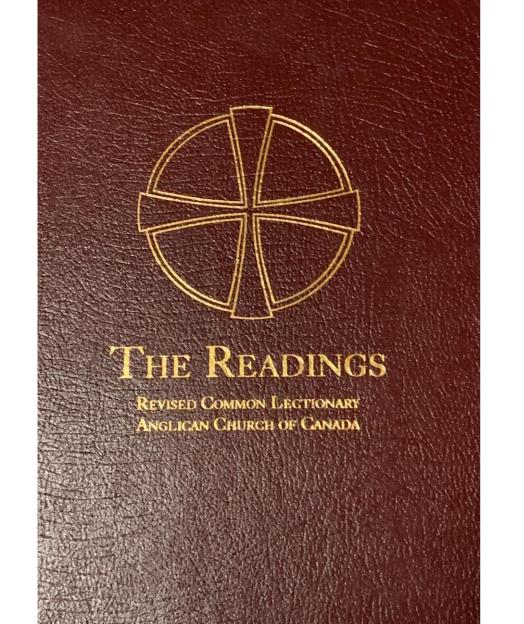
Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, The Father's only Son, The sacrificial Lamb, Who saves the world from sin, **Have mercy Lord.** Beside the Father's hand enthroned, Now hear our prayer.

You only are the Lord. You only are most high. You only are the holy one, **Lord Jesus Christ.** And now you reign With Father and with Spirit One in glorious light.

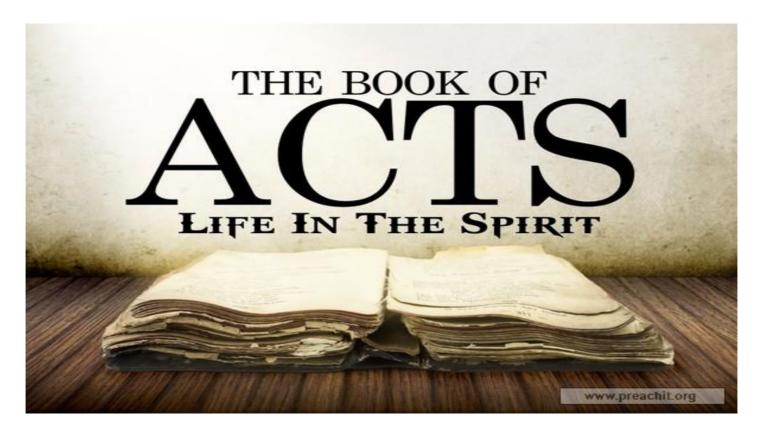
We say together the Collect for today:

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.



The Proclamation of the Word



A Reading from the Book of Acts

(Acts 7:55-60)

Acts 7:55-60

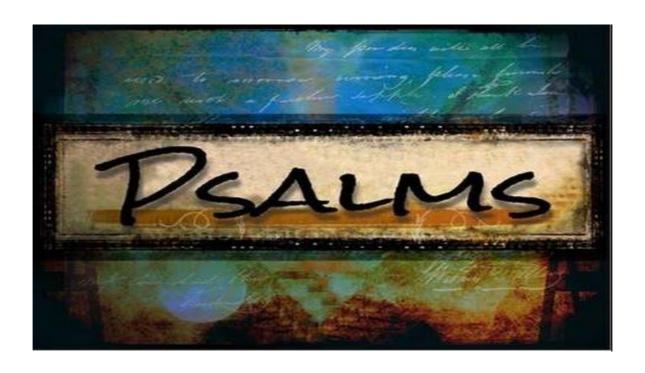
Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!"

But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (George Black Psalter)

Refrain:

"Into your hands O Lord, I commend my spirit."

Psalm 31 (George Black Psalter)

In you, O God, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; Deliver me in your righteousness. Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

Into your hands O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Psalm 31 (George Black Psalter)

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength. Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, who are the God of truth.

Into your hands O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Psalm 31 (George Black Psalter)

"My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me. Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-kindness save me."

Into your hands O Lord, I commend my spirit.





Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ



Chorus

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

(Cantor) Verse 2

The word of the Lord lasts forever,
What is the word that is living?
It is brought to us through
God's Son, Jesus Christ.

Chorus

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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 John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 14:1-14

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. If you know me, you will know my Father also.

From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

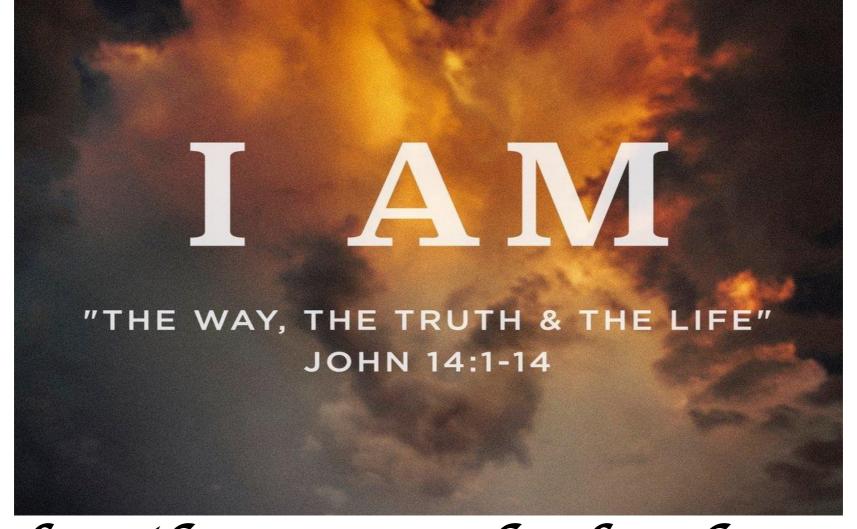
Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Chorus

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.



Homíly 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

Fifth Sunday of Easter – Year A

Empowered by the Lord's promise the he will do whatever we ask in his name, let us pray saying:

Let us pray for God's church. For Todd our bishop and for our Diocese. For all who seek to follow in the way of Jesus. That our lives may be a witness to the love God has for all. Lord in your mercy.

Let us pray for the leaders of the nations and for those chosen to lead in our country. For Justin our Prime Minister, Doug our Premier, Josh our mayor and all who serve. That their hearts be moved to lead with just policy and care for the vulnerable. Lord in your mercy.

Let us pray for our neighborhood and community. Jesus said that whoever has seen him has seen God. May we strive to be the hands of Jesus and love our neighbors as ourselves.

Lord in your mercy.

Let us pray for those whose hearts are troubled. For those facing illness and health worries. That they will find support and care. We hold up our parish prayer list especially today we pray for: Brenda P., Ted D., Alvin, and Jean & Bill F. Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for thankful hearts. That we may encounter the risen Jesus among us and hear his invitation to ask him for guidance in whatever needs we have. Lord in your mercy.

Loving God, we bring these and all our needs to you, filled with confidence in the power of Jesus name. Hear us and answer us in your great wisdom and love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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,

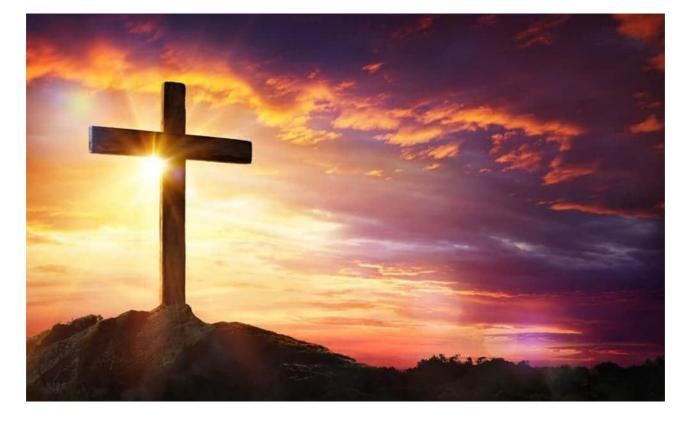
People: we confess

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.

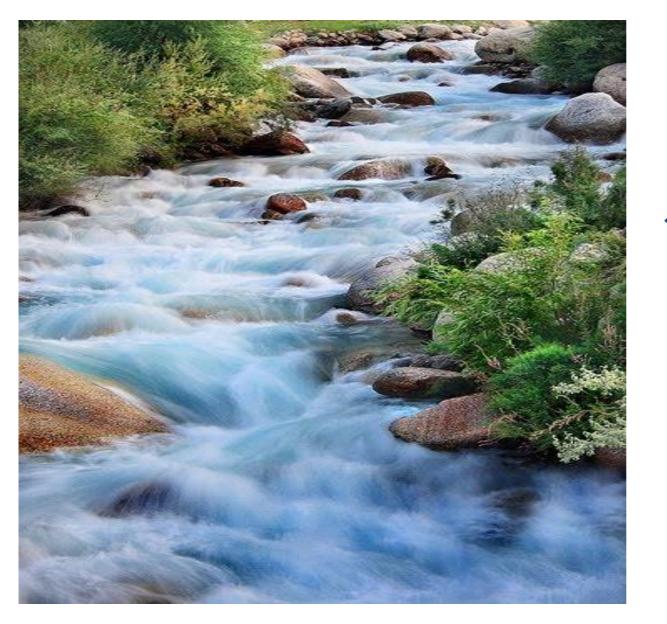
Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.



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

People: And also with you.



Peace is Flowing Like A Ríver

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Peace is flowing like a river, Flowing out of you and me. Flowing out into the desert. Setting all the captives free

His love is flowing like a river, Flowing out of you and me. Flowing out into the desert. Setting all the captives free

His healing's flowing like a river Flowing out of you and me. Flowing out into the desert. Setting all the captives free

Alleluia, Alleluia Alleluia, Alleluia Alleluia, Alleluia Alleluia, Alleluia

Peace is flowing like a river, Flowing out of you and me. Flowing out into the desert. Setting all the captives free



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



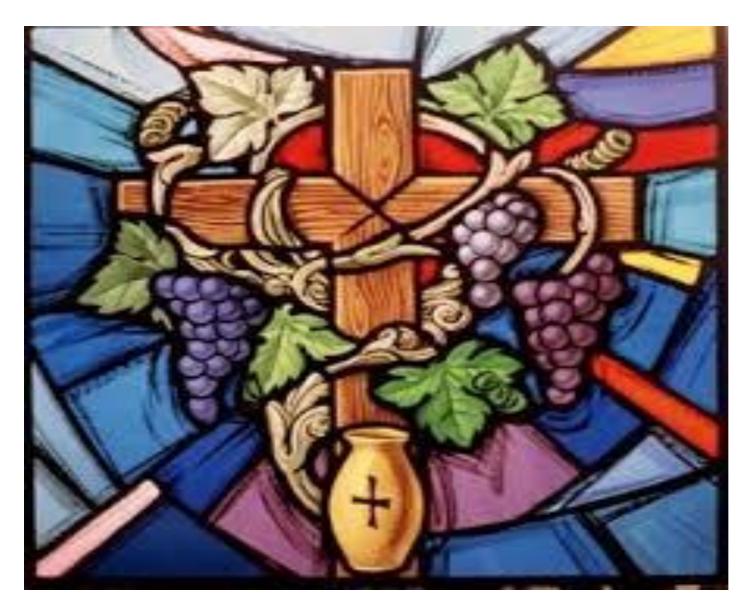


The flowers for the Altar today are given to the Glory of God by Rob and Miriam Hewitt in loving memory of Miriam's mom Winifred, Rob's mom Marjorie, and his sister Wendy.

Prayer Over The Gifts

Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

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.

We give you thanks and Celebrant: 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.

Holy, Holy, Lord (Eucharist Prayer)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord
God of Power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest

Blest is the One who comes, in the name of The Lord Hosanna in the highest Hosanna in the highest Amen, Amen, Amen.

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. **Eucharistic Prayer 2-12/14**

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.

Breaking of the Bread #8 ~ Easter Season

Celebrant: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: Now we are raised to new life.

Celebrant: We were buried in your tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection.

Celebrant: Live in us, that we may live in you.





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.

<u>Verse 2</u>

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.

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.





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 and wine.

Gluten free wafers are available.

Communion Hymn



How Sweet
The Name of
Jesus Sounds

Book of Common Praíse 620



How sweet the Name Of Jesus sounds In a believer's ear! It soothes our sorrows, Heals our wounds, And drives away our fear.

It makes the Wounded spirit whole, And calms the troubled breast; 'Tis manna to the hungry soul, And to the weary, rest.

Dear Name, the Rock On which I build, My Shield and Hiding Place, My never failing treasury, filled With boundless stores of grace!

Jesus! my Shepherd, **Brother, Friend,** My Prophet, Priest and King, My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, Accept the praise I bring.

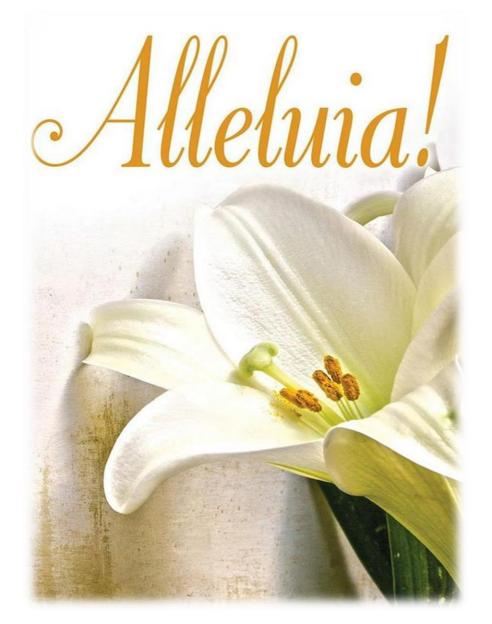
Weak is the effort of my heart, And cold my warmest thought; **But when I see Thee** As Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought.

We Say Together the Prayer After Communion: God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord. Amen.

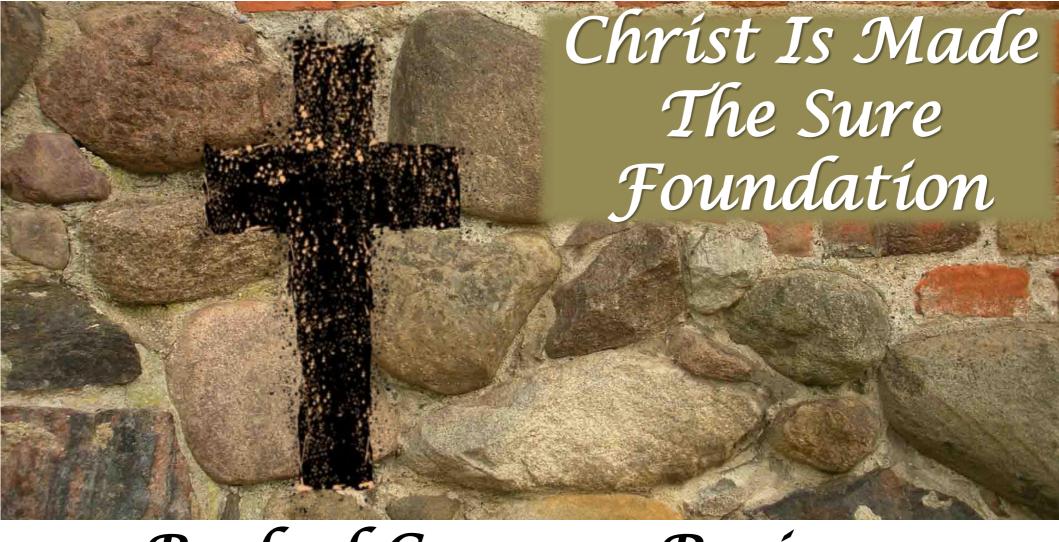
The Doxology

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



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Christ is made the sure foundation.

Christ the head and cornerstone

Chosen of the Lord and precious

Binding all the church in one.

Holy Zion's help forever And her confidence alone.

To this temple where we call Thee Come, oh Lord of hosts today. With thy wonted loving kindness Hear thy servants as they pray.

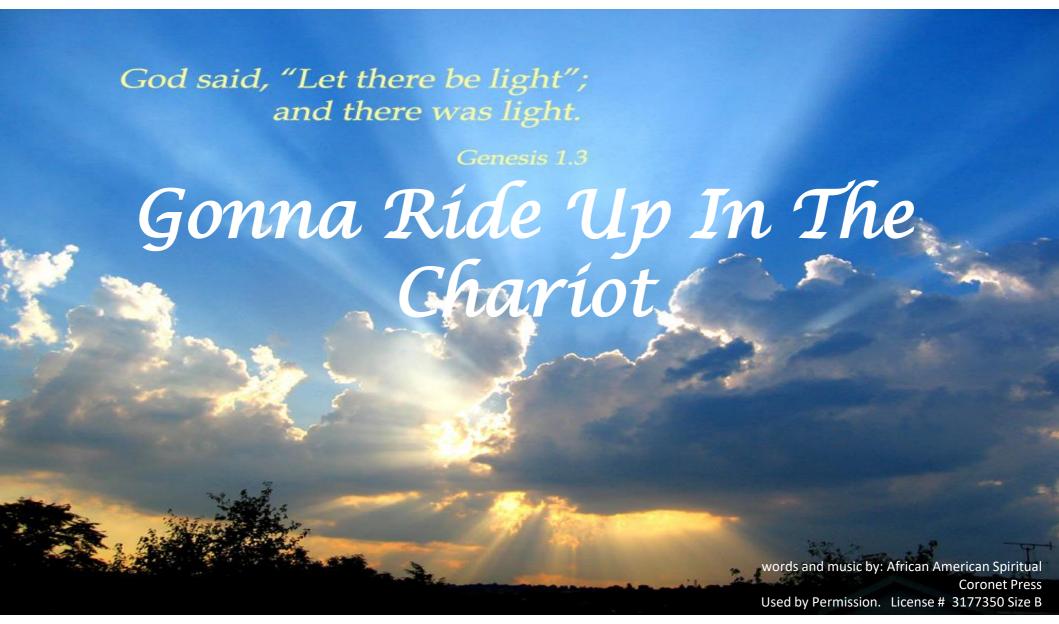
And thy fullest benediction Shed within its walls always

Laud and honour to the Father Laud and honour to the Son, Laud and honour to the Spirit Ever three and ever one.

One in might and one in glory While unending ages run







Gonna ride up in the chariot, Soon in the morning, Ride up in the chariot, Soon in the morning, Ride up in the chariot, Soon in the morning, And I hope I join the band

(Repeat)

Chorus

Oh Lord, have mercy on me, Oh Lord, have mercy on me, Oh Lord, have mercy on me, And I hope I join the band

Gonna meet my brother there (YES) Soon in the morning, **Meet my brother there (YES)** Soon in the morning, **Meet my brother there (YES)** Soon in the morning, And I hope I join the band

Gonna chatter with the angels Soon in the morning, Chatter with the angels Soon in the morning, Chatter with the angels Soon in the morning, And I hope I join the band

Chorus

Oh Lord, have mercy on me, Oh Lord, have mercy on me, Oh Lord, have mercy on me, And I hope I join the band

(Repeat)



Thank you for worshipping with us!

