Welcome to The Parish of Holy Trinity St. Stephens



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2023

words and music by: Elton Smith, Leonard E. Smith Jr. New Jerusalem Music Used by Permission. HTSSM's license 2139435 Let God Be Good To You

God's so good, He hears our cry.

He knows our needs before we sigh.

He takes our load and gives us hope.

Because He loves us so.

Chorus

Let God be good to you, It's what He loves to do. It fills His heart with joy to Treat his children well. Let God be good to you, It's what He loves to do. Because a Father loves his child.

When we pray, both night and day
He's always there to share our cares
And give advice if we but ask,
Because He loves us so.

Chorus

Let God be good to you, It's what He loves to do. It fills His heart with joy to Treat his children well. Let God be good to you, It's what He loves to do. Because a Father loves his child.

Some sweet day He'll take us home We'll find rewards for what we've done **And sing His praise** through endless days, Because He loves us so.

Chorus

Let God be good to you, It's what He loves to do. It fills His heart with joy to Treat his children well. Let God be good to you, It's what He loves to do. Because a Father loves his child. Tag Because a Father loves his child.





Greetings and Announcements: Rev. Rob Henderson







Psalm 114 (George Black)

Refrain:

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!"

Breathe On Me, Breath Of God

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life anew, That I may love what thou dost love,

And do what thou wouldst do.

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How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word! What more can He say than to you He hath said, To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

How firm a foundation, Ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith In his excellent word! What more can he say Than to you he hath said, To you who to Jesus For refuge have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed! For I am thy God, And will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, And cause thee to stand, Upheld by my righteous, **Omnipotent hand.**

"The soul that on Jesus Hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not Desert to its foes; That soul, though all hell Shall endeavour to shake, I'll never, no, never, No, never forsake."

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.

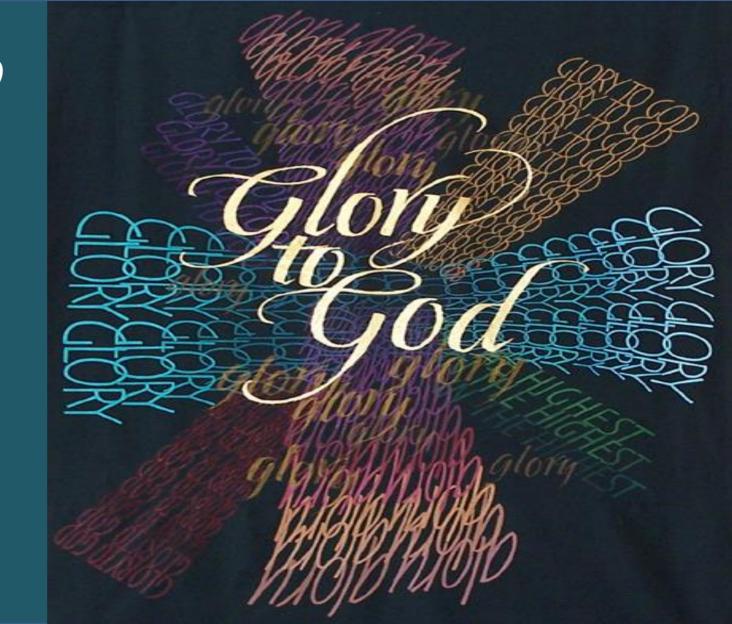
Celebrant: Almighty God,

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.

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.

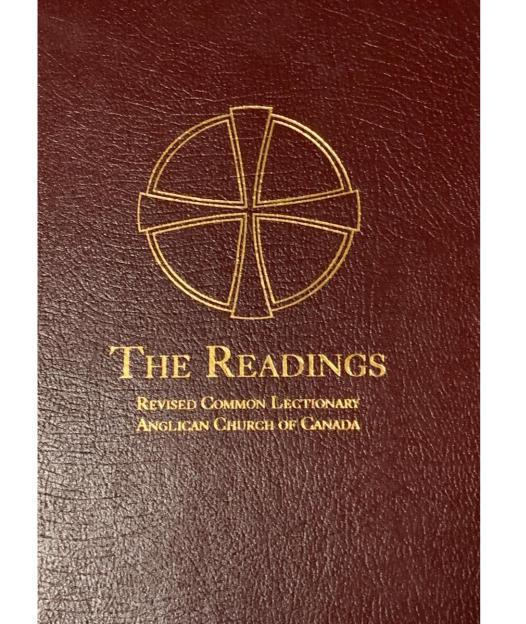
Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, The Father's only Son, The sacrificial Lamb, Who saves the world from sin, **Have mercy Lord.** Beside the Father's hand enthroned, Now hear our prayer.

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.

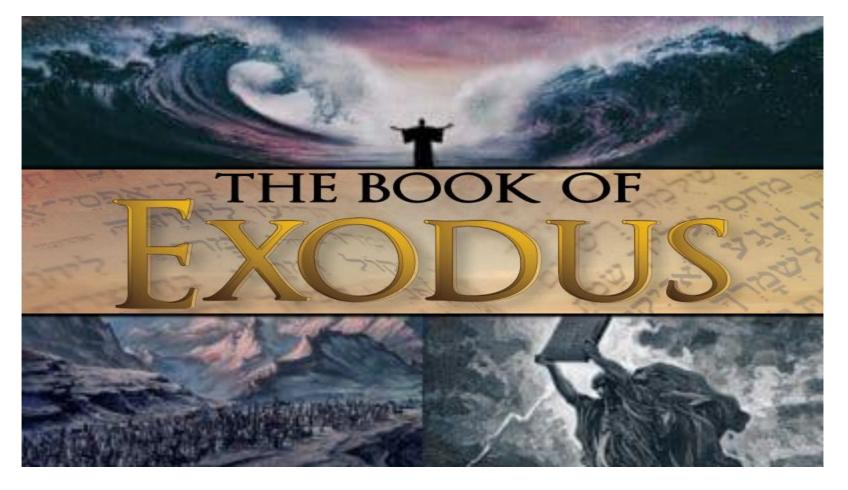
We say together the Collect for today:

Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Exodus (14:19-31)

Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness,

and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry

ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the

Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over

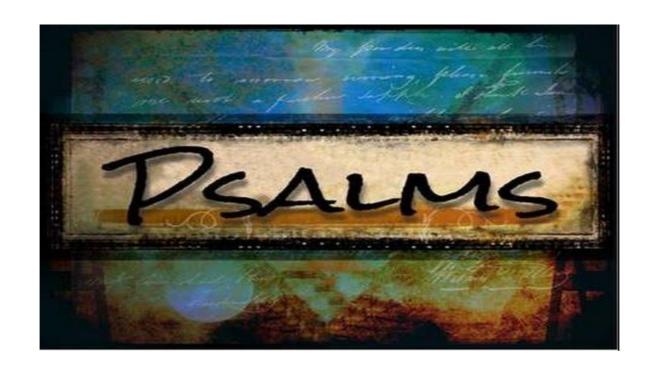
the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the **Egyptians fled before it, the LORD** tossed the Egyptians into the sea.

The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

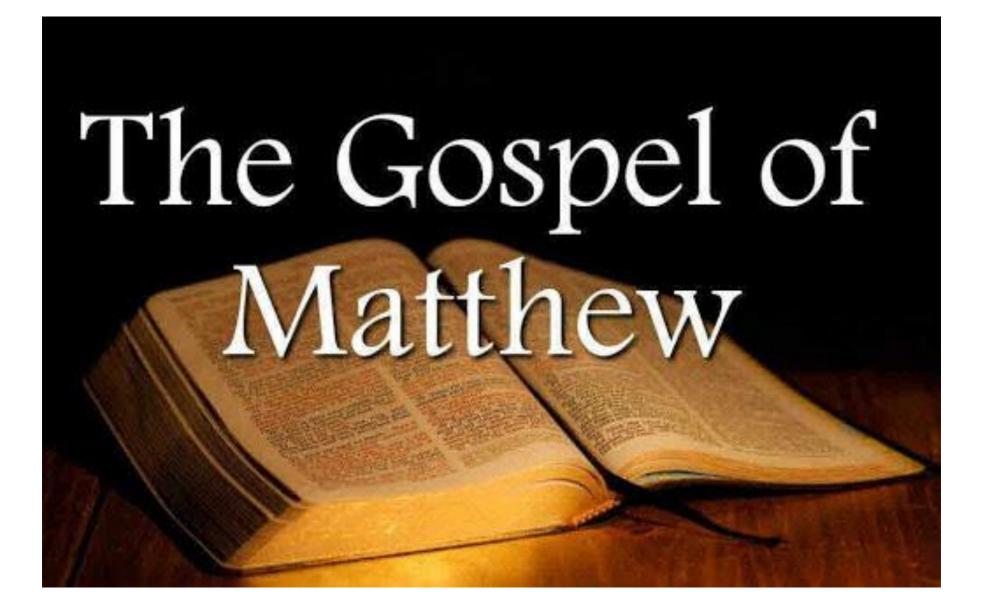
People: Thanks be to God.



Psalm 114 (George Black)

Refrain:

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!"





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Chorus

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.



(Cantor) Pentecost

Help those you saved by your blood,
Raise them to life with your martyrs
Save your people, Lord,
As their ruler, raise them up.

All stand for the Gospel

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel

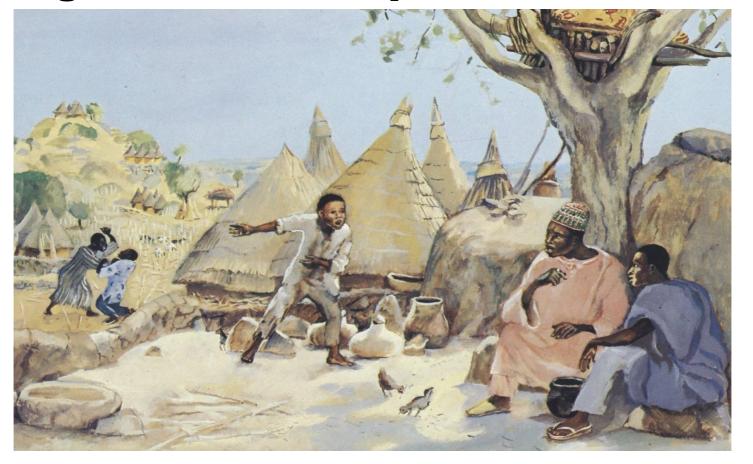
of our Lord Jesus

Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you,

Lord Jesus Christ.

A Reading From The Gospel of Matthew (18:21-35)



Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Chorus

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.





Matthew 18:21-35

Homíly by John Bíro



Prayers of the People

<u>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Year A</u>

As we reach out our thoughts and our energies beyond the walls of this gathering space, hoping that God's reign may be the deepest desire of every human heart, let us pray saying, in the spirit we plead:

O God, may your dominion grasp our vision and delight the hearts of all who claim Christ as Lord. We pray for the church. For Todd our Bishop, the Deanery of London and the Diocese of Huron. In the spirit we plead.

O God make your justice grow in our land, in our neighborhoods, in our families. That the victims of this age will find shelter and hope. In the spirit we plead.

To you Abba father, we raise our eyes in hope. Inspire those whose decisions influence the lives of others, that they may discern wisely and act compassionately. We pray for our elected officials and those who lead in our communities. In the spirit we plead.

O God we pray for the oppressed, the needy, those in fear, those who are sick. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, especially today: Philip W., Raymie D., Ted M., James L., Nancy, and Marilyn A. Give health and peace to all. In the spirit we plead.

O God give us thankful hearts. Give us eyes to see the gifts around us. Give us courage to be the voices for the vulnerable and needy. In the Spirit we plead.

O God you are present with us throughout our lives, even when we do not sense your presence. May we learn to live together in unity, that in all we do we may sing your praises now and forever.

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:



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

People: And also with you.



The Peace of the Earth Be With You

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Verse 1

The peace of the earth be with you The peace of the heavens too. The peace of the rivers be with you The peace of the oceans too. Deep peace falling over you. God's peace growing in you.



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



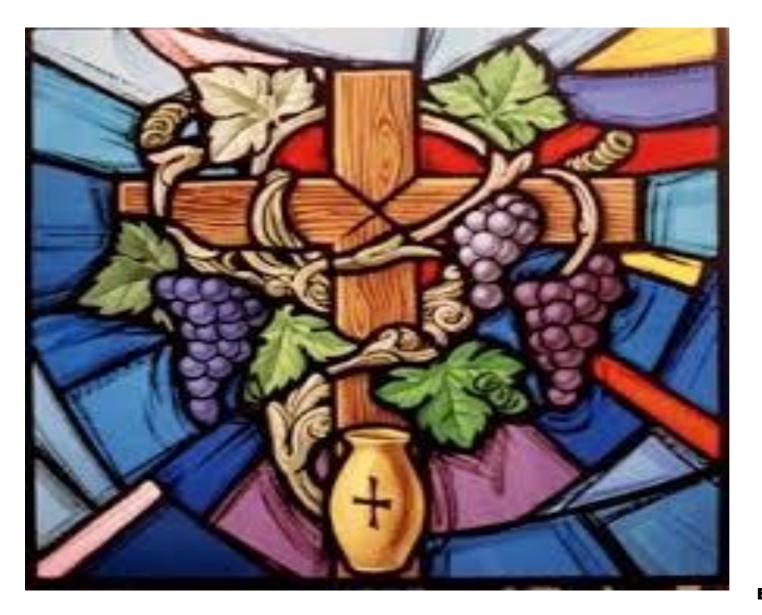


The flowers for the Altar today are given to the Glory of God by Dan & Karen Lemanski with gratitude for 35 years of marriage.

Prayer Over The Gifts

Holy God, accept all we offer you this day. May we who are reconciled at this table bring wholeness to our broken world. We ask this in the name of Jesus **Christ the 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.

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.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (Eucharist Prayer)

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.

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

The Breaking of The Bread #2

Celebrant: 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.







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,
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.

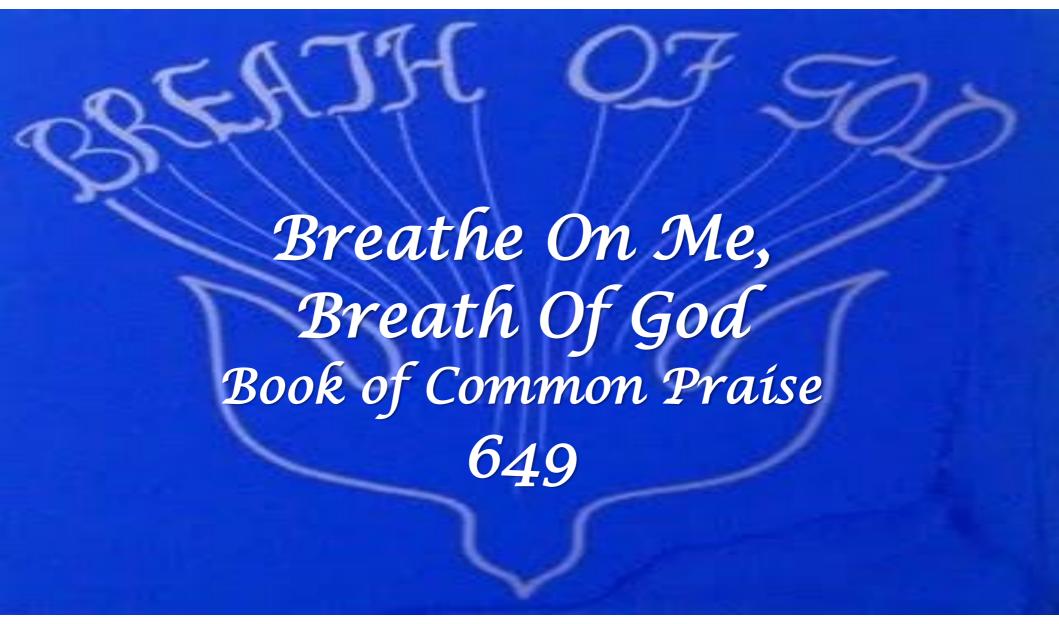
Please allow personal distance when approaching to receive the sacrament.

If you do not wish to receive the wafer, please cross your arms in front of your chest to receive God's blessing.

Gluten free wafers are available.

Communion Hymn





Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love,
And do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until my will is one with thine,
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am wholly thine, Until this earthly part of me Glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I never die; But live with thee the perfect life Of thine eternity.

We Say Together the Prayer After Communion: God of peace, in this eucharist we have been reconciled to you and to our neighbours. May we who have been nourished by holy things always have the courage to forgive. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Doxology

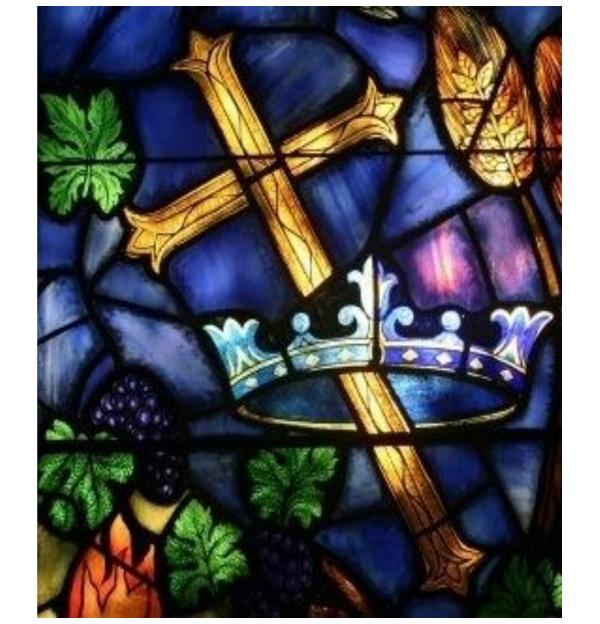
Celebrant: Glory to God,

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.



All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

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All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, Crown Him Lord of all.

Let every tongue and every tribe, **Delivered from the fall,** To Christ all majesty ascribe, And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, Crown Him Lord of all.

O that, with heaven's sacred throng, We at His feet may fall, Lift high the universal song, And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, Crown Him Lord of all.

The Dismissal





Who is my mother who is my brother? All those who gather round Jesus Christ. Spirit blown people born from the Gospel Sit at the table round Jesus Christ.

Differently abled differently labelled
Widen the circle round Jesus Christ
Crutches and stigmas
culture's enigmas
All come together round Jesus Christ

Love will relate us, colour or status Can't segregate us round Jesus Christ Family failings human de-railings All are accepted round Jesus Christ.

Saxophone Solo

Bound by one vision met for one mission We claim each other round Jesus Christ Here is my mother, here is my brother, Kindred in spirit round Jesus Christ.



