

ST ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



DELIGHT YOURSELF IN THE LORD,
AND HE WILL GIVE YOU THE DESIRES
OF YOUR HEART.

Psalm 37:4



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 05, 2025

9:00AM

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Welcome Newcomers!

We are blessed to have you with us today. Please sign our newcomer's book at the back of the church, introduce yourself to the priest, and join us for coffee hour in the Parish Hall immediately after the service, just across the courtyard.

Our hope is that you find a home among us, in a place where the love of God is shared, the mystery of grace is experienced, and the joy and laughter of the Christian life is taught.

To learn more about St. Alban's call the office at (619) 444-8212 or email us at: generalbusiness@stalbanschurch.info.

Also, check out our website at www.st-albans-church.org.



Sunday School meets in the building across the courtyard at 9:00am. The children return to their parents at the church for the Communion service. Sunday School starts **Sundays at 9:00 am**. The children will be attending in-person at St. Alban's Church in the Education Room. (If your child needs to attend the Sunday School via Zoom please contact the church office: (619) 444-8212.)

Please Note: There is no Sunday School on the 1st Sunday of each month. Children are welcome to the service with their families.

PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers: Ahlam Westeen, Angelynn Than & family, Bob & family, Branda Moua, Chris Miller & family, Christine Peters, Don Mitchell, Gavin Bishop, George Elia & Ibtisam Bashee, Georgina & Phil Loveless, Hilda Ro & family, Jamal Shorees, Judith Taylor, Judy Brown, Kent Crothers, Lisa Hilliker, Mike & Penney Park, Marion Weist & family, Mu Tay, the Rodriguez family, and Samir Matta.

Pray for those serving in the military: Christopher Ibanez, Joshua Ibanez, Clarence Thompkins, Donovan Burns, Jacob Swerdfeger, Lindzy, Phoenix Locken, Riley McMillen, and Travis Warner.

We pray for peace in the Holy Land most especially for our Christian brothers and sisters in Ukraine, Haiti, Myanmar (known as Burma), Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Egypt, Pakistan, Tunisia, Eritrea, Yemen, Nigeria, Somalia, Israel and Palestine, and all places on the earth where people are in danger and treated unfairly, who are suffering deprivation, torture, and death for confessing Christ as their Lord.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we give thanks today for the clergy and people of St. Columba's in Santee. And for the Episcopal Schools Celebration. Also for the Dioceses of Province VIII: Alaska, Arizona, California, Eastern Oregon, El Camino Real, Hawaii, Idaho, Los Angeles, Micronesia, Navajoland, Nevada, Northern California, Olympia, San Diego, San Joaquin, Spokane, Taiwan, Utah, and Western Oregon.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we give thanks today for the Anglican Church of Tanzania.

Prayer Requests: To make a request or to update requests, please call the St Alban's office: 619-444-8212, or email: generalbusiness@stalbanschurch.info. You are also invited to add a prayer request in the narthex to be read in our Sunday public prayers. We can also receive prayer requests through our website: www.st-albans-church.org



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Please ask the usher if you need assistance.

The Word of God

Prelude

Welcome

Please rise in body or spirit.

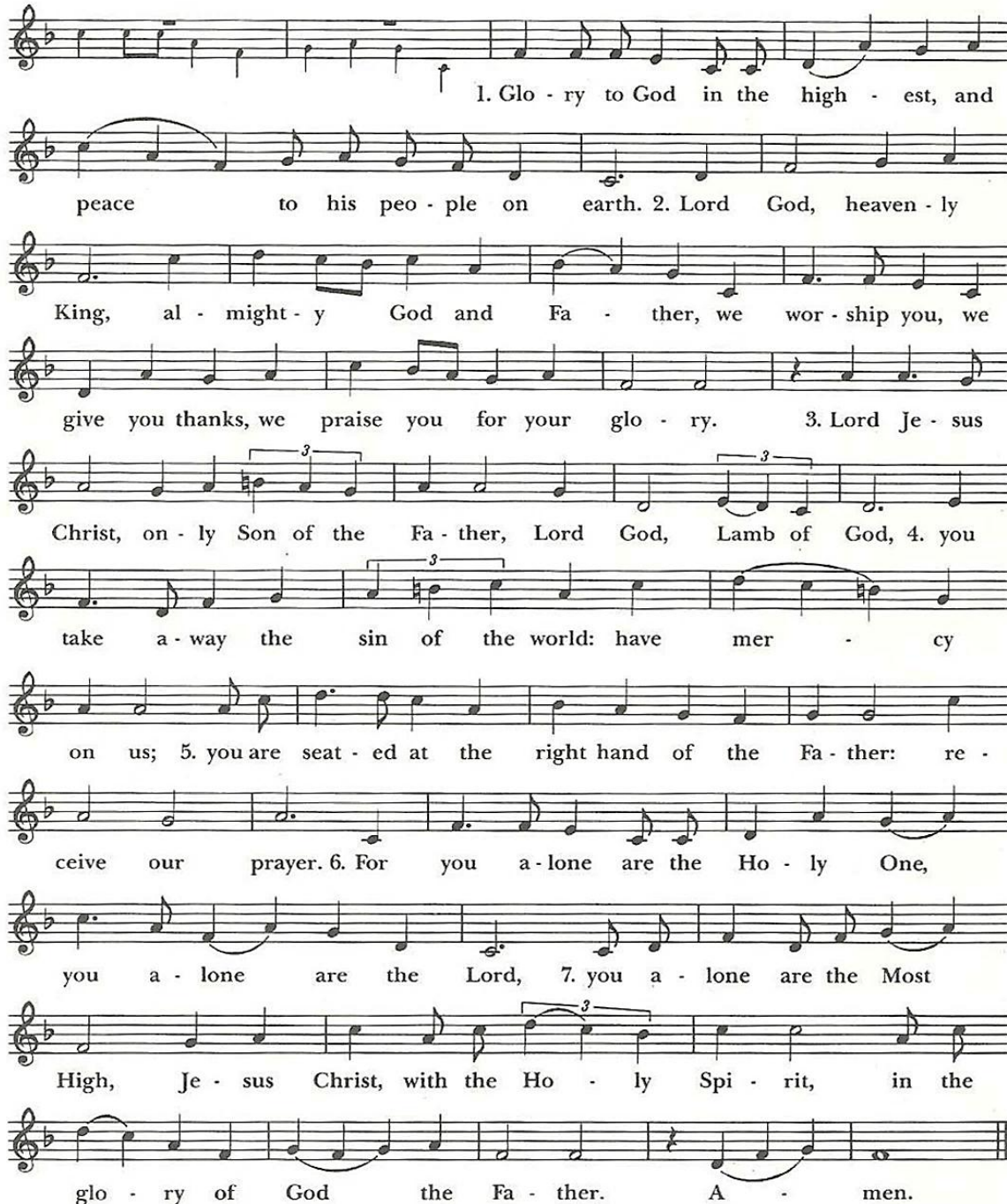
Opening Hymn – **Hymnal 408, “Sing praise to God who reigns above”**

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Gloria – S280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day –

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

A period of silence is kept.

The Lessons

The First Lesson – Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Lector: A reading from the book of Habakkuk.

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and You will not listen?

Or cry to You "Violence!"
and You will not save?

Why do You make me see wrong-doing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous--
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost,
and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what He will say to me,
and what He will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Read responsively by verse.

Psalm 37:1-10

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1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.
3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
4 Take delight in the LORD, *
and He shall give you your heart's desire.
5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your
trust in Him, *
and He will bring it to pass.

6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the
light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.
7 Be still before the LORD *
and wait patiently for Him.
8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
10 For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the LORD shall
possess the land.

The Second Reading – 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Lector: A reading from the second book of Timothy.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,
To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the Gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to His own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. For this Gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the One in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that He is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to Him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Music — “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

The Gospel — Luke 17:5-10 (Reading in Arabic)

Sequence Music — “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

The Gospel – Luke 17:5-10 (Reading in English)

Celebrant: The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

Sequence Music — *“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”*

Sermon – The Rev. Dr. Richard Vevia, Jr.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Lord Christ, You came and dwelled among us and through Your Holy Spirit You dwell among us still. Use Word and Sacrament this day to help us know this truth more deeply in our hearts and live its reality more fully in our lives.

Amen.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Please rise in body or spirit and join me in saying the Nicene Creed.

The Nicene Creed

All say together.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

- Intercessor:** With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."
- Intercessor:** For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.
- People:** **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor:** For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
- People:** **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor:** For the **Anglican Church of Tanzania**, with thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord.
- People:** **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor:** For the clergy and people of **St. Columba's in Santee**. And for the **Episcopal Schools Celebration**. Also for the **Dioceses of Province VIII: Alaska, Arizona, California, Eastern Oregon, El Camino Real, Hawaii, Idaho, Los Angeles, Micronesia, Navajoland, Nevada, Northern California, Olympia, San Diego, San Joaquin, Spokane, Taiwan, Utah, and Western Oregon**. Let us pray to the Lord.
- People:** **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor:** For **Sean our presiding bishop, Susan our bishop, Richard our priest-in-charge**, and for all bishops, priests and deacons, let us pray to the Lord.
- People:** **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor:** For **President Donald Trump; Governor Gavin Newsom; Mayor Bill Wells**; and all the men and women who serve our country, state, and city in leadership positions, let us pray to the Lord.
- People:** **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor:** For **El Cajon, Lakeside, Santee, and San Diego**, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
- People:** **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor:** For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.
- People:** **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor:** For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve her, let us pray to the Lord.
- People:** **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor:** For those who travel on land, in or on water, in the air or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.
- People:** **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor:** For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.
- People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For those with particular concerns:

Ahlam Westeen Angelynn Than & family Bob & family Branda Moua Chris Miller & family Christine Peters Don Mitchell Gavin Bishop George Elia & Ibtisam Bashee Georgina & Phil Loveless	Hilda Ro & family Jamal Shorees Judith Taylor Judy Brown Kent Crothers Lisa Hilliker Mike & Penney Park Marion Weist & family Mu Tay the Rodriguiz family Samir Matta
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Intercessor: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For what else would the people of God pray:

(Please take a few moments to express thanks or offer your own concerns to God either vocally or silently.)

Intercessor: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For the health and safety of those serving in the military, particularly:

Christopher Ibanez Joshua Ibanez Clarence Thompkins Donovan Burns Jacob Swerdfeger	Lindzy Phoenix Locken Riley McMillen Travis Warner
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Intercessor: and with thanksgiving for all our veterans, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: For **William Tyndale and Miles Coverdale**, Translators of the Bible, **Birgitta of Sweden**, Mystic, **Henry Muhlenberg**, Pastor, **William Bliss**, Priest, **Richard Ely**, Economist, **Robert Grosseteste**, Bishop of Lincoln, **Wilfred Thomason Grenfell**, Medical Missionary, **Vida Scudder**, Educator and Witness for Peace, **Philip**, Deacon and Evangelist, and all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of Your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is kept.

All say together:

Most merciful God,
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 neighbors 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.

Absolution

Celebrant: 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.

People: Amen.

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

At this time you are invited to greet others with a handshake, a wave or hug in peace as you are comfortable.

Announcements

Special Prayers for Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Travelers: If you had a birthday, anniversary last week or this week, or if you are going to travel soon, please stand / come forward and we will pray together for you.

Birthday: O God, our times are in Your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on Your servant(s) _____ as *he/she/they* begin another year. Grant that *he/she/they* may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen *his/her/their* trust in Your goodness all the days of *his/her/their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Many happy returns on the day of your birth. May seasons of joy be given. May God in his mercy prepare you on earth for a beautiful birthday in heaven. Amen.

Anniversaries: Lord, we thank You for this couple _____ and for all of the years that they have had together. Today, as we celebrate their anniversary, our prayer is that You will continue to bless them. Lord, we pray that You will honor their commitment to each other and to You by granting them many more years of happiness together. Amen.

Travelers: O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel _____; surround them with Your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offering

Celebrant: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High, (*Psalm 50:14*).

Offertory – ***“Last Spring”, by Edvard Grieg, piano solo by Justin Hansen***

Doxology – Hymnal 380

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.*

The Holy Communion

Please stand in body or spirit.

The Great Thanksgiving

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 Him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of His true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith and giving to Your Church the power to serve You as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations. Therefore, we praise You, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of Your Name:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, _____ Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, _____ hea - ven and earth are full, _____

full _____ of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. 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.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In Your infinite love You made us for Yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, You, in Your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, Your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to You, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to Your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night He was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when He had given thanks to You, he broke it, and gave it to His disciples, and said,
 "Take, eat: This is My Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me."
 After supper He took the cup of wine; and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, and said,
 "Drink this, all of you: This is My Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of Me."
 Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died.
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling His death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer You these gifts. Sanctify them by Your Holy Spirit to be for our people the Body and Blood of Your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve You in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all Your saints into the joy of Your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through Your Son Jesus Christ. By Him, and with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is Yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now let us pray as our Lord has taught us:

To be sung in unison

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 all that is evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen, amen, amen.
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A moment of reverence is kept.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Invitation

Celebrant: This is the table, not of the church but of Jesus Christ.
 It is made ready for those who love Him and who want to love Him more.
 So come, you who have much faith and you who have little;
 you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time;
 you who have tried to follow and you who have failed;
 come, not because the church invites you;
 it is Christ, and He invites you to meet Him here.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn – **LEV 146, "Break thou the Bread of Life"**

Please stand in body or spirit.

Celebrant: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus strengthen you and keep you in His grace.
People: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father,
You have graciously accepted us as living members
of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and You have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve You with gladness
and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn – *Hymnal 711, “Seek ye first the kingdom of God”*

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Participants in Today’s In-Person and Online Worship

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. Dr. Richard Vevia, Jr.

Lectors/Prayers: Colette Hurd, Joanne Bishop, Eileen McMillen, Tracy Vevia

Organist/Choirmaster: Justin Hansen

Streaming Tech: Hsa Blu Moo

Gospel Readers: Arabic Nawal Yousif, Mary Zori, Jamil Shorees, Ibtisam Bashee, Nahrien Patak, Intissar Razoq, & Musa
Karen Angelynn Than

Usher: Sharon Hathaway

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