

ST ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 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: 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, and the Rodriguiz family.

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 Grace in San Marcos. And for our campus ministry at Cal State University San Marcos, its students and leaders.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we give thanks today for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

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



ACCESIBLE RESTROOMS ARE LOCATED IN THE PARISH HALL ACROSS THE COURTYARD.

Please ask the usher if you need assistance.

The Word of God

Prelude

Welcome

Please rise in body or spirit.

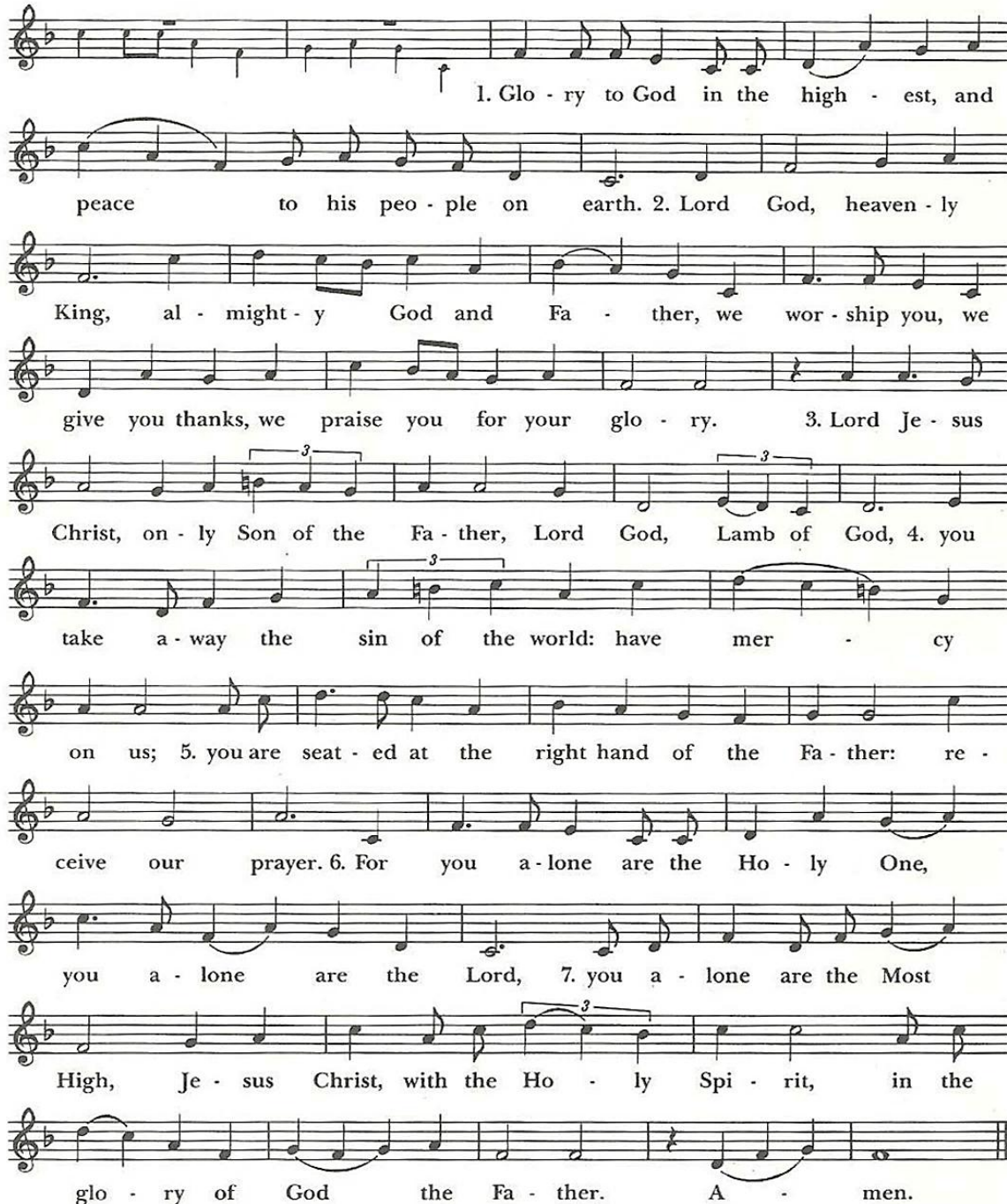
Opening Hymn – *Hymnal 408, “Sing praise to God who reigns above”*

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.

O God, you declare Your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of Your grace, that we, running to obtain Your promises, may become partakers of Your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 – Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Lector: A reading from the book of Amos.

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.
Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
Therefore, they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



The Psalm

Read responsively by verse.

Psalm 146

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1 Hallelujah!
Praise the LORD, O my soul! *
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my
being.
**2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of
earth, *
for there is no help in them.**
3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.
**4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for
their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;**
5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is
in them; *
who keeps His promise forever;

**6 Who gives justice to those who are
oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.**
7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed
down;
**8 The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger; *
He sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.**
9 The LORD shall reign forever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all
generations.
Hallelujah!

The Second Reading – 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Lector: A reading from the first book of Timothy.

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in His testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which He will bring about at the right time-- He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is He alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to Him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Music — “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

The Gospel — Luke 16:19-31 (Reading in Arabic)

Sequence Music — “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

The Gospel – Luke 16:19-31 (Reading in English)

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

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

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, Father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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 **Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan** with thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord.
- People:** **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor:** For the clergy and people of **Grace in San Marcos**. And for our **campus ministry at Cal State University San Marcos, its students and leaders**. 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:

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 and the Rodriguez family
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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 **Paula & Eustochium of Rome**, Monastics & Scholars, **Jerome**, Priest and Monk of Bethlehem, **Therese of Lisieux**, Monastic, **Remigius**, Bishop of Rheims, **John Mott**, Lay Leader & Ecumenist, **Francis of Assisi**, Friar, 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.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Amen.

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

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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