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**180TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAYING OF THE CORNERSTONE OF
CHRIST CHURCH
THE HOLY EUCHARIST
APRIL 28, 2023**



The Parish of Christ the Redeemer (known as Christ Church) is the Episcopal Church in Pelham, New York. The Episcopal Church is part of the Anglican Communion which is made up of 85 million people in over 165 countries and is the third largest Christian denomination in the world. Christ Church was founded in 1843 and is the first house of worship in Pelham. This building was consecrated on September 15, 1843, the original church building was expanded in 1910, and the sanctuary was reconstructed in 1968 to allow for the current, more intimate worship space. If you want to take a guided tour of our church and grounds after today's service, please speak to the rector, Father Matthew Mead. While you are here, please visit the Garden of the Resurrection, which is located behind the church and is one of the most beautiful hidden outdoor spaces in Pelham.

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ENTRANCE HYMN (#518)

All stand and sing the hymn as the ministers enter.

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818–1856), alt.

Music: *Westminster Abbey*, Henry Purcell (1659–1695), adapt; desc. James Gillespie (b. 1929)

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EASTER ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

All remain standing. (All respond loudly!!!)

Celebrant ✠ Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.

All **Amen.**

RECALLING THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

All remain standing.

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 Dear People of God, one hundred seventy-five years ago, on April 28th, 1843 the Rev. Robert Bolton laid the cornerstone of Christ Church. On September 15th, this building was dedicated by The Right Reverend Benjamin T. Onderdonk, Bishop of New York. Today we gather together to celebrate our past, present, and history, and to recall the consecration of this church.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Everliving Father, watchful and caring, our source and our end: All that we are and all that we have is yours. Accept us now, as we celebrate the anniversary of this place to which we come to praise your Name, to ask your forgiveness, to know your healing power, to hear your Word, and to be nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son. Be present always to guide and to judge, to illuminate and to bless your people.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have made this a temple of your presence and a house of prayer. Be always near us when we seek you in this place. Draw us to you, when we come alone and when we come with others, to find

comfort and wisdom, to be supported and strengthened, to rejoice and give thanks. May it be here, Lord Christ, that we are made one with you and with one another, so that our lives are sustained and sanctified for your service.

Holy Spirit, open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts, that we may grow closer to you through joy and through suffering. Be with us in the fullness of your power as new members are added to your household, as we grow in grace through the years, when we are joined in marriage, when we turn to you in sickness or special need, and, at the last, when we are committed into the Father's hands.

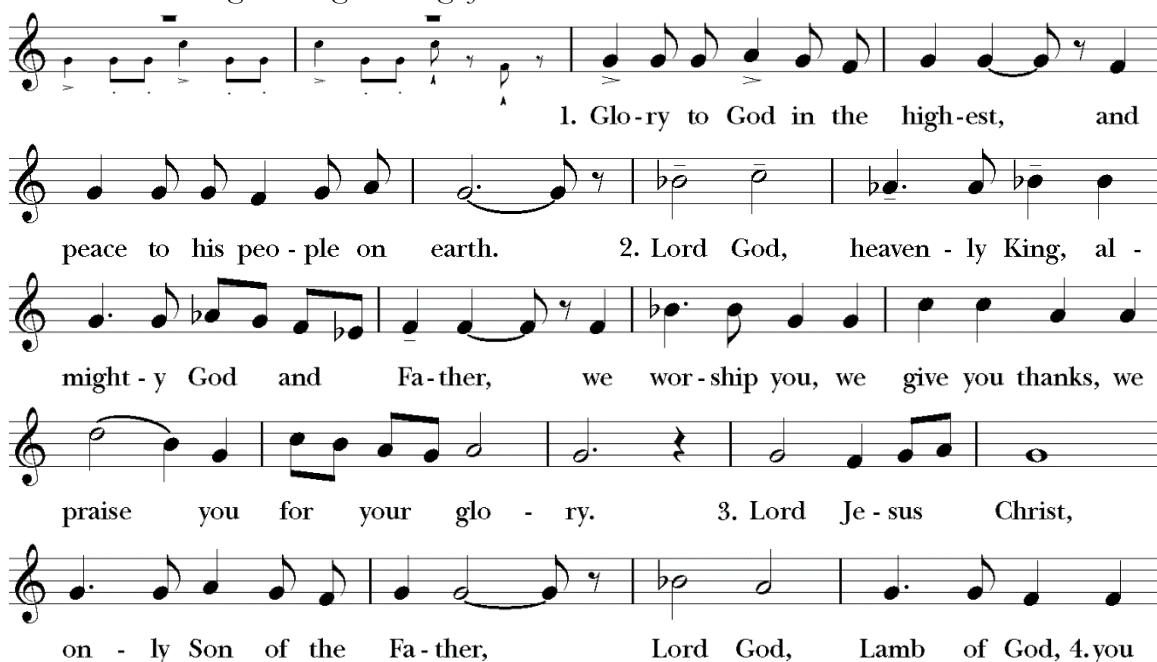
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we ask your continued blessing on the Parish of Christ the Redeemer; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; and you are exalted as head over all.

All

Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE (#S-278)

All remain standing and sing the Song of Praise.



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.

Music:
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COLLECT OF THE DAY

All remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: We give you thanks for the fellowship of those who have worshiped in this place, and we pray that all who seek you here may find you, and be filled with your joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON: 1 KINGS 8:22-23,27B-30

All are seated as the lesson is read.

Reader A reading from the First Book of the Kings.

Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart. Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 84: HYMN #517 *Quam dilecta!*

All stand and sing a metrical version of Psalm 84.

1 How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to
2 Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal - lows find a
3 They who go through the des - ert vale will find it filled with
4 One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou-sand spent a -

me! My thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with -
nest; how hap - py they who dwell with thee and
springs, and they shall climb from height to height till
way; how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor

in thy courts to be; my ve - ry heart and
praise thee with - out rest, and hap - py they whose
Zi - on's tem - ple rings with praise to thee, in
from thy pre - cepts stray, for thou shalt sure - ly

flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for thee.
 hearts are set up - on the pil - grim's quest.
 glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings.
 bless all those who live the words they pray.

Words: Para. of Psalm 84; sts. 1-2, *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, 1650, alt.; sts. 3-4, Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)

Music: *Brother Jame's Air*, J. L. Mcbeth Bain (1840?-1925)

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 PETER 2:1-9

All remain seated.

Reader

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation-- if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

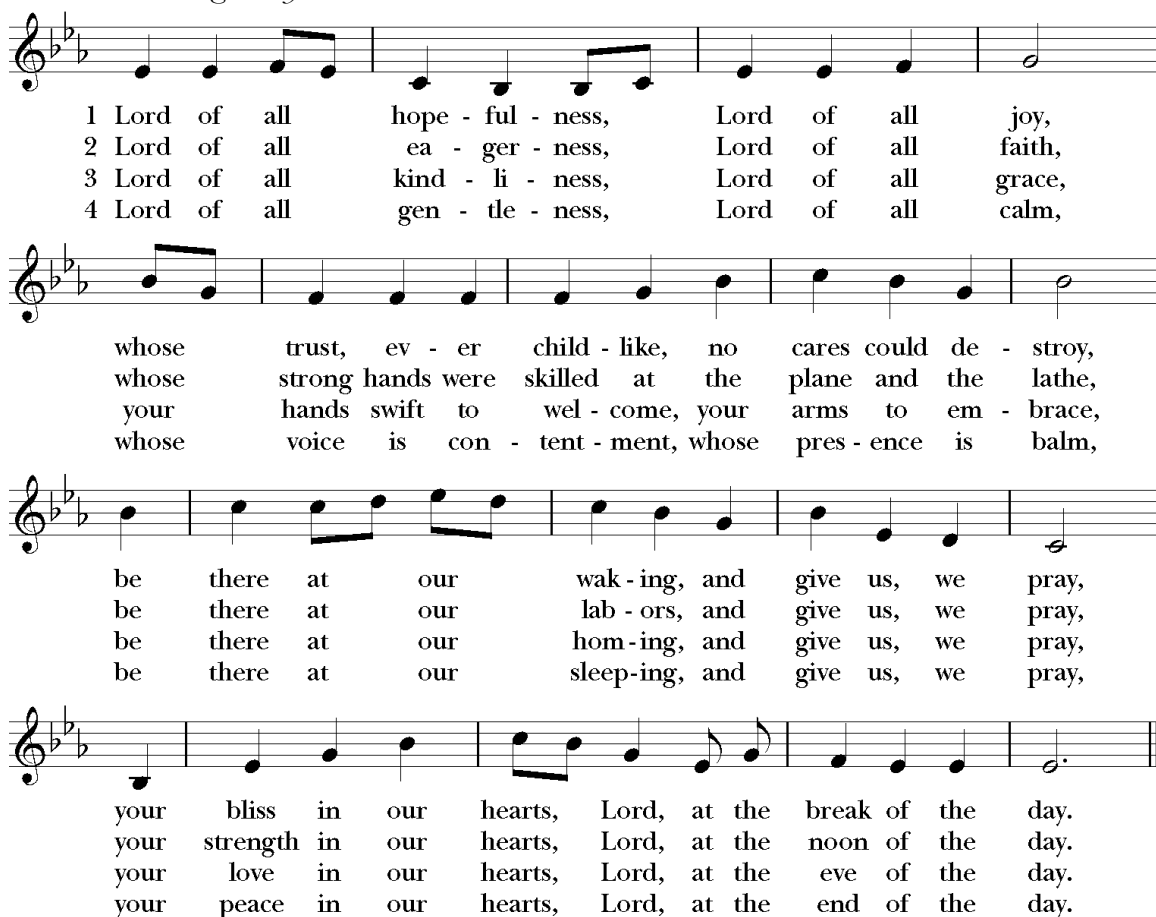
The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN (#482)

All stand and sing the hymn.



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,

be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,

your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Words: Jan Struther (1901-1953)

Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnal*, 1927; harm. *Hymnal*

THE HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 7:13-14,24-25

All stand for the Gospel.

Deacon ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Deacon Jesus said, "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it. Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock."

The Gospel of the Lord.

***People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

All are seated for the sermon by the Rector, Father Matthew Mead.

NICENE CREED

All stand and join in saying the Nicene Creed.

Celebrant We believe in one God,

All **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.

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING FOR A CHURCH

All remain standing.

Reader Let us thank God whom we worship here in the beauty of holiness.

Eternal God, the heaven of heavens cannot contain you, much less the walls of temples made with hands. Graciously receive our thanks for this place, and accept the work of our hands, offered to your honor and glory.

For the Church universal, of which these visible buildings are the symbol,

People **We thank you, Lord.**

Reader For your presence whenever two or three have gathered together in your Name,

People **We thank you, Lord.**

Reader For this place where we may be still and know that you are God,

People **We thank you, Lord.**

Reader For making us your children by adoption and grace, and refreshing us day by day with the bread of life.

People **We thank you, Lord.**

Reader For the knowledge of your will and the grace to perform it,

People **We thank you, Lord.**

Reader For the pardon of our sins, which restores us to the company of your faithful people,

People **We thank you, Lord.**

Reader For the blessing of our vows and the crowning of our years with your goodness,

People **We thank you, Lord.**

Reader For the faith of those who have gone before us and for our encouragement by their perseverance,

People **We thank you, Lord.**

Reader For the fellowship of Robert Bolton our founder and of all your Saints,

People **We thank you, Lord.**

After a brief silence, the Celebrant concludes with the following Doxology

Celebrant Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty;

People **For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.**

Celebrant Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom;

People **And you are exalted as head over all. Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

All remain standing.

Celebrant Hear the comfortable words of our Savior Jesus Christ

The Celebrant then says one or more of the following sentences

Celebrant Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.

You are the light of the world. Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the ministers and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant concludes the announcements with the following or some other offertory sentence.

Celebrant Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

OFFERTORY HYMN (#711)

All stand and sing the hymn as an offering is brought to the altar.

1



Seek ye first the king - dom of God
Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,



and its right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be
seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be



add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain

2



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: St. 1, Matthew 6:33; adapt. Karen Lafferty (20th cent.). St. 2, Matthew 7:7

Music: *Seek Ye First*, Karen Lafferty (20th cent.)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And al - so 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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing

All remain standing and sing "Holy, holy, holy".

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,



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The people kneel or stand.

Celebrant

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

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.”

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup,

we praise you and we bless you.

We praise you, we bless you,

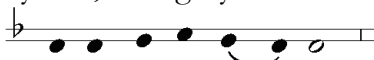
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

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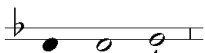
Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. Remember Michael our presiding bishop, Andrew and Allen our bishops and all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,



Celebrant

for ev - er and ev - er.



People

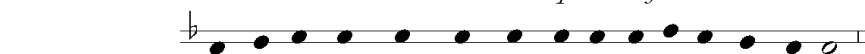
A - men.

Celebrant
All

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,
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 evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

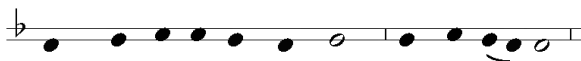
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is observed.



Celebrant

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass-ov-er is sac-ri-ficed for us;



People

There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

All sing "O Lamb of God"

Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

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INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant invites the people to receive the Holy Communion.

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.

All baptized persons, including children, are full members of the Body of Christ and are invited to participate in every aspect of the service and receive the Holy Communion. Members of other Christian churches who are baptized are also invited to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Persons who do not wish to receive Holy Communion are also invited to come forward with everyone else to receive a blessing (cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you want a blessing and not Holy Communion).

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The people kneel (as you are able).

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

EASTERTIDE BLESSING

The people remain kneeling.

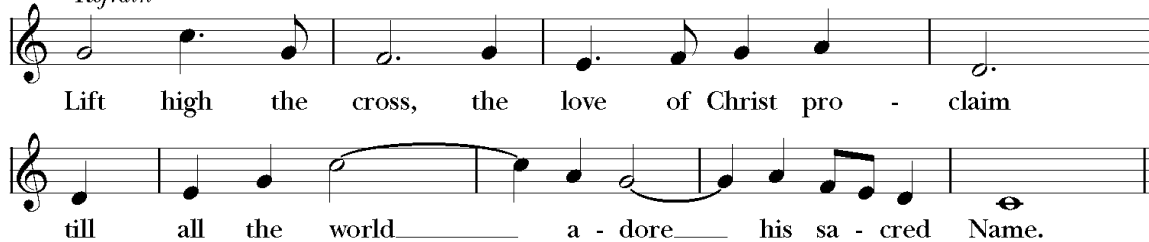
Celebrant The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty ☩ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

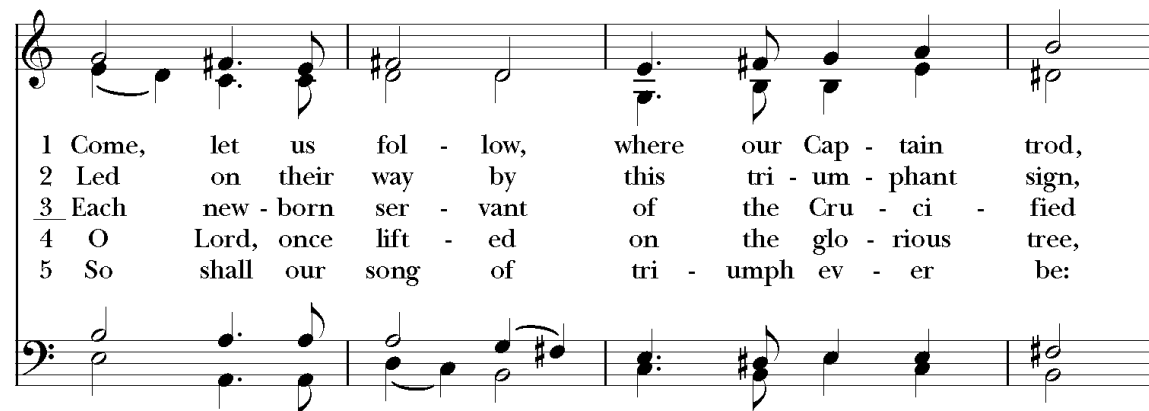
PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All stand and sing the hymn as the ministers process to the back of the church.

Refrain

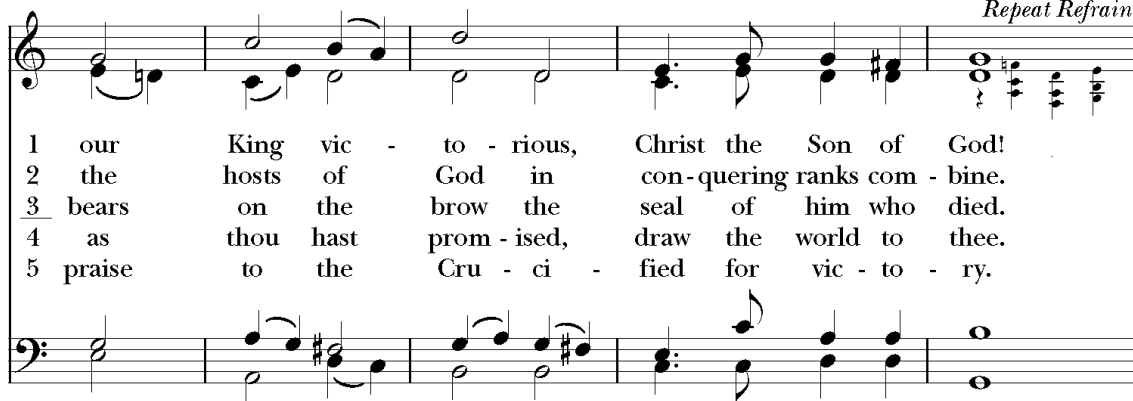


Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim
till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.



1 Come, let us fol - low, where our Cap - tain trod,
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
3 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
5 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain



1 our King vic - to - rious, Christ the Son of God!
2 the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
3 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
4 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
5 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

Words: George William Kitchin (1827-1912) and Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956)

Music: *Cruicifer*, Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947); desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

DISMISSAL

All remain standing.

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



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The Holy Eucharist is celebrated on Sundays at 8 and 10 a.m.
Morning Prayer is read on, Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom

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