



**The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 8**  
**July 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**  
**St. Peter's-at-the Light Episcopal Church**  
**Barnegat Light**

*The little church near the light, sharing the Light!*

*Thank you for worshipping with us today!!*

*Altar Flowers today are given by Donna McGrath & Pat Feeney  
In Memory of Martha McGrath*

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in Honor of her mom, Mimi Hennessey*

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Prelude

Please stand

## Entrance Procession

Processional:

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Hymnal # 376

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,  
'Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933). Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

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

All: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen!**

Priest: 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.**

*Descant*

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -  
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his  
 fend - thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound — from his

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,  
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou  
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -  
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

***The Collect for Proper 8, from the Book of Common Prayer at page 230.***

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

***Please Sit***

**The Liturgy of the Word**

**OT Lector:** The first reading is from the Book of the prophet Jeremiah *Jeremiah 28:1 – 11*

<sup>28.1</sup> That same year, early in the rule of Judah's King Zedekiah, in the fifth month of his fourth year, the prophet Hananiah, Azzur's son from Gibeon, spoke to me in the LORD's temple before the priests and all the people. <sup>2</sup>He said: "The LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims: I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon. <sup>3</sup>In two years I will restore to this place all of the temple equipment that Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar carted off to Babylon. <sup>4</sup>I will also restore to this place Judah's King Jeconiah, Jehoiakim's son, along with all the exiles from Judah who were deported to Babylon, for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon, declares the LORD."

<sup>5</sup>Then the prophet Jeremiah responded to Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the LORD's temple. <sup>6</sup>The prophet Jeremiah said: "Indeed. May the LORD do just as you have said! May the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back from Babylon the equipment of the LORD's temple and all the exiles to this place. <sup>7</sup>However, listen closely to what I have to say to you and all the people: <sup>8</sup>The prophets who came before you and me long ago prophesied war, disaster, and disease against many lands and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>So the prophet who prophesies peace is recognized as one who is actually sent by the LORD only when that prophet's message is fulfilled."

<sup>10</sup>Then the prophet Hananiah took hold of the yoke that was on the prophet Jeremiah's neck and broke it. <sup>11</sup>He said before all the people, "This is what the LORD says: Just as this yoke has been broken, I will break the yoke of Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar

from the neck of all the nations within two years." Then the prophet Jeremiah walked away.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**OT Lector:** In response to this reading, we will pray a portion of Psalm 89 responsively by half-verse. *Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18*

<sup>1</sup>Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; \*  
**from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.**

<sup>2</sup>For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; \*  
**you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup>"I have made a covenant with my chosen one; \*  
**I have sworn an oath to David my servant:**

<sup>4</sup>'I will establish your line for ever, \*  
**and preserve your throne for all generations.'**"

<sup>15</sup>Happy are the people who know the festal shout! \*  
**they walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.**

<sup>16</sup>They rejoice daily in your Name; \*  
**they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

<sup>17</sup>For you are the glory of their strength, \*  
**and by your favor our might is exalted.**

<sup>18</sup>Truly, the Lord is our ruler; \*  
**the Holy One of Israel is our King.**

**NT Lector:** The second reading is from Paul's letter to the Christians in Rome *Romans 6:12 - 23*

<sup>12</sup>So then, do not let sin rule your body, so that you do what it wants. <sup>13</sup>Do not offer parts of your body to sin, to be used as weapons to do wrong. Instead, present yourselves to God as people who have been brought back to life from the dead, and offer all the parts of your body to God to be used as weapons to do right. <sup>14</sup>Sin will have no power over you, because you are not under Law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup>So what? Should we sin because we are not under Law but under grace? Absolutely not! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that if you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, that you are slaves of the one whom you obey? That is true whether you serve as slaves of sin, which leads to death, or as slaves of the kind of obedience that leads to righteousness. <sup>17</sup>But thank God that although you used to be slaves of sin, you gave

wholehearted obedience to the teaching that was handed down to you, which provides a pattern. <sup>18</sup> Now that you have been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup> (I am speaking with ordinary metaphors because of your limitations.) Once, you offered the parts of your body to be used as slaves to impurity and to lawless behavior that leads to still more lawless behavior. Now, you should present the parts of your body as slaves to righteousness, which makes your lives holy. <sup>20</sup> When you were slaves of sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. <sup>21</sup> What consequences did you get from doing things that you are now ashamed of? The outcome of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been set free from sin and become slaves to God, you have the consequence of a holy life, and the outcome is eternal life. <sup>23</sup> The wages that sin pays are death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

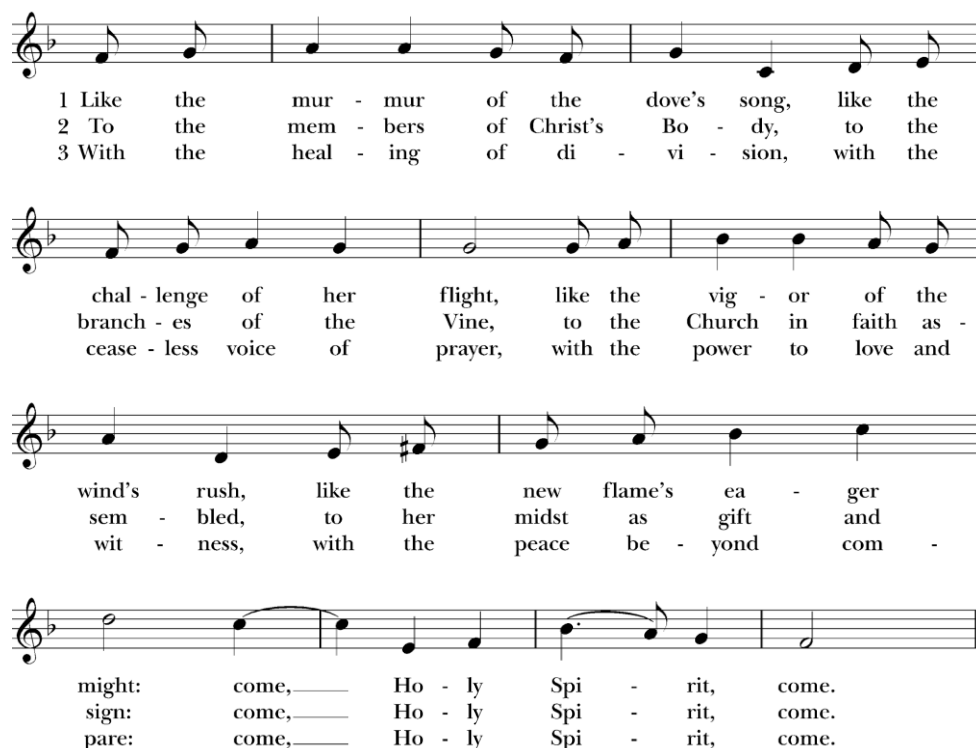
This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:**           **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

*Like the murmur of the dove's song*

*Hymnal # 513*



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the  
 2 To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the  
 3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the

chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the  
 branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as -  
 cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and

wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger  
 sem - bled, to her midst as gift and  
 wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -

might: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.  
 sign: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.  
 pare: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

*Phrase 1 of each stanza may be sung by one group, with a contrasted group singing phrase 2, and all joining for the final phrase.*

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Deacon:       The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew       *Matthew 10:40 - 42*

**All:**           **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus continued:

<sup>40</sup> “Those who receive you are also receiving me, and those who receive me are receiving the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup> Those who receive a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward. Those who receive a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. <sup>42</sup> I assure you that everybody who gives even a cup of cold water to these little ones because they are my disciples will certainly be rewarded.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord, the Good News of our salvation.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Christ**

*Sermon*  
*The Right Reverend Sally French*

### **The Presentation of the Candidates**

*The presenters and candidates for Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation will come forward.*

*Don Mann says:*      **Bishop French, I present William Bruce Allen for Confirmation**

*Joanne Kranch, Maribeth McGrover, and Joan Malara say:*

**And we present these persons (names) to be received into this communion and to reaffirm their baptismal vows:**

**Eleonora R. Carr** – *presented by Joanne*

**Nancy Elizabeth Hennessey** – *presented by Maribeth*

**and Barbara Suter Sweeton** – *presented by Joan*

*Linda Hoffman, Roger Fischer, Diann Fischer, Susan Blauvelt, Barbara Sweeton, and George Adams say:*

**And we present these persons (names) who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows:**

**Susan Lynn Blauvelt** – *presented by Linda*

**Diann Dietz Fischer** – *presented by Roger*

**Roger Frederick Fischer** – *presented by Diann*

**Salli Jane Gordon** – *presented by Susan*

**Maribeth Kipp McGrover** – *presented by Susan*

**Joan Malara** – *presented by Barbara*

**and Virginia Ann Read** – *presented by George*

*Bishop addresses the candidates*

**Bishop:**      Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

**Candidates: I do.**

Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**Candidates: I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.**

*Bishop addresses the congregation*

Bishop: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

**All: We will.**

Bishop: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**All: I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

Bishop: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**All: I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?



**All:** I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**All:** I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**All:** I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**All:** I will, with God's help.

#### PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Bishop: Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Leader: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Silence may be kept.*

Bishop: Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the

Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

*The Bishop lays hands upon Bruce, the candidate to be confirmed, and says:*

Bishop: Strengthen, O Lord, your servant **William Bruce** with your Holy Spirit; empower him for your service; and sustain him all the days of his life.

**All: Amen.**

*The Bishop lays hands upon Eleonora, Nancy, and Barbara, the candidates to be received, and says:*

Bishop: **Eleonora**, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you.

**All: Amen.**

Bishop: **Nancy**, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you.

**All: Amen.**

Bishop: **Barbara**, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you.

**All: Amen.**

*The Bishop lays hands upon each person who is reaffirming their commitment and says:*

Bishop: **Susan**, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom.

**All: Amen.**

Bishop: **Diann**, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom.

**All: Amen.**

Bishop: **Roger**, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom.

**All: Amen.**

Bishop: **Salli Jane**, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom.

**All:**           **Amen.**

**Bishop:**    **Maribeth**, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom.

**All:**           **Amen.**

**Bishop:**    **Joan**, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom.

**All:**           **Amen.**

**Bishop:**    **Virginia**, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom.

**All:**           **Amen.**

**Bishop:**    Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All:**           Amen.

**Bishop:**    The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All:**           And also with you.

*A Greeting of Peace is exchanged.*

*Please Be Seated*

### **The Liturgy of the Table**

Hymn as the table is set

*Give Thanks for Life*

*Wonder, Love & Praise # 775*

1. Give thanks for life, the meas - ure of our days,  
2. Give thanks for those who made their life a light  
3. And for our own, our liv - ing and our dead,  
4. Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain

The musical score consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line (treble clef, key of D major) and a piano accompaniment (grand staff, key of D major). The second system continues the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

mor - tal, we pass through beau - ty that de - cays, yet  
 caught from the Christ flame burst - ing through the night, who  
 thanks for the love by which our life is fed, a  
 ly - ing in dark - ness does its life re - tain, in

sing to God our hope, our love, our—praise,  
 touched the truth, who burned for what is right, } Al -  
 love not changed by time or death or dread, }  
 res - ur - rec - tion to grow green a - gain.

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

Words: Shirley Erena Murray (b. 1931). Music: *Sine nomine*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958); arr. Robert Roth (b. 1928).

Please stand

*We are praying Eucharistic Prayer B today. It begins on **page 367** in the BCP.*

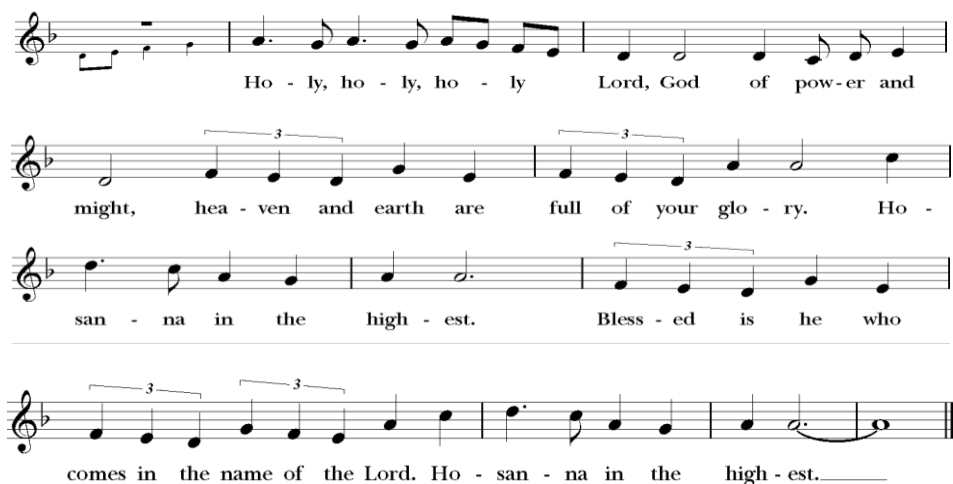
- Bishop: The Lord be with you!
- All: And also with you!
- Bishop: Lift up your hearts.
- All: We lift them up to the Lord.
- Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Bishop: 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, because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus

## Hymnal # S-129



Bishop: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**All:**           **We remember his death,**  
**We proclaim his resurrection,**  
**We await his coming in glory;**

**Bishop:**       And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all;  
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 for ever.

### **The Great Amen**

Hymnal # S-147



*Although we collectively use the contemporary form of the Lord's Prayer,  
you are invited to pray aloud the Lord's prayer in whatever version you find most helpful*

**Bishop:**       As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**All:**           **Our Father in heaven,**  
**hallowed be your Name,**  
**Your kingdom come,**  
**your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**  
**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**  
**now and for ever. Amen.**

**Bishop:**       Alleluia! Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us.

**All:**           **Therefore, let us keep the feast! Alleluia!**

**Bishop:**       These are 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.

*Unison or harmony*

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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**Bishop:** Let us pray together once again.

**All:** Loving God,  
 we give you thanks for restoring us in your image  
 and nourishing us with spiritual food  
 in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

**Now send us forth as a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
 that we may proclaim your love to the world  
 and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen**

*We will take a moment now to offer prayer – both in music and in spoken word – for our Bishop Sally French, our diocese, our congregation, and our world.*

*Dona Nobis Pacem*  
 (Barbara Sweeton and Laura Van Orden)

*Prayer to be prayed by all:*

*God of all wisdom and grace,  
Throughout the ages, you have sent to your people  
leaders filled with your wisdom and grace.  
We offer today prayers of gratitude for our Bishop Sally.  
Fill her with courage and with joy each day.  
Surround her with your grace and sustain her with your power.*

*Bless, too, the French & Johnson families.  
Renew them daily with your love and your peace.  
Under Bishop Sally's leadership,  
grant that your Word may be truly preached in the diocese,  
and truly heard.  
Grant that your sacraments may be faithfully administered  
and faithfully received.*

*By the power of your Spirit,  
help our community to fashion its life in accord with the example of Jesus.*

*Shower the fullness of your love and peace also upon Bruce;  
upon Eleonora, Nancy, and Barbara;  
and upon Susan, Diann, Roger, Salli, Maribeth, Joan, and Ginny.*

*Finally, Lord, we ask that you reach in and touch our hearts.  
Shatter our complacency.  
Make your Word flesh of our flesh, blood of our blood  
And our life's purpose.  
Take away the quietness of a clear conscience.  
Press us uncomfortably in the places where we are too comfortable,  
Give us the discomfort of facing ourselves and our world truthfully,  
for only then will we discover your peace.  
And then fill us with that peace, Lord,  
That we may be instruments of your peace every day.  
Amen.*

#### *Announcements*

*Please stand for the Bishop's blessing*

Bishop: Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

**All: The maker of heaven and earth.**

Bishop: Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

**All: From this time forth for evermore.**

Bishop: The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty,



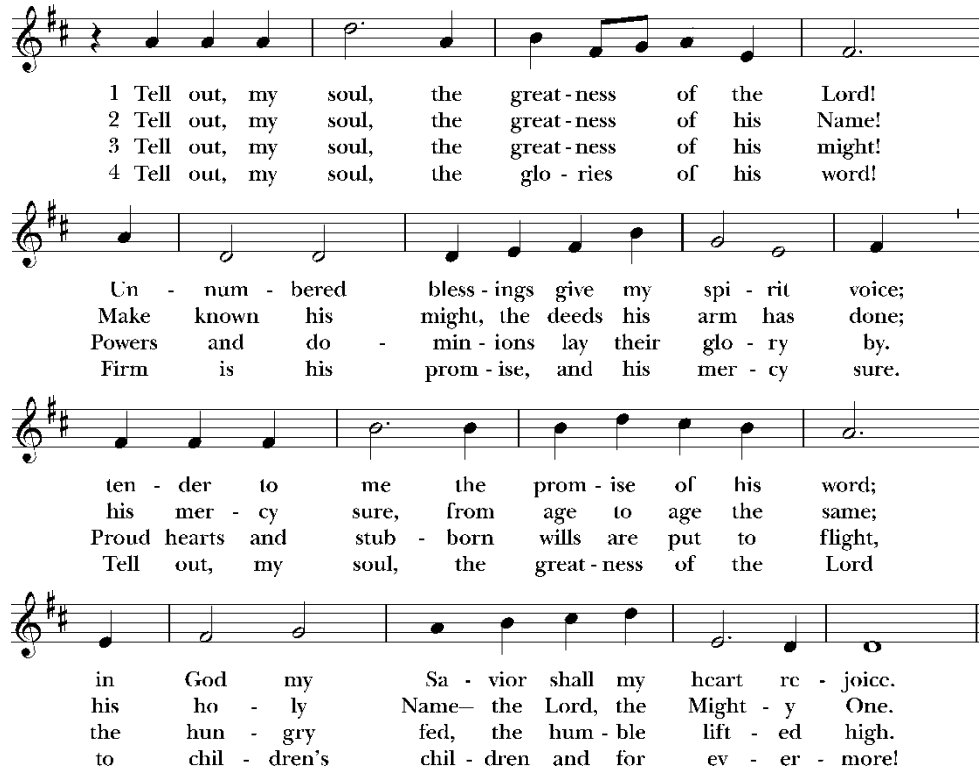
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
Be upon you, and remain with you for ever.

**All:**            **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

*Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord*

*Hymnal # 438*



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!  
2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!  
3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!  
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of his word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.  
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;  
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;  
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,  
Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.  
his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.  
the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.  
to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

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Deacon:    Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**All:**            **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Please join us in the parish house  
for a time of fellowship & refreshment after worship.*