

## SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, May 11, 2025 | Fourth Sunday of Easter

**PRELUDE:** *Intermezzo op.118 #2 by J. Brahms*

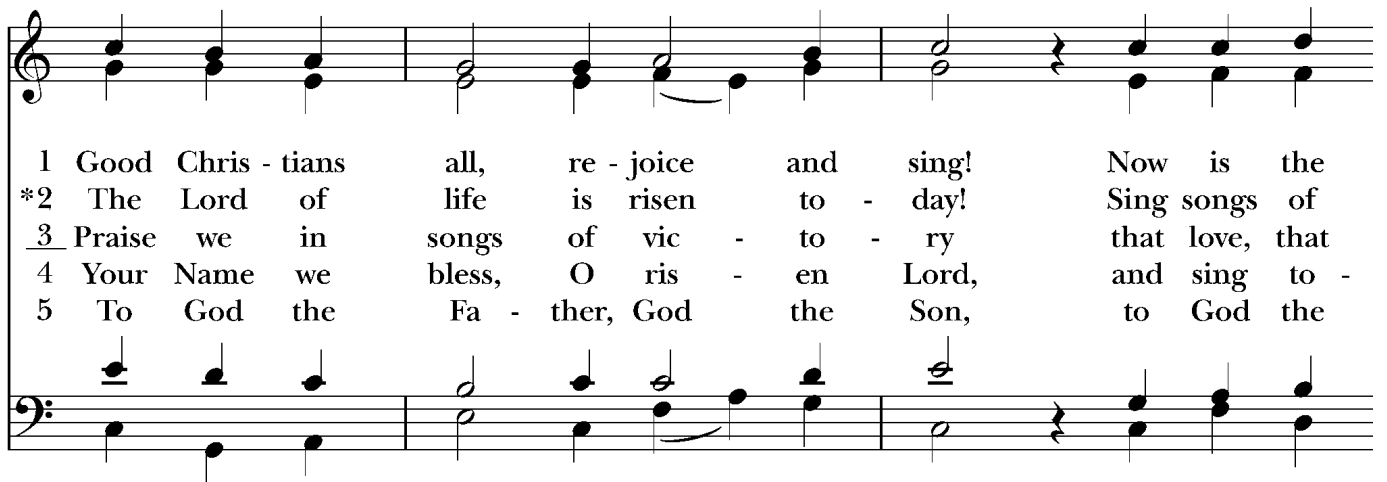
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**WELCOME**

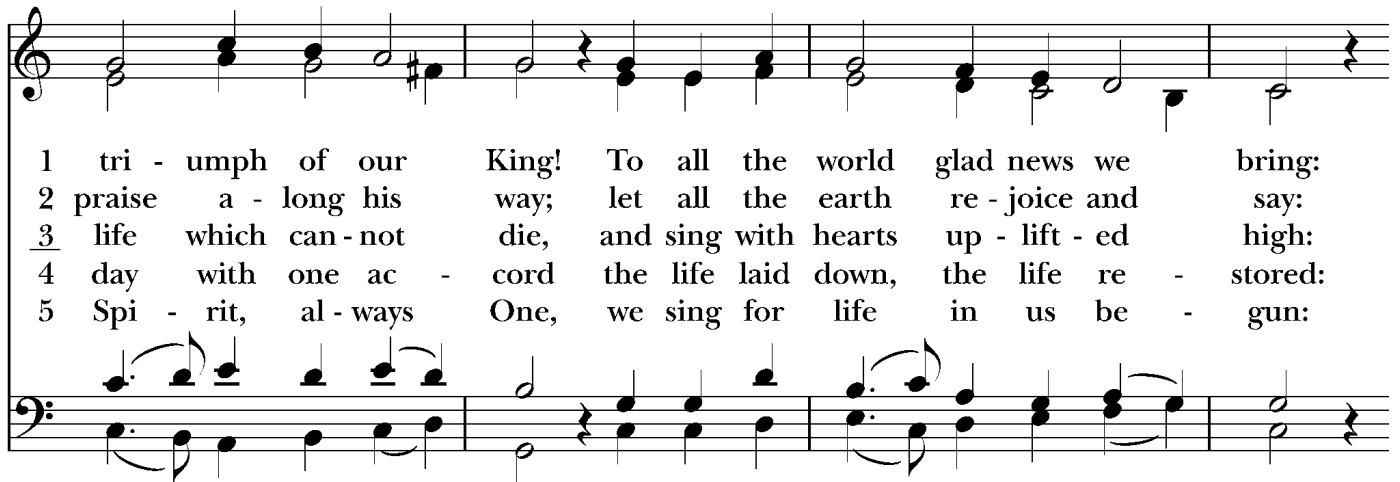
### THE WORD OF GOD

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** *Good Christians all, rejoice and sing*

Hymnal 205 v 1-3



1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the  
\*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that  
4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -  
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the



1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:  
5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

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

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

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

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*All stand as able.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

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. *Amen.*

## GLORIA

Hymnal S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

King, al - mighty 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.

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## THE LESSONS

### FIRST READING

Acts 9:36-43

*People may be seated while the Lector reads.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>36</sup>Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup>At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup>Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup>So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup>Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup>He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup>This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup>Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

*Reader*          The Word of the Lord.

*People*          **Thanks be to God.**

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## PSALM:

Psalm 23

*Lector and people read responsively by whole verse*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; \*

I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**He makes me lie down in green pastures \***

**and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>He revives my soul \*

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**

**I shall fear no evil; \***

**for you are with me;**

**your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \***

**and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

## SECOND READING:

Revelation 7:9-17

*People may remain seated while the LEM reads.*

A Reading from the Revelation of John.

<sup>9</sup>I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

<sup>12</sup>singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honor

and power and might

be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader        The Word of the Lord.

People        **Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN:** *The King of love my shepherd is*

Hymnal 646 v1,2,5

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains five lines of lyrics, with the third and fourth lines marked with an asterisk (\*). The second system contains five lines of lyrics. The melody is primarily in the Soprano part, with the other parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are as follows:

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my  
\* 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but  
\* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with  
5 Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight; thy

1 good - ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
2 ran - somed soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant  
3 yet in love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
4 thee, dear Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my  
5 unc - tion grace be - stow - eth; and oh, what trans - port

1 I am his, and he is mine for ev - er.  
 2 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 3 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 4 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.  
 5 of de - light from thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!

## GOSPEL:

John 10:22-30

*People stand to hear the gospel.*

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

<sup>22</sup>At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE HOMILY

Rev. Fred Chisolm

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## THE CREED

*After a time of reflection, all stand as you are able. We recite in unison:*

**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

*The LEM and the People pray responsively. All remain standing as you are able.*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

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.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For this town of Walpole, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially Missy Wilkins, Erik Lindberg, Mary Warzecha, Matt Pinson, Jessie McKenzie, Brianna Miller, Rebecca Cooper, Avery, Doug Barnes, John Tuttle, Mary Lou Montgomery, and Peggy Pschirrer, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

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.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

*Lord, have mercy.*

In the communion of St. John and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

*To thee, O Lord our God.*

*Silence*

## **COLLECT**

On this Mother's Day, we give thanks to God for the divine gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms. Let us pray for all the mothers among us today; for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away; for the mothers who loved us and the mothers who fell short of loving us fully; for all who hope to be mothers someday and all whose hope to have children has been frustrated; for all mothers who have lost children; for all women and men who have mothered in any way – those who have been our substitute mothers and we who have done so for those in need; and for the earth that bore us and provides us with our sustenance. We pray this in the name of God, our great and loving Mother. **Amen.** (The Rev. Leslie Nipps)

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## CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

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. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*All stand. People may greet one another from their seats.*

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	<b>And also with you.</b>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

## OFFERTORY HYMN *Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest*

Hymnal 306

1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest;  
2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met;  
3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take,  
4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee,

nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;  
thou at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand:  
one Church u - ni - ted in com - mun - ion blest;  
who art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;

thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest  
"This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet:  
one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break,  
then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see;

in thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.  
faith still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.  
with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.  
be known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

## DOXOLOGY

*All stand.*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God all creatures here below.**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host.**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## 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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:** *Holy, holy, holy*

Hymnal S-130

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.

*The People stand or kneel.*

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,

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

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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 St. John and 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. **AMEN.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,,

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 forever. Amen.

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are welcome at the Lord's table.*

*If you wish a blessing, instead of the bread or wine, cross your arms over your chest.  
Gluten free wafers are available; let the priest know at the altar that you'd like one.*



# COMMUNION HYMN *Let us break bread together on our knees*

Hymnal 325



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_  
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_



when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer-cy on me. \_\_\_\_\_



3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_



let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_



when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer-cy on me. \_\_\_\_\_

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*People stand as you are able.*

Let us pray.

**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

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

## RECESSIONAL HYMN *Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim* Hymnal 535 v1-3

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily in the soprano and alto parts, with the piano providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, with the first line being the most prominent. The piano part consists of chords and single notes, often mirroring the vocal lines.

1 Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,  
2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;  
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!  
4 Then let us a - dore, and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;  
and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.  
Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son.  
All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:  
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,  
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,  
 and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.  
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.  
 fall down on their fa - ces, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
 and thanks nev - er - ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

## DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**POSTLUDE:** *Finale from concerto #23 by Mozart*

Vladimir Odinokikh

*Please remain seated and wait to greet each other until after the postlude.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PARISH INFORMATION

### WORKING TOGETHER AT ST. JOHN'S

	<i>This Sunday</i>	<i>Next Sunday</i>
<i>Celebrant:</i>	The Rev. Frederick Chisolm	The Rev. Frederick Chisolm
<i>Rector:</i>	The Rev. Frederick Chisolm	The Rev. Frederick Chisolm
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Deacon Bill Clark	The Rev. Deacon Bill Clark
<i>Organist:</i>	Vladimir Odinkikh	Vladimir Odinkikh
<i>Acolyte:</i>	Lisa Cucuo	Conor O'Donnell
<i>LEM</i>	Drew Street	Andrew Wilking
<i>Lector(s)</i>	Mairin Keleher	Josh Beer
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Andrew Wilking	Karen Proctor
<i>Flowers</i>	Marilyn Wilking	Kris Tyson
<i>Ushers</i>	Joe Cuoco & Bill Tyson	Al Sparks & Mairin Keleher
<i>Counters</i>	Marilyn Wilking & Chas Street	Marilyn Wilking & Chas Street
<i>Hospitality</i>	Taylor Royle	Joe Cuoco & Patti Sparks

### Fall Mountain Food Shelf

During May we will focus on baked beans, hearty soups and peanut butter. These are frequently requested items. Betsy McGuire is our Fall Mountain Food Shelf Coordinator.

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