

**Last Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**The Holy Eucharist Rite Two - Virtual Service**  
**Sunday, February 14, 2021**

**The Word of God**

**PRELUDE**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

**TITLE: *Christ, whose glory fills the skies (Ratisbon) (H 7)***

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,  
2 Dark and cheer - less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;  
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right - eous - ness, a - rise! Tri - umph o'er the shades of night:  
joy - less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,  
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

**OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355) *The people standing, the Celebrant says***

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

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

**COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355) *The Celebrant may say***

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.*

SONG OF PRAISE *The following is sung, all standing*

TITLE: S 280 *Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Powell)*

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.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            And also with you.  
*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**THE LESSONS** *Please be seated for the readings*

### FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

A Reading from the Second book of Kings.

<sup>1</sup>Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." <sup>4</sup>Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." <sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. <sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." <sup>10</sup>He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." <sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

### PSALM: Psalm 50:1-6 (BCP p. 654)

<sup>1</sup>The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; \*  
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

<sup>2</sup>Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*  
God reveals himself in glory.

<sup>3</sup>Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

<sup>4</sup>He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
to witness the judgment of his people.

<sup>5</sup>“Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
 those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”  
<sup>6</sup>Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  
 for God himself is judge.

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

A Reading from Paul's Second letter to the Church in Corinth.

<sup>3</sup>If our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        Thanks be to God.

**SEQUENCE HYMN** *All stand*

**TITLE: Songs of thankfulness and praise (Salzburg) (H 135)**

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,  
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;  
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;  
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;  
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;  
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

**GOSPEL LESSON** *All stand*  
**Mark 9:2-9**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>2</sup>Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. <sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**SERMON:** The Rev. Dr. Mike Sowards

**THE NICENE CREED (BCP p. 358)** *All stand*

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 – Form VI (BCP p. 392)** *You may stand or kneel*  
In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;  
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*  
For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*  
For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*  
For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*  
For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Daniel our Bishop, Mike our Rector and Lou our Deacon;  
and for all bishops and other ministers;  
*For all who serve God in his Church.*  
For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

I ask your prayers for those on the St. James' prayer list: Alatha, Allison, Bernard, Carl, Carol,  
David, Eliza, Ethan, George, Jim, Karen, Lisa, Lisa, Lou and Nick & Elaine.  
Are there others? *(Pause for people to add petitions)*  
Hear us, Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*  
We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, especially  
for Walter & Hazel Bregler and Walter Bregler Jr. in whose names the flowers have been given.  
Are there others? *(Pause for people to add petitions)*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*  
We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

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*

*Celebrant*           The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*               And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. Please remain in your pew and offer a bow as a sign of peace.*

## The Holy Communion

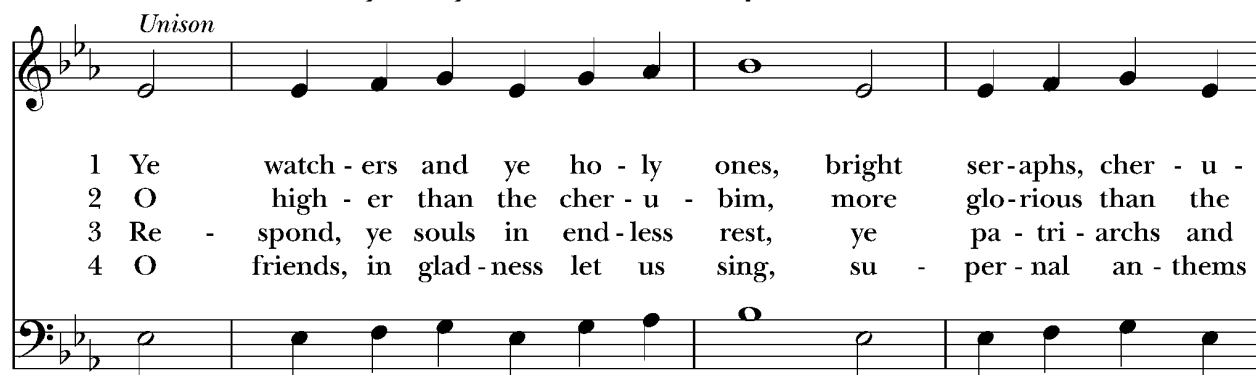
**OFFERTORY SENTENCE** *The Celebrant says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.  
*Ephesians 5:2*

**OFFERTORY HYMN** *All stand*

**TITLE:** *Ye watchers and ye holy ones (Lasst uns erfreuen) (H 618)*

*Unison*



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright ser - aphs, cher - u -  
2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more glo - rious than the  
3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye pa - tri - archs and  
4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su - per - nal an - thems

*Harmony* *Unison*

bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Al - le - lu - ia! Cry  
 ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou  
 pro - phets blest, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ye  
 ech - o - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! To

out, do - min - ions, prince - doms, powers, vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'  
 bear - er of the e - ter - nal Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the  
 ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the  
 God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in

*Harmony*

choirs, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 Lord, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 song, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 One, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

*Unison*

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



**DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B**

**SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 367) *The People remain standing***

*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.

**PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 367) *Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds***

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

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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 (sung)**

**TITLE: S 125 *Holy, holy, holy (Proulx)***

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION *The People stand or kneel***

*The Celebrant continues.*

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,

*Celebrant and People*

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

**EPICLESIS (BCP p. 369)** *The Celebrant continues*

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. James 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**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

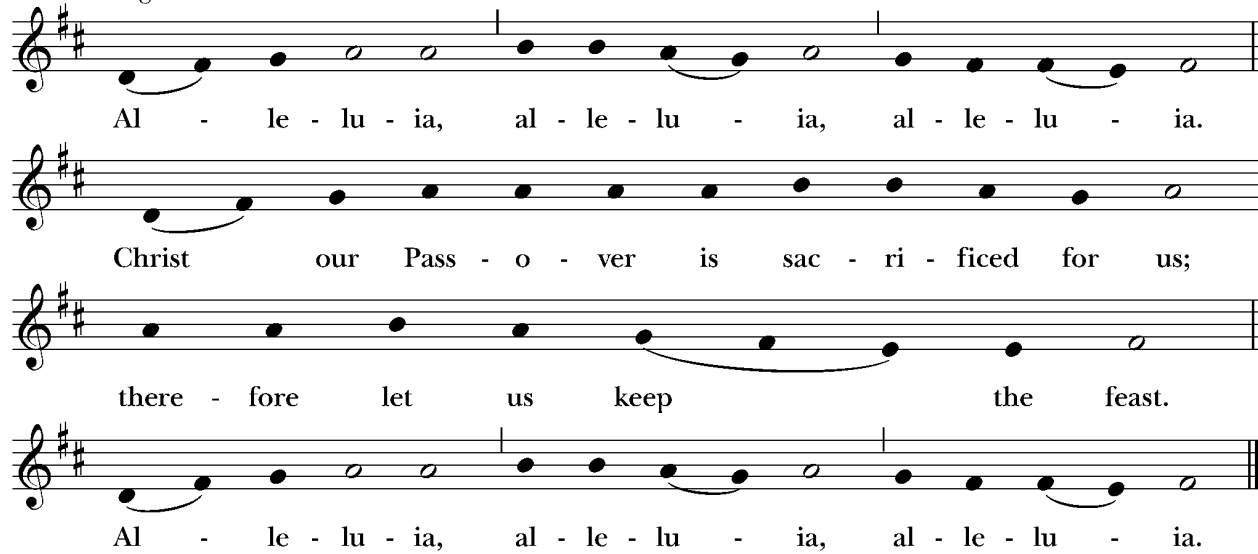
Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**FRACTION ANTHEM** (sung)

**TITLE: S 154 Christ our Passover (Hurd)**

*This setting is not used in Lent.*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

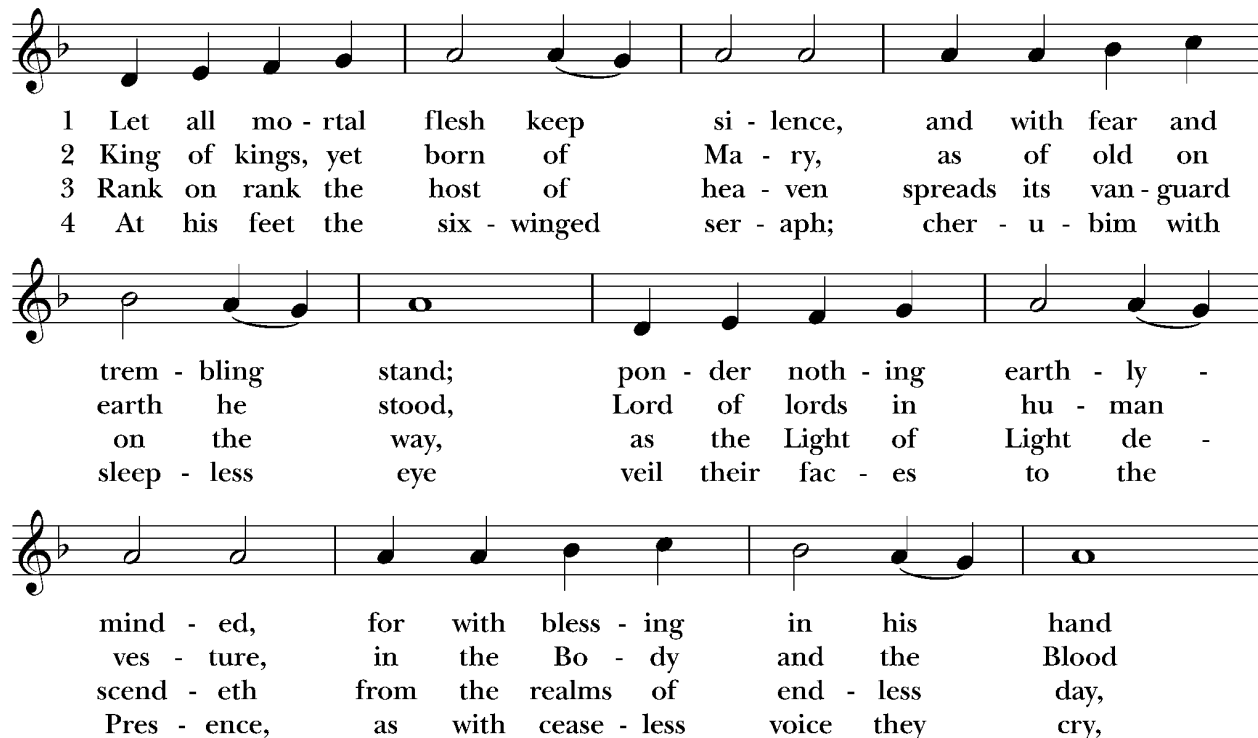
**INVITATION (BCP p. 364)** *The Celebrant says*

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.

**DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)** *The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

**TITLE: Let all mortal flesh keep silence (Picardy) (H 324)**



1 Let all mortal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and  
2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on  
3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard  
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with  
trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -  
earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man  
on the way, as the Light of Light de -  
sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the  
mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood  
scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,  
Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,

Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,  
 he will give to all the faith - ful  
 that the powers of hell may va - nish  
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

our full hom - age to de - mand.  
 his own self for heaven - ly food.  
 as the dark - ness clears a - way.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)**

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People:* 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.

**PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

In the Book of Common Prayer it states: If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but, by reason of extreme sickness or physical disability, is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth. (BCP, p, 457) During this time of isolation due to the pandemic we are unable to gather. This restriction creates a physical disability causing us to be separated. Despite our separation, we are assured of the benefits of God’s grace given to us at the Eucharist. Please pray this prayer with me:

*Celebrant and people:* My, Jesus, I know that you are present in the Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (*Prayer by St. Alphonsus (1696-1787)*)

**BLESSING**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

TITLE: *Alleluia! sing to Jesus (Hyfrydol)* (H 460)

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the  
 \*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the  
 \*5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the

1 scap - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the  
 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is  
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the  
 4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of  
 5 scap - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the  
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the  
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -  
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -  
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a  
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty  
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,  
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our  
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery  
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his  
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the  
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and  
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.  
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

**DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)**

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

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

**POSTLUDE**