

# Welcome

February 2, 2025

The Presentation of Our Lord

The Holy Eucharist: Rite 2

(BCP p. 355)

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## Thanksgivings

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 5:3-10

- A beautiful Celebration of Life for Jerry Knight.
- A good Annual Congregational Meeting filled with intentional conversations and engagement.



# Prayer List

The Roberts family, Don Richardson, Sister D. Bracher, Norm Guiler, Bobby Knight and family, Scott Helmer, Bob MacEwan, Aidan Dike, Peggy Sherrill, Kimball Bergerud, Jaime Riches, James Sipe, Lillie Makumbi, Scarlett Riggs, Cathryn Wilkerson and Bill McAdams, Cliff Sipe, and Kathy Scholl.

Rest of the soul of Dan Roberts.



# Welcome

**“Every person is welcome at God’s Table”**—this is what we say every Sunday morning, and we truly mean it. It guides our lives and our ministries here at St. James, Kent. Whoever you are—whatever your story, your circumstances, your hopes, and your gifts—you are truly and completely welcome with us.

## **Land Acknowledgment**

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Prelude

**How Good, Lord,  
To Be Here**

Potsdam

*James Jelasic, Organ*



Welcoming Hymn  
**Sing We of the  
Blessed Mother**  
1982 Hymnal 278, v. 1-4

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Sing we of the blessed Mother  
who received the angel's word,  
and obedient to the summons  
bore in love the infant Lord;  
sing we of the joys of Mary  
at whose breast the child was fed  
who is Son of God eternal  
and the everlasting Bread.



Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,  
of the sword that pierced her through,  
when beneath the cross of Jesus  
she his weight of suffering knew,  
looked upon her Son and Savior  
reigning from the awful tree,  
saw the price of our redemption  
paid to set the sinner free.

Sing again the joys of Mary  
when she saw the risen Lord,  
and in prayer with Christ's apostles,  
waited on his promised word;  
from on high the blazing glory  
of the Spirit's presence came,  
heavenly breath of God's own being,  
manifest in wind and flame.

Sing the chiefest joy of Mary  
when on earth her work was done,  
and the Lord of all creation  
brought her to his heavenly home;  
where, raised high with saints and angels,  
in Jerusalem above,  
she beholds her son and Savior  
reigning as the Lord of love.

# The Word of God

*(The Holy Eucharist: Rite 2, BCP p. 355; all standing as able)*

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People and blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Presider 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.***

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**Sing a New Church**

*Written by Delores Dufner, OSB*

Lyrics sung to the hymn tune

Come Thou Fount - 1982 Hymnal 686

## Sing a New Church

Summoned by the God who made us  
rich in our diversity  
Gathered in the name of Jesus  
richer still in unity.

Let us bring the gifts that differ  
and, in splendid, varied ways  
Sing a new Church into being,  
one in faith and love and praise.

## Sing a New Church

Draw together at one table,  
all the human family;  
Shape a circle ever wider  
and a people ever free.

Let us bring the gifts that differ  
and, in splendid, varied ways,  
Sing a new Church into being,  
one in faith and love and praise.

# The Collect of the Day

*(The Presentation of Our Lord/The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany; all standing as able)*


**Presider** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Presider** Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with





pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who  
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*(the people are seated)*

# The Lessons

## The Old Testament: A Reading from Malachi 3:1-4.

*All scriptures are from the NRSV.*

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he

appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Lector    The Word of the Lord.

**People    Thanks be to God.**

# The Psalm: A responsive reading from Psalm 24:7-10.

Lift up your heads, O gates;

lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*

**and the King of glory shall come in.**

“Who is this King of glory?” \*

**“The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in battle.”**

Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
**and the King of glory shall come in.**

“Who is he, this King of glory?” \*

**“The LORD of hosts,  
he is the King of glory.”**

## **The Epistle: A reading from Hebrews 2:14-18.**

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in

every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Lector    The Word of the Lord.

**People    Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel** *(all standing as able)*

**Presider** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 2:22-40.

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a



sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him

what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the

falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.” There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise

God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. 39 When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Presider     The Gospel of the Lord.

**People     Praise to you Lord Christ.**

*(the people are seated)*



# **Sermon**

The Rev. Ruth Anne Garcia  
Priest in Charge



We pause for reflection...

**The Nicene Creed** *(BCP p. 358, all standing as able)*

**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.



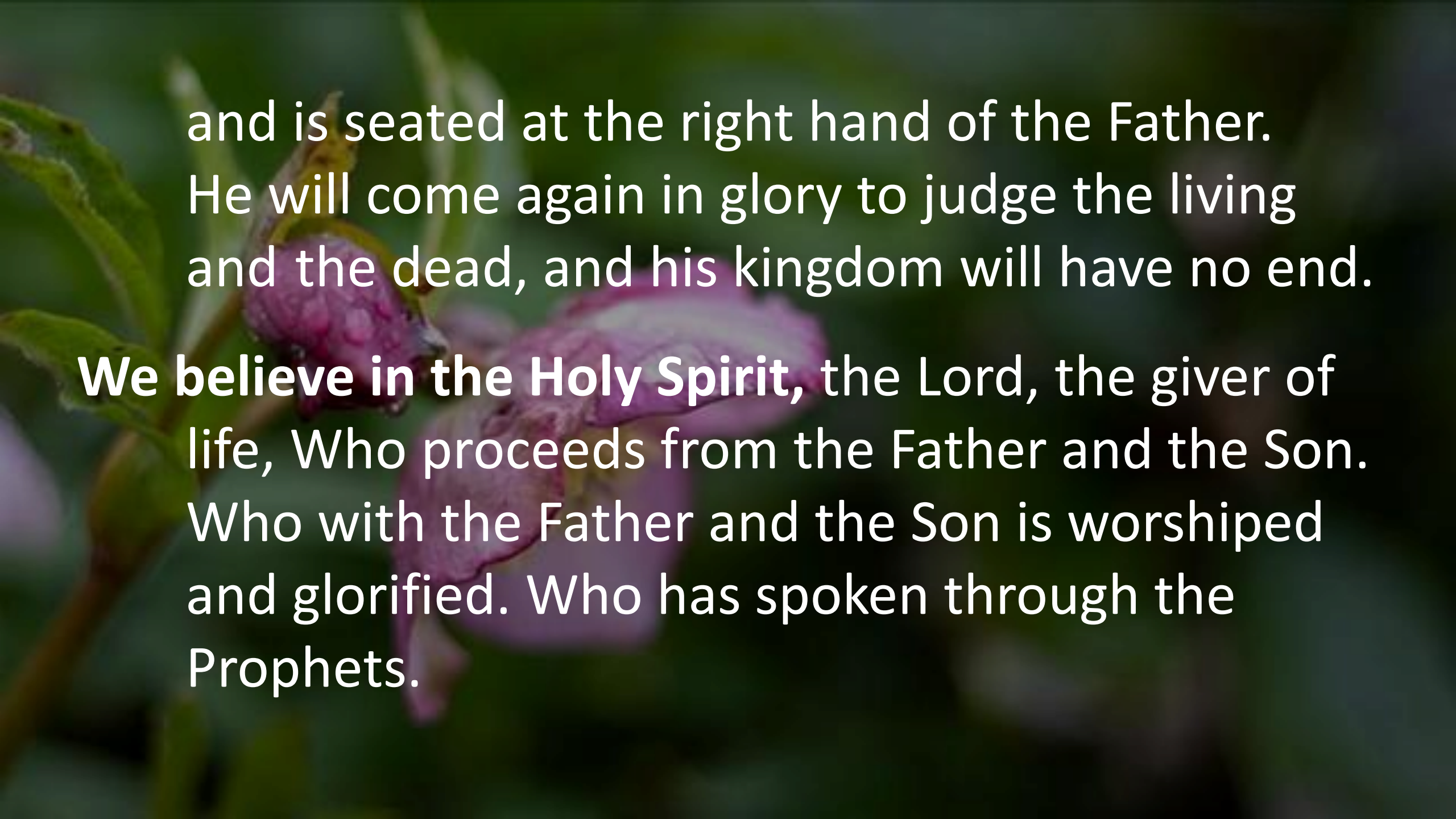
Through him all things were made.

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.  
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped  
and glorified. Who 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.**

# Prayers of the People

*(Form IV, BCP p. 388; all standing as able)*

**Leader** Let us pray for the church and the world.  
Grant, Almighty God, that all who  
confess your Name may be united in  
your truth, live together in your love,  
and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**People** Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations,  
in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor  
one another and serve the common good.

*Silence.* Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own  
creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the  
service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence.* Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence.* Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. In our St. James community, we pray for:

the Roberts family, Don Richardson, Sister D. Bracher, Norm Guiler, Bobby Knight and family, Scott Helmer, Bob MacEwan, Aidan Dike, Peggy Sherrill, Kimball Bergerud, Jaime Riches, James Sipe, Lillie Makumbi, Scarlett Riggs, Cathryn Wilkerson and Bill McAdams, Cliff Sipe, and Kathy Scholl.

*Silence.* Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the repose of the soul of Dan Roberts.  
We commend to your mercy all who have died, that  
your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that  
we may share with all your saints in your eternal  
kingdom.

*Silence.* Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Presider      Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you  
have made us one with your saints in

heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**





**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.**

# The Absolution

Presider      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 people stand as able)*



## **The Peace**

**Presider**

The peace of the Lord be  
always with you!

**People**

**And also with you!**

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## Offertory Sentence

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters,  
by the mercies of God, to present  
yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy  
and acceptable to God, which is your  
spiritual worship.

*Romans 12:1*



Offertory

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# The Doxology

*(all standing as able)*

1982 Hymnal 380, v. 3

**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 Holy Eucharist

*Eucharistic Prayer C (BCP p. 369, all standing as able)*

Presider The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

**People We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People It is right to give God thanks and  
praise.**

Presider God of all power, Ruler of the Universe,  
you are worthy of glory and praise.

**People Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider At your command all things came to be:  
the vast expanse of interstellar space,  
galaxies, suns, the planets in their  
courses, and this fragile earth, our island  
home.

**People By your will they were created and have  
their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**People      Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in  
                 your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son,

born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**People By his blood, he reconciled us.**

**By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus* 1982 Hymnal S130**

**† Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**† Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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." †

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**People      We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Lord God of our Mothers: God of Sarah, Rebekah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.



**People      Risen Lord, be known to us in the  
                 breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through  
Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you  
and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory,  
and worship, from generation to generation.

**Amen. †**

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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

**Presider** Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People** **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## **Invitation to Communion**

**Presider** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## Communion Hymns

*(Communicants come forward to receive the Bread and the Cup, standing or kneeling as desired; if you are unable to come forward the Bread and Cup will be brought to you.)*

**How Bright Appears the Morning Star**

1982 Hymnal 497

**The Great Creator of the World**

1982 Hymnal 489

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## **Post Communion Prayer** *(all standing as able)*

Presider 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.**



# The Blessing

*(all standing as able)*

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you,  
that your lives may be a light to the world;  
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father,  
the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you,  
and remain with you always. **Amen.**



Sending Hymn

**Lift Up Your Heads,  
Ye Mighty Gates**  
1982 Hymnal 436, v. 1-5

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Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;  
    behold the King of glory waits!  
The King of kings is drawing near;  
    the Savior of the world is here.



O blest the land, the city blest,  
where Christ the ruler is confessed!  
O happy hearts and happy homes  
to whom this King of triumph comes!

Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
make it a temple, set apart  
from earthly use for heaven's employ,  
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide  
my heart to thee: here, Lord, abide!  
Let me thy inner presence feel:  
thy grace and love in me reveal.

So come, my Sovereign; enter in!  
Let new and nobler life begin;  
thy Holy Spirit guide us on,  
until the glorious crown be won.



## The Dismissal

**Presider** Let us go forth rejoicing in the  
power of the Spirit!

Alleluia, alleluia!

**People** **Thanks be to God!**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**



Postlude

**Lift Up Your Heads,  
Ye Mighty Gates**  
*James Jelasic, Organ*