

# ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 8 2021, 10:15 AM

YOU ARE VERY WELCOME TO OUR EUCHARIST SERVICE!  
The entire service is printed below;  
you'll need no books or other materials to follow along.

The Priest or Leader will say the items in regular type.  
**You are invited to say aloud the items printed in boldface.**

PRELUDE

BASSE DE CROMORNE, N. L. CLERAMBAULT

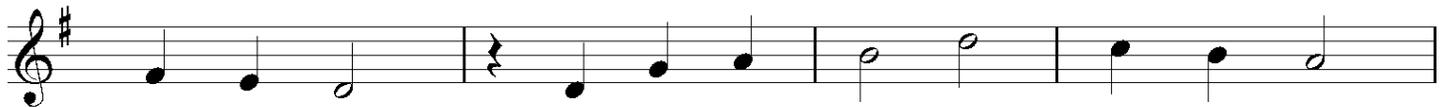
All stand and join in singing,

OPENING HYMN

THE HYMNAL 1982 #49



1 Come, let us with our Lord a - rise, our Lord who made both  
2 This is the day the Lord hath made that all may see his  
3 Then let us ren - der him his own, with sol - emn prayer ap -



earth and skies, who died to save the world he made  
love dis - played, may feel his re - sur - rec - tion's power  
proach the throne, with meek - ness hear the gos - pel word,



and rose tri - um - phant from the dead; he rose, the  
and rise a - gain to fall no more, in per - fect  
with thanks his dy - ing love re - cord; our joy - ful



prince of life and peace, and stamped the day for ev - er his.  
 right-eous-ness re - newed and filled with all the life of God.  
 hearts and voic - es raise and fill his courts with songs of praise.

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## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

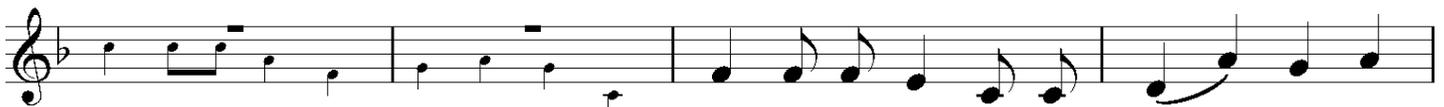
**People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

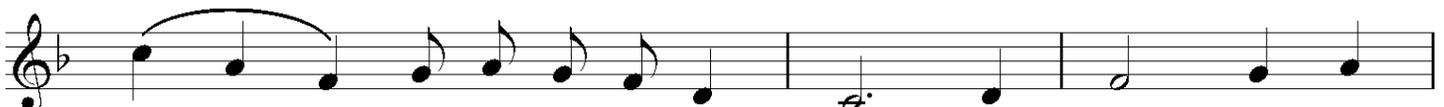
**All: Amen.**

## GLORIA

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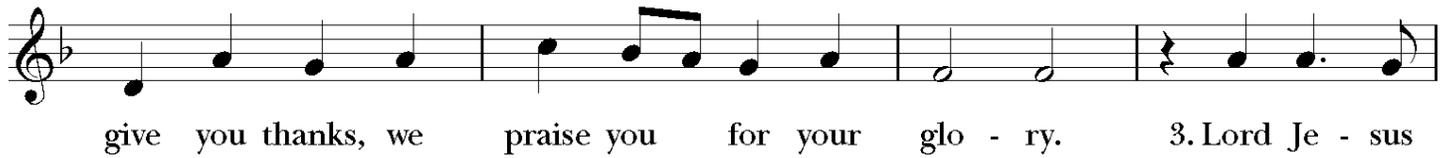
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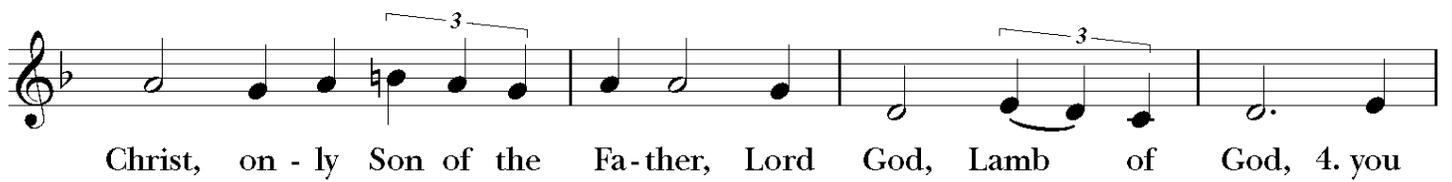
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



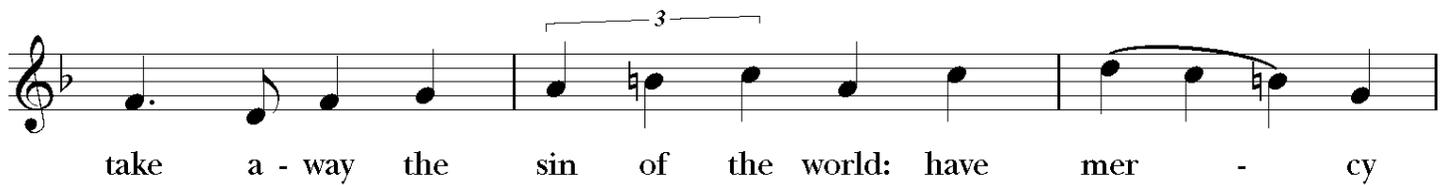
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



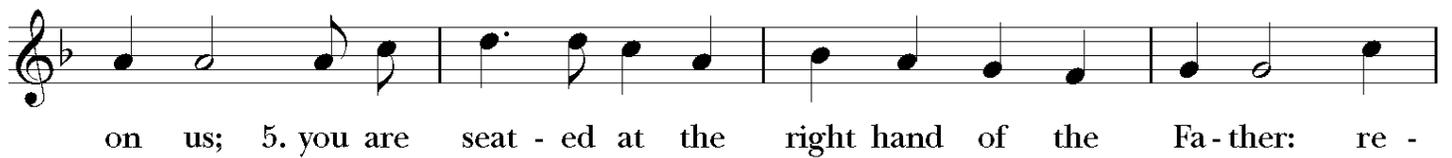
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus



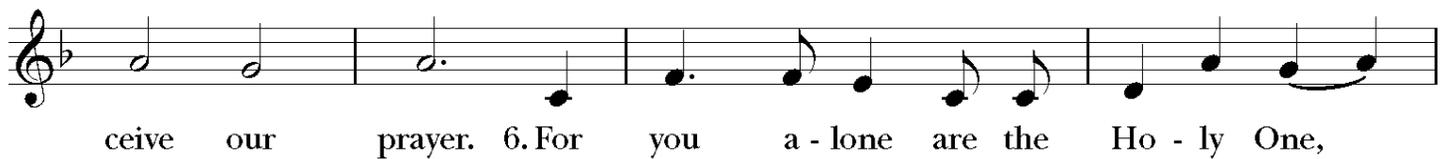
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy



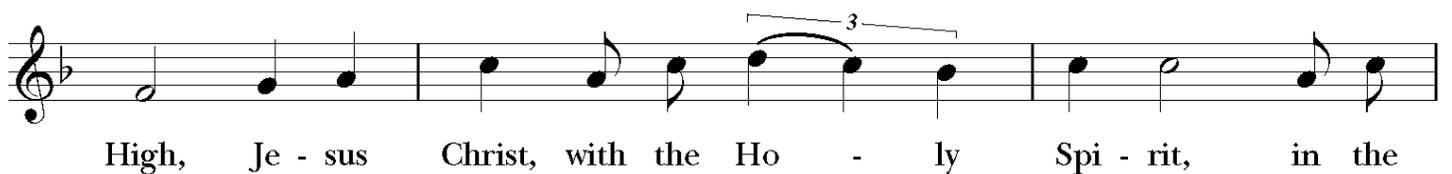
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re -



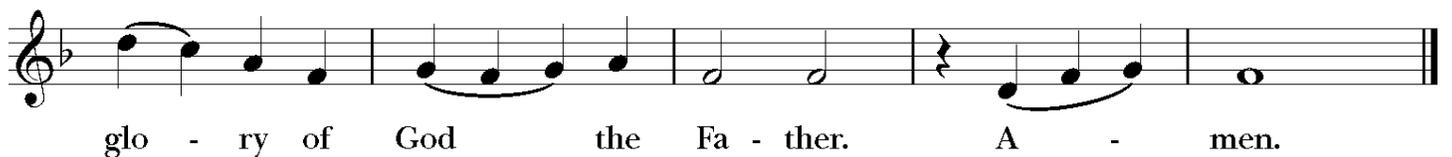
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,



you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the



glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

The People are seated for the lessons.

## THE FIRST READING

1 KINGS 19:4-8

A reading from the First Book of Kings.

Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

PSALM 34:1-8

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; \*  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the Lord; \*  
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; \*  
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me \*  
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, \*  
and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me \*  
and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, \*  
and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; \*  
happy are they who trust in him!

## THE SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 4:25-5:2

A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

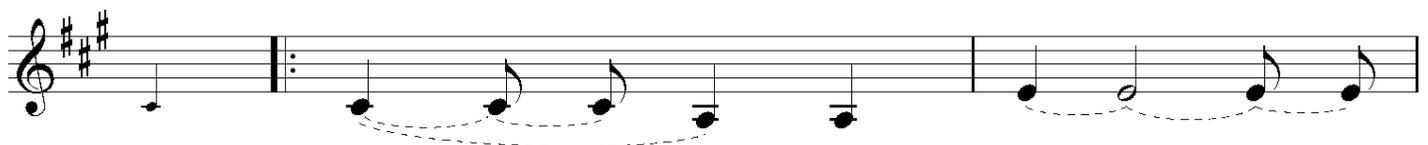
Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## SEQUENCE HYMN

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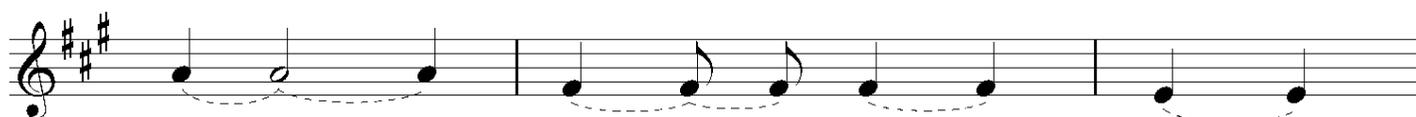
1	I	am	the	bread	of	life;_____	they	who
2 (The)	Bread	that_____	I	will	give_____	is	my	
3 (Un-)	less_____		you	eat_____	of	the		
4	I	am	the	re - sur -	rec - tion,_____			
5 (Yes,)	Lord,_____	we	be	-	lieve_____	that_____		



1 come to me shall not hun - ger; they who be -  
2 Flesh for the life of the world, and they who  
3 Flesh of the Son of Man and  
4 I am the life. They who be -  
5 you are the Christ, the



1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
2 eat of this bread, they shall live for  
3 drink of his Blood, you shall not have life with -  
4 lieve in me, e - ven if they  
5 Son of God who has



1 me un - less the Fa - ther draw them.  
2 ev - er. they shall live for ev - er.  
3 in you. you shall not have life with - in you.  
4 die, they shall live for ev - er.  
5 come in - to the world.



And I will raise them up, and I will raise them



And I will raise them up, and I will raise them



up, and I will raise them up on the

last day. Yes, day.

1-4 Final Ending

2 The  
3 Un- day.  
4 —  
5 Yes,  
(♩)

*The descant may be sung after stanzas 4 and 5.*

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The People stand as they are able for the Gospel,

## THE GOSPEL

JOHN 6:35, 41-51

The Gospeler introduces the Gospel and the People respond,

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

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Reader:     The Gospel of the Lord.

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

At the invitation of the Preacher, the People are seated.

## THE HOMILY

THE REV. JERRY LASLEY

## THE NICENE CREED

**All:           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 People stand as they are able during the prayers. The Leader and People pray responsively.

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.  
Silence  
For all people in their daily life and work;

**People:** For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

**People:** For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

**People:** For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**People:** For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**People:** For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Skip our Assisting Bishop, for Jerry, our Priest; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**People:** For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially Marti, Kitty, Cece, Dahna, Debbie, Loni, Lorli, Michael, Donna Jo, Christine, Jennifer and Rick.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud.

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

**People:** For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings either silently or aloud.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**People:** And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal Kingdom.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud.

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**People:** Who put their trust in you.

The Priest adds a concluding Collect.

**All:** Amen.

All stand or kneel as they are able.

## THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All: 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.**

Priest: 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.

**All: Amen.**

Priest: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

## OFFERTORY SOLO

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

All stand or kneel as they are able.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

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

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Priest: 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; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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

THE HYMNAL 1982 #S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

Priest: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

Priest: On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Priest: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.

**All: Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Priest: 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

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Priest: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to share in this sacred meal. This offering of the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ is for you, a precious child of God.

At this time, if you are joining us in-person, please carefully form a single line in the middle aisle beginning with the front rows and working back as space allows. Please make sure to stay at least six feet away from anyone not in your household and keep your mask on.

The Priest will distribute Communion wafers. Please keep your mask on as you approach then process to the left or right depending on where you are sitting. Please wait until you are far from the Priest and others before carefully removing your masks to partake of Communion. Please replace your mask as quickly as you are able.

All stand as they are able.

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray.

**All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

The Presider blesses the People, and the People respond,

**People: Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

THE HYMNAL 1982 #393



1 Praise our great and gra - cious Lord, call up - on his ho - ly Name;  
2 God has given the cloud by day, given the mov - ing fire by night;



raisi - ng hymns in glad ac - cord, all his might - y acts pro - claim:  
guides his Is - rael on their way from the dark - ness in - to light.



how he leads his cho - sen un - to Ca - naan's prom - ised land,  
God it is who grants us sure re - treat and re - fuge nigh;



how the word we have heard firm and change - less still shall stand.  
light of dawn leads us on: 'tis the Day - spring from on high.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE DISMISSAL

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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