

# ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 19, 2022, 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

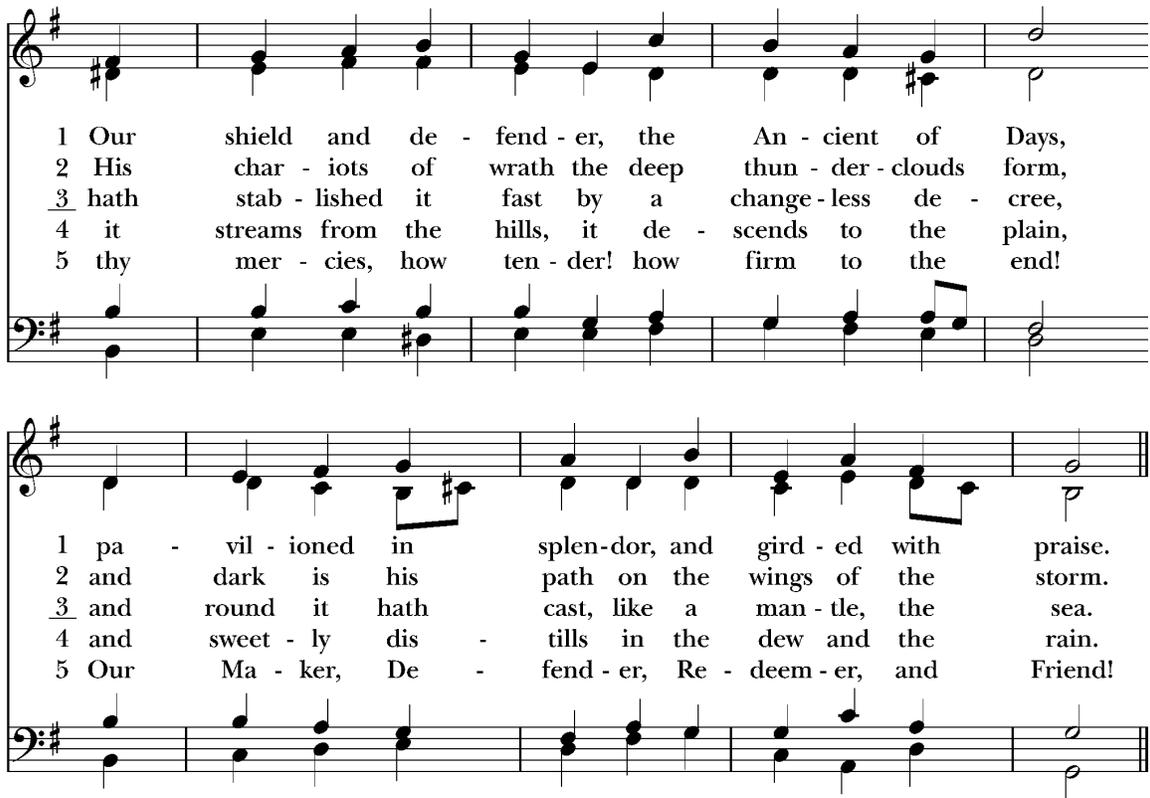
*All stand and join in singing,*

## OPENING HYMN

THE HYMNAL 1982 #388

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!  
2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!  
3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,  
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?  
5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!  
2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.  
3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,  
4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;



1 Our shield and defend-er, the An-cient of Days,  
 2 His char-iots of wrath the deep thun-der-clouds form,  
 3 hath stab-lished it fast by a change-less de-cree,  
 4 it streams from the hills, it de-scends to the plain,  
 5 thy mer-cies, how ten-der! how firm to the end!

1 pa-vil-ioned in splen-dor, and gird-ed with praise.  
 2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.  
 3 and round it hath cast, like a man-tle, the sea.  
 4 and sweet-ly dis-tills in the dew and the rain.  
 5 Our Ma-ker, De-fend-er, Re-deem-er, and Friend!

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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.**

1. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord  
 God of our fa - thers; \_\_\_\_\_ you are wor - thy of praise;  
 glo - ry to you. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Glo - ry to you \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_ for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; \_\_\_\_\_ we will  
 praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Glo - ry to you \_\_\_\_\_ in the splen - dor of your  
 tem - ple; \_\_\_\_\_ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to  
 you. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -  
 ween the Cher - u - bim; \_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and  
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

*Descant*

5. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ be -  
5. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ be - hold - ing the

hold - ing the depths; \_\_\_\_\_ in the high vault of  
depths; \_\_\_\_\_ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_  
you. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Fa - ther,

— Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will  
Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; \_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you! \_\_\_\_\_  
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; 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 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15A

A reading from the First Book of Kings.

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself 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. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have

forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

## PSALM 43

- 1 Give judgment for me, O God,  
and defend my cause against an ungodly people; \*  
deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.
- 2 For you are the God of my strength;  
why have you put me from you? \*  
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?
- 3 Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, \*  
and bring me to your holy hill  
and to your dwelling;
- 4 That I may go to the altar of God,  
to the God of my joy and gladness; \*  
and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.
- 5 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
and why are you so disquieted within me?

6 Put your trust in God; \*  
for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

## THE SECOND READING

GALATIANS 3:23-29

A reading from Pauls' Letter to the Galatians.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

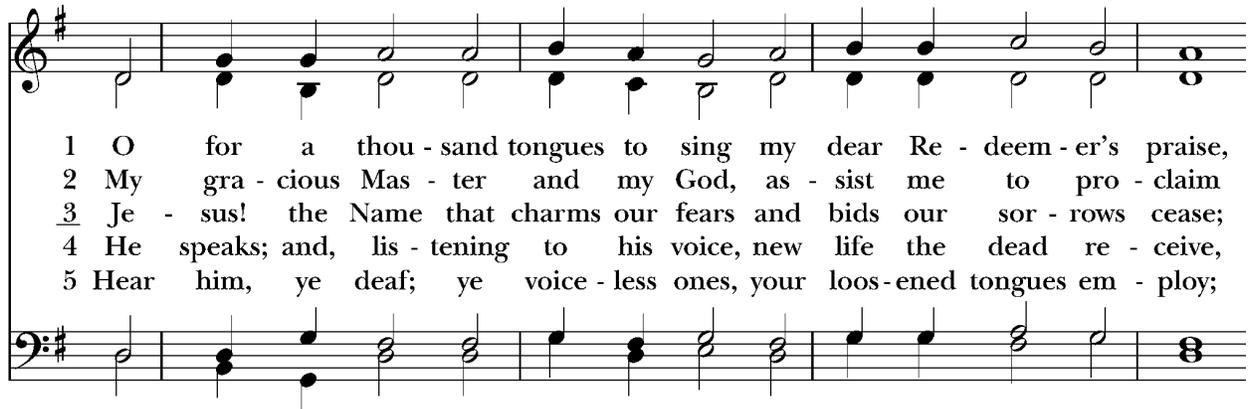
Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

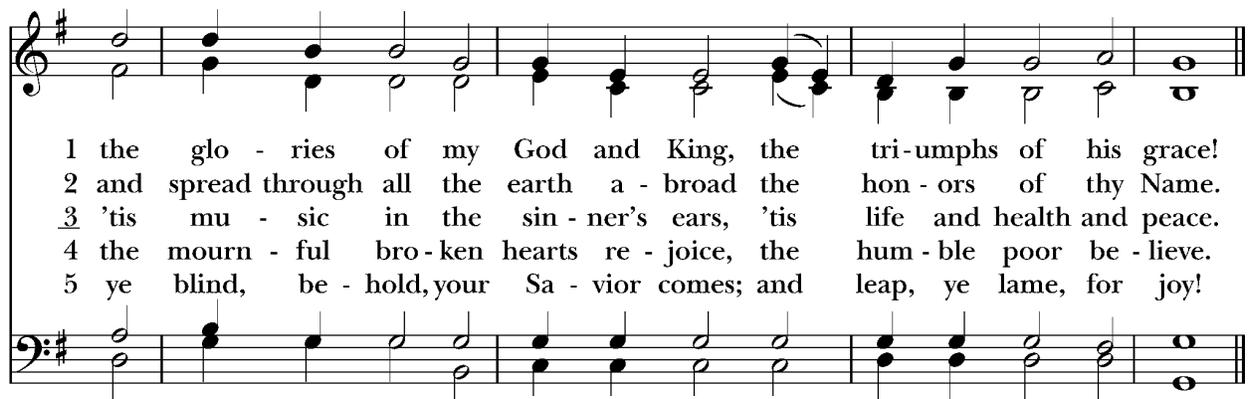
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SEQUENCE HYMN

THE HYMNAL 1982 #493



1 O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,  
2 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim  
3 Jesus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease;  
4 He speaks; and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive,  
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voiceless ones, your loosened tongues employ;



1 the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!  
2 and spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy Name.  
3 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
4 the mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.  
5 ye blind, behold, your Savior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love  
be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above,  
the Church in earth and heaven.

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*The Gospeler introduces the Gospel and the People respond,*

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

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

*All stand as they are able.*

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: There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female; for all of us are one in Christ Jesus. Let us pray as one body, saying, “We put our trust in you, O God; *hear us; answer us; and send us forth.*”

Send out your light and your truth that they may lead your people into the joy and gladness we experience at your altar. Send us out to shine our light and share our joy.

*Silence.*

We put our trust in you, O God;

**People: hear us; answer us; and send us forth.**

Leader: God our strength, remember those who feel forgotten, be the salvation for those who are being oppressed. Defend the cause of the innocent. Deliver the world from wickedness.

*Silence.*

We put our trust in you, O God;

**People: hear us; answer us; and send us forth.**

Leader: You, O Lord, grant your loving-kindness in the daytime, the night is filled with your songs: we thank you for blessing your creation with your presence in all times and all seasons.

*The People add their thanksgivings.*

*Silence.*

We put our trust in you, O God;

**People: hear us; answer us; and send us forth.**

Leader: Lord Jesus, break the chains of those held in bondage. Restore those forgotten by society. May all prisoners and captives, by the power of your love and mercy, have their dignity renewed.

*Silence.*

We put our trust in you, O God;

**People: hear us; answer us; and send us forth.**

Leader: We pray for those weighed down by heavy souls. We pray for those who feel like they are in over their heads; for the disquieted and for the ill.

We pray especially for Rachel, Mary, Carlton, Carol, Bill, Ken, Merrilyn, Mabelle, Dorothy, Mike, Lucinda, Barbara, Gwen, Nell, Pat, Bob, Marty, Grace, John, and Bill, Jr.

*The People add their petitions.*

*Silence.*

We put our trust in you, O God;

**People: hear us; answer us; and send us forth.**

Leader: O God, in Christ Jesus you have made us your children. We pray for the dying and the dead. Bring them into your heavenly dwelling where they may be at home with you forever.

*Silence.*

We put our trust in you, O God;

**People: hear us; answer us; and send us forth.**

Priest: I invite you to join me in prayer for those involved in the church shooting this last week in Alabama and all those in our nation who have been a victim of gun violence:

**All: Eternal God of love, we know that you do not willingly inflict pain upon or grieve your children, and your dream for all is life abundant.**

**We come to you now in sorrow and sadness at the death and violence inflicted on our siblings of St. Stephen's Church in Vestavia Hills, Alabama. Receive the souls of those who have died. Grant them peace in your arms of love. Be with those who are injured and suffer, those who are grieving, and those who are frightened and dispirited. Help us as a nation to find ways to bring an end to this scourge of violence, which hurts your children and our human family. Give us the strength we need, the courage we must have, and the faith in you that will see us through. All this we pray and ask in the name of the prince of peace—your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Silence.*

*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: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offering and come into his courts. *Psalms 96:8*

## OFFERTORY

BE THOU MY VISION, RALPH VAUGHN WILLIAMS  
BOBBIE GOERGEN, SOLOIST

**The offering plates are located near the entrance to the sanctuary.** No plates will be passed, please place any offerings you have in a plate on your way into or out of the worship space. Thank you!

## 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.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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-125

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.

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.

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: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Priest: 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.

*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.*

*The Priest will distribute communion wafers. A Lay Eucharistic Minister will distribute the wine from the common cup. Please drink from the common cup only – do not intinct (dip your bread)!*

*If you do not wish to receive either the wine or both the bread and wine, please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this and to receive a blessing.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*All stand as they are able.*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray.

**All: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*The Priest blesses the People and the People respond,*

**People: Amen.**

*Unison or harmony*

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in  
 2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -  
 3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

him no South or North, but one great fel - low -  
 e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther  
 him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
 as his child is sure - ly kin to me.  
 one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

Words: John Oxenham (1852-1941), alt.

Music: *McKee*, Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and harm. Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949)

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## THE DISMISSAL

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

JOIN US FOLLOWING THIS SERVICE FOR COFFEE HOUR IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.  
ALL ARE WELCOME!

### ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH LEADERSHIP

The Rt. Rev. Prince G. Singh, Bishop Provisional | The Reverend Jerry Lasley, Rector  
The Reverend Dr. Michael Carr, Priest in Residence  
The Reverend Elizabeth Morris Downie, Assistant Emeritus  
Nada Radakovich, Director of Music | Elizabeth Sailus, Administrative Assistant  
Jeffrey Walker, Parish Organist | Joel Stoeklin, Sexton

### VESTRY 2022

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