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St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church

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May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. Family Eucharist

Contemplative Service

Please maintain silence in the sanctuary, before and after service

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Preacher: Jill Parsons

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WELCOME

We are glad you have joined us for worship this morning. We ask that you please turn all cell phones and other electronic devices to silent or "off".

After the service, we invite newcomers (and others!) to visit our Welcome Table downstairs in the Lounge. This is a place where you can learn more about the various activities and groups here at St. John's, find contact information, ways to get involved and have fun!

Ministering today at our 10:00 a.m. service:

<i>Celebrant:</i>	<i>The Reverend Patrick Blaney</i>
<i>Liturgical Assistant & Preacher:</i>	<i>Jill Parsons</i>
<i>Crucifer and Server:</i>	<i>Hazel Breakey</i>
<i>Choir Director:</i>	<i>Christie Smith</i>
<i>Music Director:</i>	<i>Galina Martyniuk, piano and organ</i>
<i>Readers:</i>	<i>Ann Burch, Hazel Breakey</i>
<i>Intercessor:</i>	<i>The Choir</i>
<i>Eucharistic Administrators:</i>	<i>Alison Brookfield, Hazel Breakey</i>
<i>Welcome Table:</i>	<i>Christie Smith</i>

Flowers in the Sanctuary today *The 2024 Flower Calendar is in the Narthex. Please sign up for the Sunday that you would like to donate Altar Flowers. Thank you.*

Offeratory Plate sits at the back of the church: Your thoughtful and generous gifts to St. John's enable our worship and ministry to our world. One-time or recurring donations can be made by visiting our website www.stjohnnv.ca, or by scanning this QR code on your smartphone.



Prelude & Announcements

HOLY SPIRIT

649 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

1 Breathe on me, breath of God; fill me with
2 Breathe on me, breath of God, un - til my
3 Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am
4 Breathe on me, breath of God: so shall I

life a - new, that I may love what
heart is pure, un - til my will is
whol - ly thine, un - til this earth - ly
nev - er die, but live with thee the

thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
one with thine to do and to en - dure.
part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Territorial Acknowledgement

Celebrant The community of St. John's acknowledges that we live, work and worship on the ancestral and unceded land of the Coast Salish Peoples: The Musqueam, Squamish, and Tseil-Waututh Nations. May the reconciling love of Christ be reflected in our words and in our actions.

Three Bells Chime

The Grace

Celebrant We gather in the name of God,
All **Creator of the universe, source of true humanity, mother and father of all. Amen.**

Celebrant We gather in the name of Jesus,
All **Word made flesh, saviour of wounded humanity, lover of all. Amen.**

Celebrant We gather in the name of the Holy Spirit,
All **Lord and giver of life, midwife of our new humanity, inspirer of us all. Amen.**

Celebrant Come then, Eternal God:
All **Be present here. Befriend us here. Renew us here.**

The Collect

Celebrant
All

Merciful God,
**you have prepared for those who love you
riches beyond imagination.
Pour into our hearts such love toward you,
that we, loving you above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading: Read by Ann Burch

A reading from the book of Acts.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Acts 10: 44-48

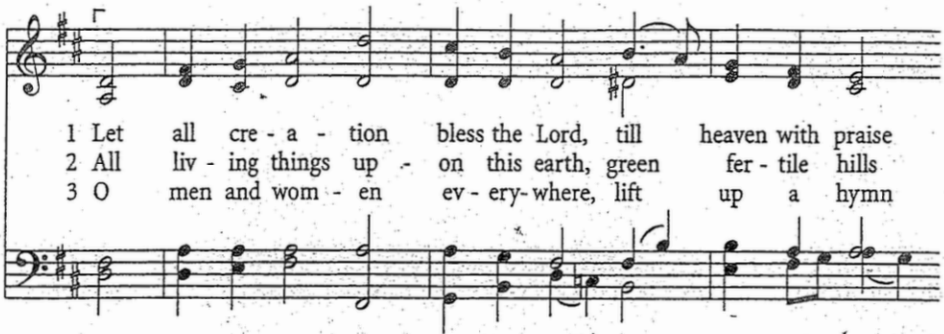
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All Thanks be to God.

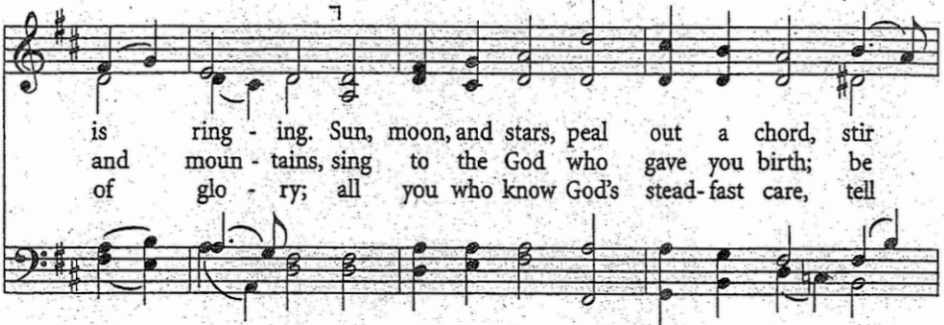
Psalm 98

Please remain seated for the singing of the Psalm together.

419 Let All Creation Bless the Lord



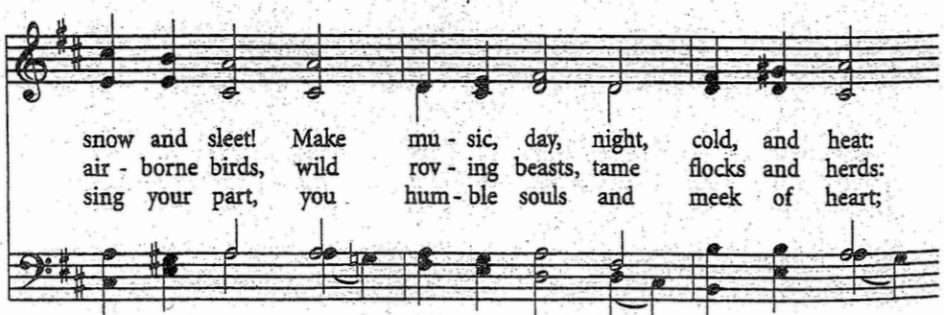
1 Let all cre - a - tion bless the Lord, till heaven with praise
2 All liv - ing things up - on this earth, green fer - tile hills
3 O men and wom - en ev - ery-where, lift up a hymn



is ring - ing. Sun, moon, and stars, peal out a chord, stir
and moun - tains, sing to the God who gave you birth; be
of glo - ry; all you who know God's stead-fast care, tell

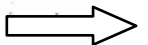


up the an - gels' sing - ing. Sing, wind and rain! Sing,
joy - ful, springs and foun - tains. Lithe wa - ter - life, bright
out sal - va - tion's sto - ry. No tongue be si - lent;



snow and sleet! Make mu - sic, day, night, cold, and heat:
air - borne birds, wild rov - ing beasts, tame flocks and herds:
sing your part, you hum - ble souls and meek of heart;

Text: Song of Creation (Song of the Three 35-51); para. Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1944-)
Para. © 1989 Hope Publishing Co.
Music: Melody Kirchengesange, Berlin, 1566; arr. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.





The Second Reading: Read by Hazel Breakey
 A reading from the first Letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

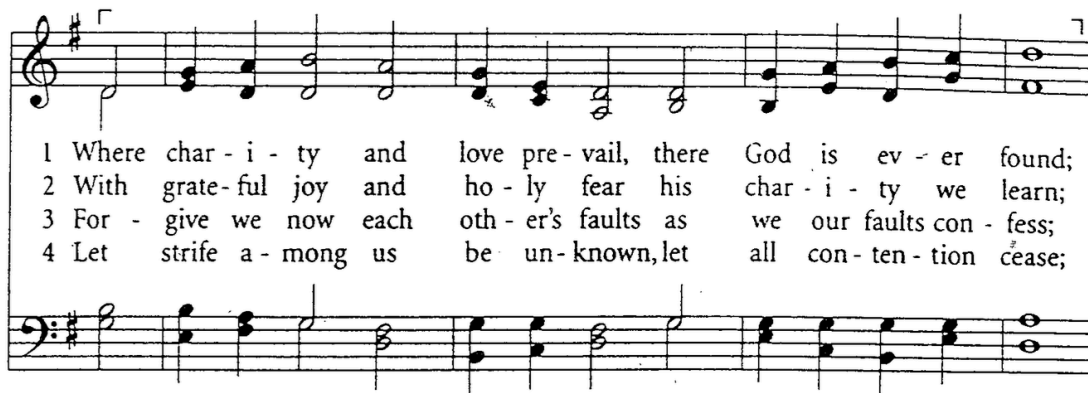
1 John 5:1-6

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All Thanks be to God.

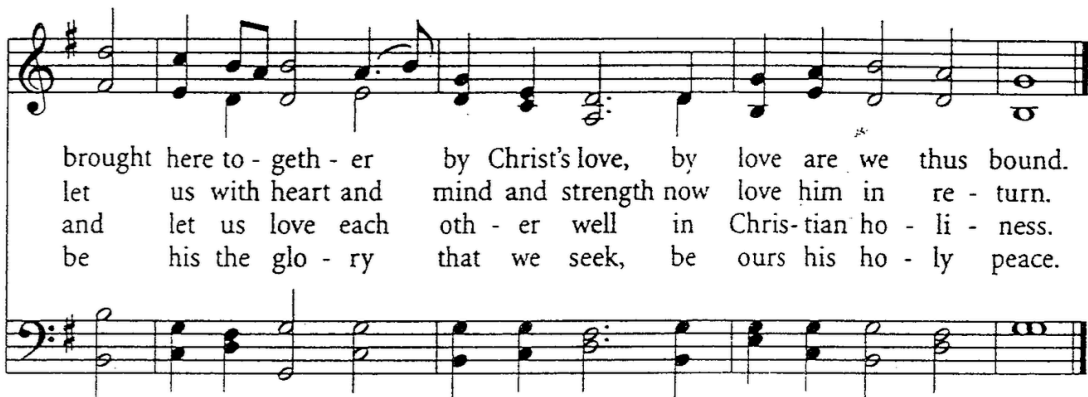
Gradual Hymn Before the reading of the Gospel, the first half of the Gradual Hymn is sung. All stand as you are able for the Gospel.

CHRISTIAN LIFE

Where Charity and Love Prevail 487



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear his char - i - ty we learn;
 3 For - give we now each oth - er's faults as we our faults con - fess;
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known, let all con - ten - tion cease;



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.
 let us with heart and mind and strength now love him in re - turn.
 and let us love each oth - er well in Chris - tian ho - li - ness.
 be his the glo - ry that we seek, be ours his ho - ly peace.

5 Let us recall that in our midst
 dwells God's begotten Son;
 as members of his body joined,
 we are in him made one.

6 Love can exclude no race or creed
 if honoured be God's name;
 our common life embraces all
 whose Father is the same.

The Gospel - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Assistant

The Lord be with you.

All

And also with you.

Liturgical Assistant

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

All

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

John 15:9-17

Liturgical Assistant

The Gospel of Christ.

All

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the second half of the Gradual hymn is sung.

Time for Reflection

An Affirmation of Faith

Celebrant
All

Let us confess the faith of the Church, as we say,
You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.
You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.
You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Please take whatever position is best for you for prayer.

Jesus, Remember Me 167

Ostinato Refrain

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

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Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community, 1981
 Tune: Jacques Berthier, b. 1923
 © 1981, Les Presses de Taizé

For this Contemplative Service, the choir will sing the intercessions on the next page. We invite you to join in the refrain, "God of mercy hold us in love"

Intercessions

All
 [A] *repeat continuously* [B]

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

Leader or Assistant [B]

1. In peace, in peace, we pray to you:
2. For peace and sal - va - tion, we pray to you:
3. For peace be-tween na - tions, for peace be-tween peo - ples:
4. For us, who are gath-ered to wor-ship and praise you:
5. For all of your ser-vants who live out your gos - pel:
6. For all those who gov - ern, that jus - tice might guide them:
7. For all those who la - bor in ser-vice to oth - ers:
8. Grant weath-er that nour - ish - es all of cre - a - tion:
9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from dan - ger:
10. For all the be - lov - ed who rest in your mer - cy:

Leader or Assistant

Help us, com-fort us, all of our days:

All

Keep us, hold us, gra - cious God.

The Church: Archbishop Lynne McNaughton our Metropolitan, Bishop John Stephens, Linda Nicholls our Primate. We pray for Archbishop Christopher Harper, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop and Presiding Elder of the Sacred Circle. Also, we pray for Patrick our Priest. For Jill in her discernment, work and studies to become an Anglican Priest. For St. Helen, Surrey - The Reverend Robin Celiz, The Reverend Steve Thompson; St. Helen, Point Grey - The Reverend Mark Munn

The Local Community: City & District of North Vancouver, Queen Mary Community School.

The World: *Creator, we give you thanks for the intricate balance of relationships that sustains life.
Bless us with the humility and discipline to use Earth's resources wisely and responsibly.
Crucified and Risen Christ, we give you thanks for forgiveness,
life and salvation that is the source of our hope for true community and abundant life.
Help us, guide us and transform us so that we may walk in your ways of justice,
equity and peace.
Holy Spirit, we give you thanks for fresh winds of renewal,
that open our hearts to new possibilities and deeper insights.
Grant us courage to act in diverse, creative and generous ways.
Creator, Christ and Spirit One: call us together for the love of the world,
and send us to proclaim your gift of hope. Amen.*
(The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz)

Those in Need: For those who are sick, hospitalized and in need of our prayers. This week, our prayers are requested especially for these members and friends of our St. John's faith community: John & Pat Riddell, Raili Mazurek, John and Lynne Shozawa, Laurie Stringer, Ann Burch, Mir and his family, Margaret Mainwaring, Rachel and their family, Carmen Khalaf, Madeline Cooper.

The Dearly Departed: Molly Smith and Louise Ellis, and all loved ones who will live forever in our hearts.

In Thanksgiving: In our cycle of prayer, we pray for these members of our faith community: Joan Curtis, Marcia Dahmen, Howard and Cathy Dallimore, Pat Dean, Kate Deans, Chris and Mary deBeaupre, Jessica and Kwame

Confession and Absolution

In Anglican tradition, we omit the Confession and Absolution during the Easter season, returning on the first Sunday of Pentecost.

Sharing of The Peace

We stand as we are able and greet our neighbours in the peace of Christ.


Celebrant

May the peace of Christ always be with you.

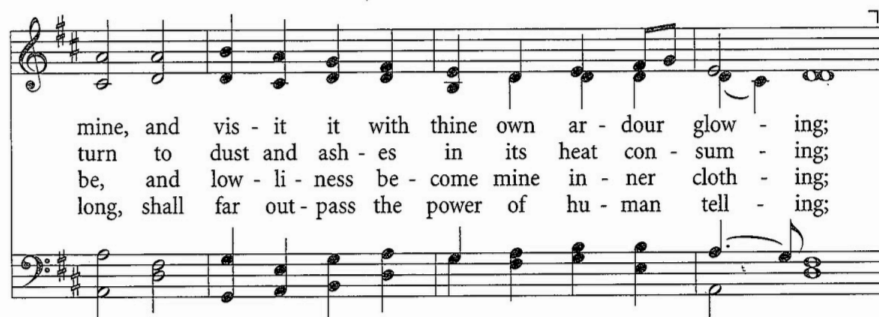
All

And also with you.

HOLY SPIRIT Come Down, O Love Divine 645



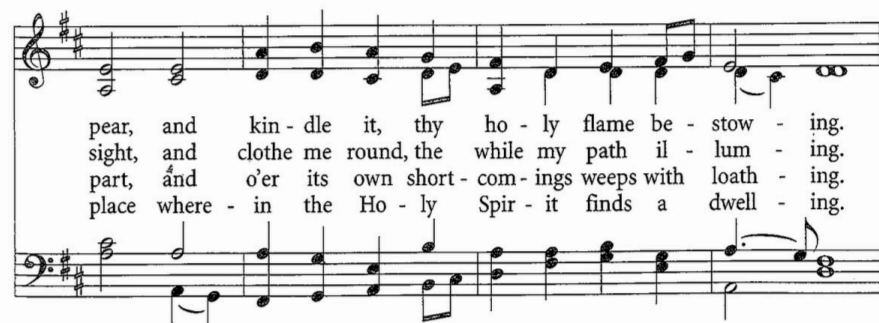
1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions
 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward vest - ure
 4 And so the year - ning strong, with which the ^s soul will



mine, and vis - it it with thine own ar - dour glow - ing;
 turn to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 be, and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing;
 long, shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap -
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my
 true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler
 for none can guess its grace, till they be - come the



pear, and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 sight, and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 part, and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
 place where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it finds a dwell - ing.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Representatives of the people present the gifts of bread and wine for the Eucharist (with money and other gifts for the needs and responsibilities of the Church) to the celebrant before the altar. Your thoughtful and generous gifts enable our worship and ministry to our world. We thank you.

Doxology

All **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.**

The Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant God of glory,
All **accept all we offer you this day,
and bring us to that eternal city of love and light,
where Christ is King.
We ask this in his name. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant This is the table of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 It is to be made ready
 for those who love him
 and who want to love him more.
 So come,

**All we who have much faith
 and we who have little,
 we who have been here often
 and we who have not been for a long time,
 we who have tried to follow
 and we who have failed.**

Celebrant Come. This is our Lord's invitation.

**All It is his will that those who seek him
 should meet him here.**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is the One who comes
 in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest,
 Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant

Now let us hear the story
of how this sacrament began:
On the night on which Jesus was betrayed,
he sat at supper with his disciples.
While they were eating, he took a piece of bread,
said a blessing, broke it and gave it to them with
the words,
"This is my body. It is broken for love of you.
Do this to remember me".

Later he took a cup of wine, saying:
"This cup is God's new covenant,
sealed with my love and my life blood.
Drink from it, all of you, to remember me."

All **So now, following Jesus' example and command,
we take this bread and this wine,
the ordinary things of the world
which Christ will make special.
And as he said a prayer before sharing,
let us do so too.**

Celebrant

And now, lest we believe
that our praise alone fulfills your purpose,
we fall silent and remember him who came because
words weren't enough.

(Silent reflection)

Setting our wisdom, our will, and our words aside,

All **emptying our hearts,
and bringing nothing in our hands,
we yearn for the healing, the holding, the
accepting, the forgiving, which Christ alone can
offer.**


(Silent reflection)

Celebrant Merciful God, send now,
 in your abounding kindness and generosity,
 your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine
 and fill them with the fullness of Jesus.

All **May that same Spirit rest on us,**
converting us from the patterns of this passing
world, until we conform to the shape of him
whose food we now share. Amen. (*Silent Reflection*)

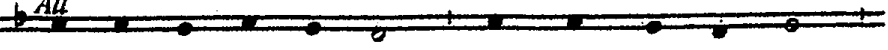
The Lord's Prayer

Cantor

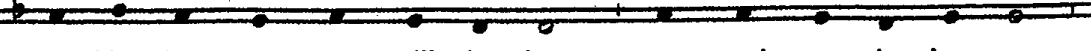


As our Sa·viour Christ has taught us, we now pray,


All




Our Fa·ther in hea·ven, hal·lowed be your Name,



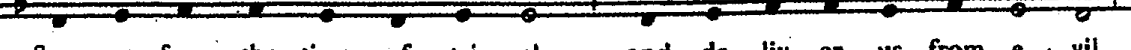
your king·dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea·ven.



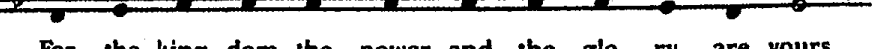
Give us to·day our dai·ly bread.



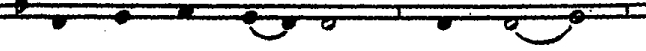
For·give us our sins as we for·give those who sin a·gainst us.



Save us from the time of tri·al, and de·liv·er us from e·vil.



For the king·dom, the power, and the glo·ry are yours,



now and for ev·er. A·men.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Lord, we died with you on the cross.
All Now we are raised to new life.

Celebrant We were buried in your tomb.
All Now we share in your resurrection.

Celebrant Live in us, that we may live in you.

The Communion

Priest The Gifts of God, for the people of God.
People Thanks be to God.

All who love God and desire Christ are welcome to receive communion. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please let the Eucharistic Administrator know if you wish to receive one. Please note intinction, (dipping the bread into the wine), is not permitted.

Communion Hymns

TRUST
 553 Ubi Caritas et Amor

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
 Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est.
 live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

CHRISTIAN LIFE

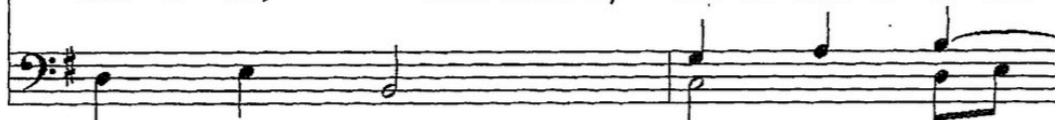
488 The Tree of Life My Soul Hath Seen



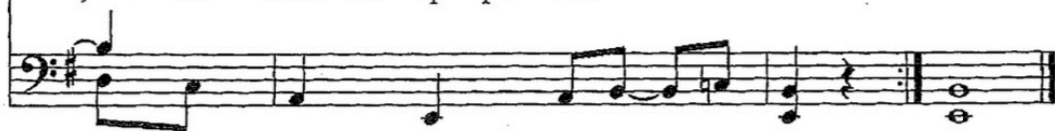
1 The tree of life my soul hath seen, la - den with fruit and
 2 His beau - ty doth all things ex - cel. By faith I know, but
 3 For hap - pi - ness I long have sought, and plea - sure dear - ly
 4 I'm wea - ry with my for - mer toil. Here I will sit and
 5 This fruit doth make my soul to thrive. It keeps my dy - ing



al - ways green. The trees of na - ture fruit - less, be com -
 ne'er can tell the glo - ry which I now can see in
 I have bought. I missed in all; but now I see 'tis
 rest a - while. Un - der the sha - dow will I be of
 faith a - live; which makes my soul in haste to be with



pared with Christ the ap - ple tree.
 Je - sus Christ the ap - ple tree.
 found in Christ the ap - ple tree.
 Je - sus Christ the ap - ple tree.
 Je - sus Christ the ap - ple tree.



TRUST

I Sought the Lord 547

1 I sought the Lord, and af - ter - ward I knew he moved my
 2 Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine en - fold; I walked and
 3 I find, I walk, I love; but, oh, the whole of love is

soul to seek him, seek - ing me. It was not I that
 sank not on the storm - vexed sea. 'Twas not so much that
 but my an - swer, Lord, to thee! For thou wert long be -

found, O Sav - iour true; no, I was found of thee.
 I on thee took hold as thou, dear Lord, on me.
 fore - hand with my soul; al - ways thou lov - edst me.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant

Father,

All
you restored us to life
by raising your Son from death.
May we who receive this sacrament
always be strengthened to do your will,
in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

The Doxology

Celebrant

Glory to God,

All
Whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Three Bells Chime

SILENT, SURRENDERED

Text: v. 1: Pamela Hayes; v. 2: Margaret Rizza

Calm (♩ = 63)

Music: Margaret Rizza

Si - lent, sur-ren - dered, calm and still, o - pen to the
 * Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, bring us light, teach us, heal us,

D A/C# G/B Bm G D/F#

word of God. Heart hum - bled to his will,
 give us life. Come, Lord, O let our hearts

Em7 A7 D A/C# Bm A7

of - fered is the ser - vant of God. of - fered is the ser - vant of God.
 flow with love and all that is true. flow with love and all that is true.

to repeat ad-lib. *last time rit.*

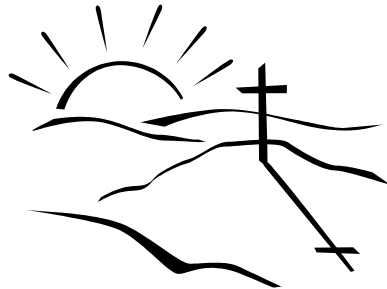
D/F# Em A D D/F# Bm Em7 A7 D

Dismissal

Priest *Words of Dismissal*

People Thanks be to God.

There is no postlude today.
Please maintain contemplative silence as you leave the sanctuary.



Thank you for blessing us with your presence today.
Please do join us downstairs in the Lounge
for our tea and coffee fellowship.