Twenty Fourth Sunday after PENTECOST



November 8, 2026
Holy Eucharist
Proper 27

Christ Church Cathedral
Louisville, Kentucky

WELCOME

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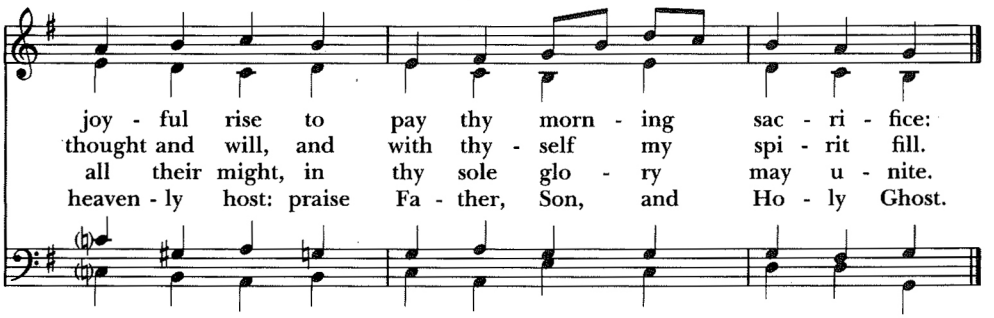
Prelude ***Goin' Home*** Anton Dvořák, adapted by William Arms Fisher

Goin' home, goin' home, I'm a goin' home;
Quietlike, some still day, I'm just going' home.
It's not far, just close by, Though an open door;
Work all done, care laid by, going to fear no more.
Mother's there expecting me, Father's waiting too;
Lots of folks gathered ther, All the friends I knew.
Nothing's lost, all's gain, No more fret or pain,
No more stumbling on the way, No more longing for the day,
Goint to roam no more! Morning star lights the way,
Restless dream all done; Shadows gone, break of day,
Real life just begun. There's no break, there's no end, Just aliving on,
Wide awake, with a smile Going on an on. — William Arms Fisher

- *at the sound of the bells, all stand*

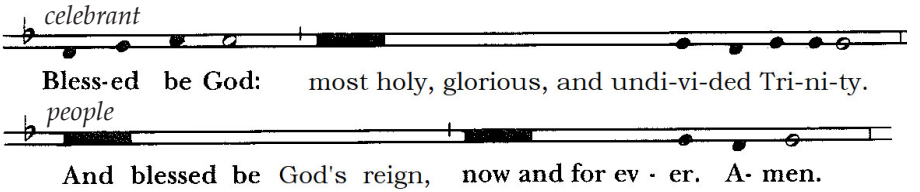
Hymn 11 ***Awake, my soul, and with the sun***





Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711), alt.
Music: *Morning Hymn*, melody François Hippolyte Barthélémon (1741-1808); harm. *The Church Hymnal for the Church Year*, 1917 LM

Opening Acclamation



Collect for Purity

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 • Canticle 13: S 236





Setting: John Rutter (b. 1945)

Liturgy of the Word

Collect for the Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



God be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

- *all be seated*

First Reading Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-28

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac,

"Now, therefore, revere the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went and among all the peoples through whom we passed, and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day and made statutes

and ordinances for them at Shechem. Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and he took a large stone and set it up there under the oak in the sanctuary of the Lord. Joshua said to all the people, "See, this stone shall be a witness against us, for it has heard all the words of the Lord that he spoke to us; therefore it shall be a witness against you if you deal falsely with your God." So Joshua sent the people away to their inheritances.

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

Psalm 78:1-7 John Joubert

Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;
That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments;

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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Hymn 391 *Before the Lord's eternal throne*



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 100
Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690;
harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889) LM

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

The Holy Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of our Savior.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Very Rev. Matthew Bradley

Nicene Creed • *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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, 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 • Adapted from the Church of England's *Common Worship*

• *the deacon says*

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father, saying "Hear our prayer."

• *the intercessor says*

We pray for the good estate of the catholic Church; guide and govern us by your good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace and in righteousness of life, especially Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Terry, our Bishop; and for all other ministers.

In the power of the Spirit

Hear our prayer.

Bless and guide President Trump; give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that we may honor one another, and seek the common good.

In the power of the Spirit

Hear our prayer.

O God, the creator and preserver of all, we pray for people in every kind of need; make your ways known on earth, your saving health among all nations.

In the power of the Spirit

Hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially for the birthdays of Michael Durnil, Mike Foster, Charles Myers, Kirt Jacobs and Patsy Melton.

In the power of the Spirit

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body or estate; comfort and relieve them in their need, give them patience in their sufferings, and bring good out of all their afflictions, especially Hannah Bradley, Murphey Coy, Rich Curry, Judy Donahue, Kitten Lawless, George Hubbard, Leo, Bishop of Rome, Rick O'Daniel-Munger, Ginger Shackleton, Jim Watkins, Dean Weller, Colleen Wilson, and Ruth Wukasch.

In the power of the Spirit,

Hear our prayer.

We remember those who have gone before us in the peace of Christ, and we give you praise for all your faithful ones, with whom we rejoice in the communion of saints …

• *the people may add their own petitions*

In the power of the Spirit,

Hear our prayer.

•*the celebrant adds a concluding collect*

Hasten, O God, the day when people will come from east and west, from north and south, and sit at the table in your kingdom and we shall see your Christ in glory. Merciful God, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Confession • *bidden by the deacon*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

• *said by 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 our Savior 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.

Absolution • *declared by the celebrant*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

The Peace • *all greet one another in the name of the Lord*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

Birthday Prayer • *said by all*

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Prayer • *said by all*

O gracious and everling God, look mercifully on your servants, who celebrate the anniversary of their marriage. Grant them your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep their promises and vows; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

Liturgy of the Altar

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Offertory Anthem *My Lord, What a Morning* John Joubert

My Lord what a morning,
Oh, my Lord what a morning
When the stars begin to fall.
Done quit all my worldly ways
Join that heavenly band
Oh, My Lord what a morning
When the stars begin to fall.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A • Expansive Language



It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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.

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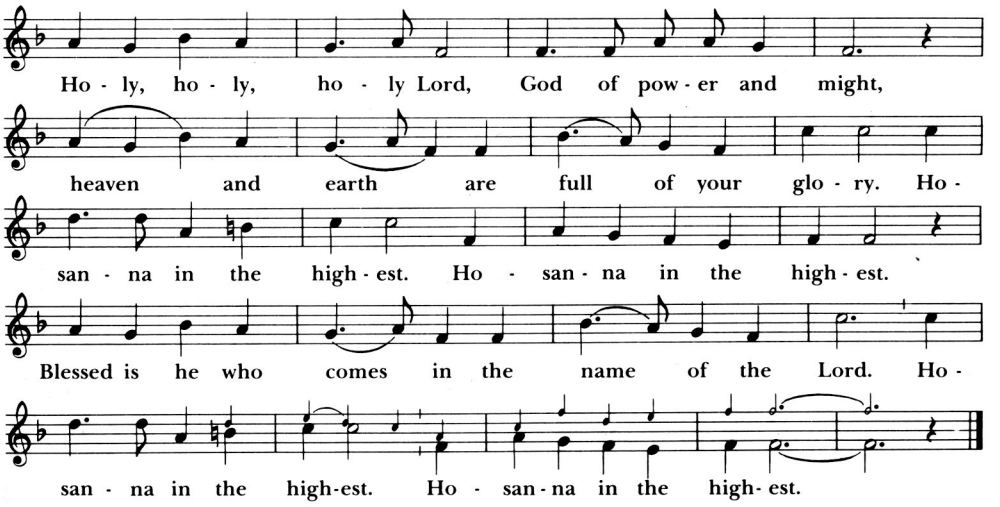
Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

OR

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 S 125



Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all.

Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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:

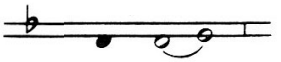
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

The Great Amen

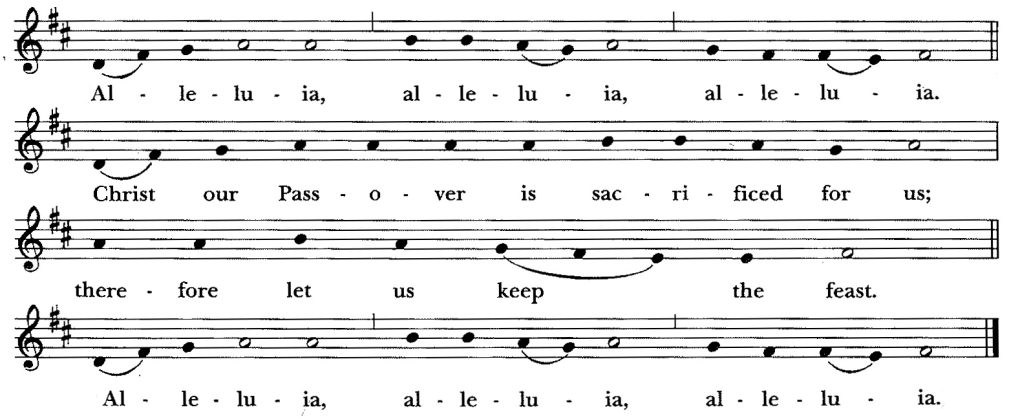


The Lord's Prayer • *contemporary version*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem • S 154



Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

Invitation to Communion

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.

- *any baptized person from any Christian tradition who wishes to encounter the Real Presence of the Risen Christ in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood is welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you wish to learn more about the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, please speak with a priest or deacon following the liturgy.*
- *gluten free wafers are available; as you prepare to receive bread indicate your preference to the priest*
- *if you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest*

An Act of Spiritual Communion • *for those attending virtually*

Jesus, my Savior, I ask you to come into my heart and fill me with your love. Although I cannot physically join with others to celebrate the Eucharist today, I desire to offer my thanksgivings and prayers in union with all who worship you, wherever they may be. And although I cannot receive you now sacramentally in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, still I desire to receive your body and blood spiritually and feed on your love, that I may be united with you and with all your people in one communion and fellowship, your mystical body the church, now and ever more. Amen.

Laying on of Hands and Anointing for Healing

- *priests will be stationed in the narthex (lobby) during the distribution of communion to offer Laying on of Hands for Healing, with the option of anointing with holy oil*
- *when a person receives this sacramental rite, the priest will lay their hands upon them and say one of the following*

N., I lay my hands upon you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, beseeching our Lord Jesus Christ to sustain you with his presence, to drive away all sickness of body and spirit, and to give you that victory of life and peace which will enable you to serve him both now and evermore. Amen.

- *or this*

N., I lay my hands upon you in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, beseeching him to uphold you and fill you with his grace, that you may know the healing power of his love. Amen.

- *if the person is to be anointed, the Priest dips a thumb in the holy oil, and makes the sign of the cross on the sick person's forehead, saying*

N., I anoint you with oil in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

- *the priest may add*

As you are outwardly anointed with this holy oil, so may our heavenly Father grant you the inward anointing of the Holy Spirit. Of his great mercy, may he forgive you your sins, release you from suffering, and restore you to wholeness and strength. May he deliver you from all evil, preserve you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 324 *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*



Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885)
Music: *Picardy,* French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France,* 1860 87. 87. 87

Sending forth of Eucharistic Visitors

• *deacon*

In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Body and Blood of Christ.

• *people*

We are all one Body, for we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.

• *all stand; said by all*

Prayer after Communion

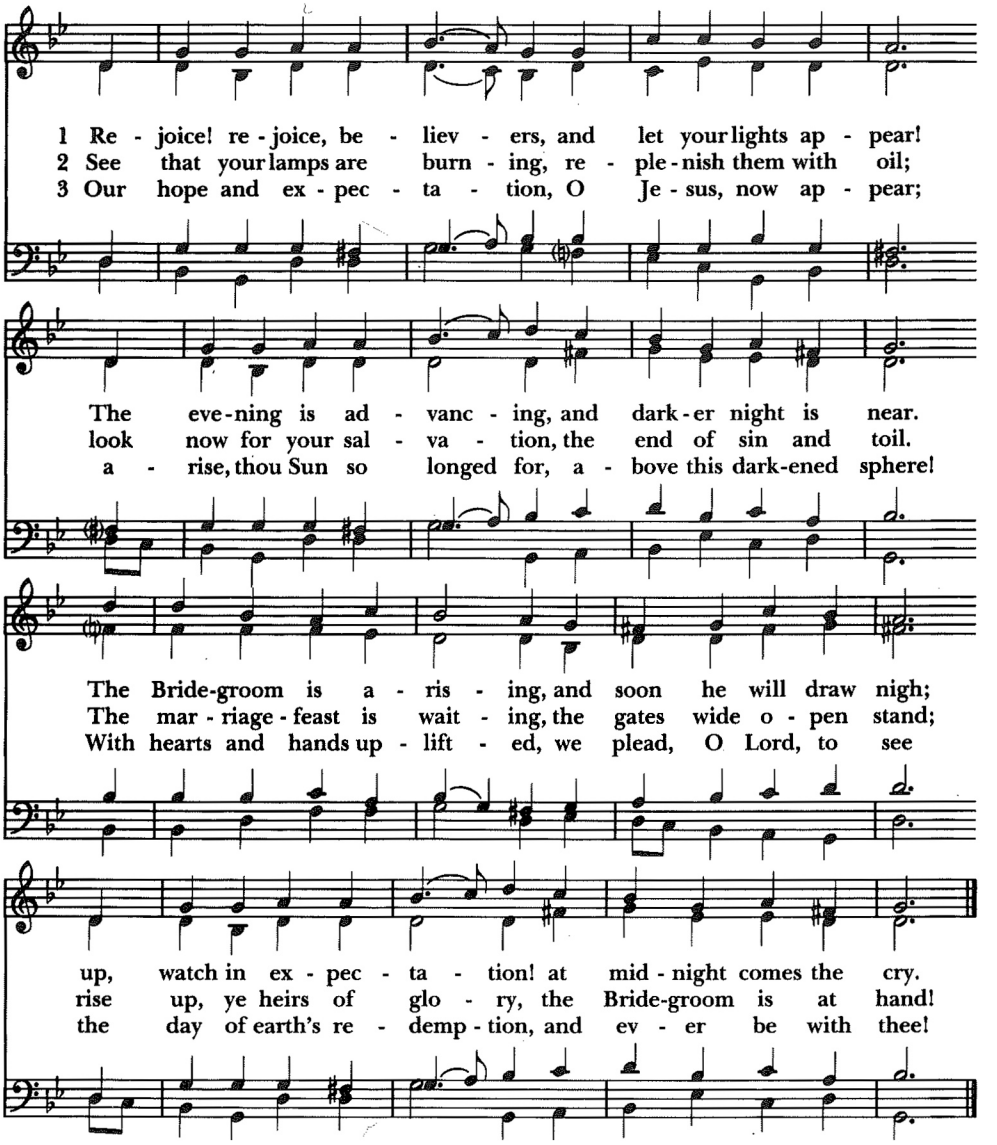
Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;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

Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

Hymn 68 *Rejoice! rejoice believers*



Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt.
Music: *Llangloffan,* melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru,* 1865 76. 76 D

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ
Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Marcietta* Théodore Dubois

serving today . . .

The Very Rev. Matthew Bradley, ***celebrant***
The Rev. Dr. Eva Markham, ***deacon***
Austin Echols, ***organist & choir director***
Bill Smith, Kitten Lawless, ***lectors***
Hunter Lumbatis, ***intercessor***
Marilyn Werst, Carolyn VanZant, Susan Shockey, Randy Peters, ***eucharistic ministers***
Lea Ann Garbrough, Betty Lynn Williams, ***eucharistic visitors***
Kim McDaniel, Hunter Lumbatis, Louise Isaacs, ***acolytes***
Liam O'Daniel-Munger, ***altar guild***
Bobbie Fritton, Kirt Jacobs, Susan Torok, ***greeters/ushers***
Patsy Melton, ***bell ringer***
Tim Tice, ***live stream***

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... as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord
Joshua 24:15

Christ Church Cathedral Land Acknowledgement

Christ Church Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky gathers and stands on land which has been home, for over 11,000 years, to primarily Shawnee, Cherokee, Osage, Haudenosaunee Seneca, Hopewell and Adena peoples.

Today we acknowledge the role our Church has played in colonialism's devasting legacy of death, stolen lands, dehumanizing removals, and forced assimilation of native people.

We repent of our complicity in perpetuating the dominance of white European culture, even to the present day.

We seek forgiveness.

We honor the original peoples of this land and the presence of native people still living in Kentucky.

We honor with respect their Elders, past, present, and future, their traditions, and the land itself.

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