

# **The Episcopal Church of St. James the Apostle Paso Robles, California**

## **Our Mission**

**St. James is a community centered on the love of Jesus,  
focusing on inclusion, spiritual growth, and service.**



**Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany  
Sunday, 1 February 2026**

# The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

## Prelude

## Entrance Rite

### OPENING HYMN *Bless'd Jesus, at thy word (Liebster Jesu)* (H 440)

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to  
2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness  
3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred  
shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night  
ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings  
with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to  
help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.  
God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.  
Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The people standing, the Presider says*

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

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

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The Presider may say*

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 *Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Powell) (S 280)*

*The following is sung, all standing*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

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

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

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

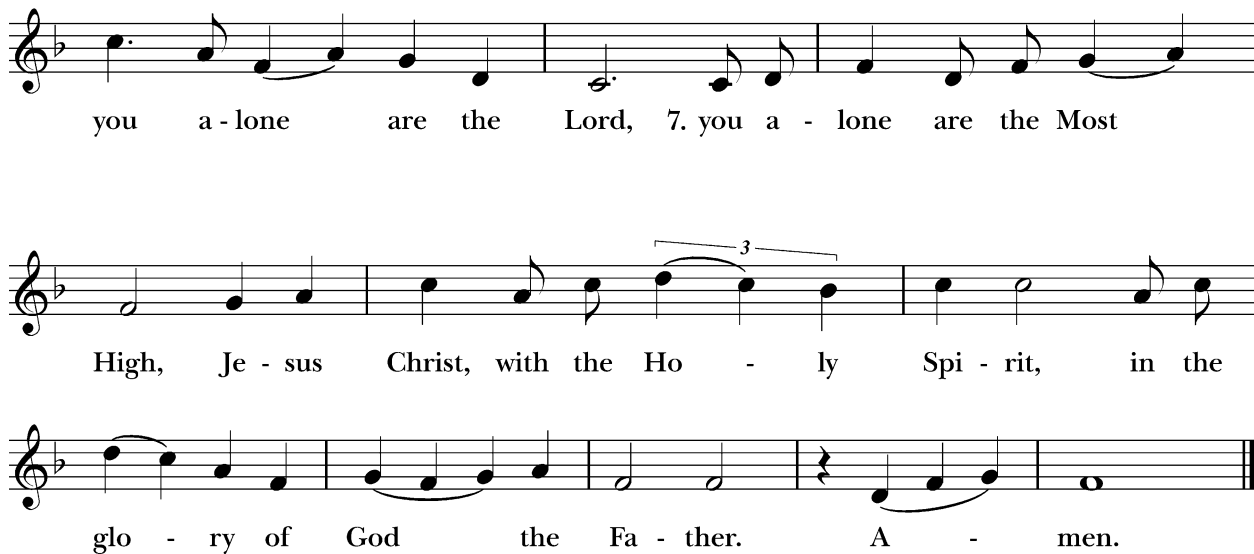
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

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,

The musical score is written on ten staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It includes various musical notations such as treble clefs, notes, rests, and bar lines. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' and a bracket) over the notes for 'Christ, on - ly', 'sin of the world', and 'a - lone'. The lyrics are printed below the corresponding staves.



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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

### FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Micah.

<sup>1</sup>Hear what the LORD says:

“Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

<sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the  
LORD,

and you enduring foundations of the earth;  
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.”

<sup>3</sup>“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

<sup>4</sup>For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.

<sup>5</sup>O my people, remember now what King Balak of  
Moab devised,

what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the  
LORD.”

<sup>6</sup>“With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of  
rams,

with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

<sup>8</sup>He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

*Silence may follow.*

**PSALM: Psalm 15**

*Remain seated.*

<sup>1</sup>LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
who may abide upon your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup>Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
who speaks the truth from his heart.

<sup>3</sup>There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; \*  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

<sup>4</sup>In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
but he honors those who fear the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
and does not take back his word.

<sup>6</sup>He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

<sup>7</sup>Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

<sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

<sup>26</sup>Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

<sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

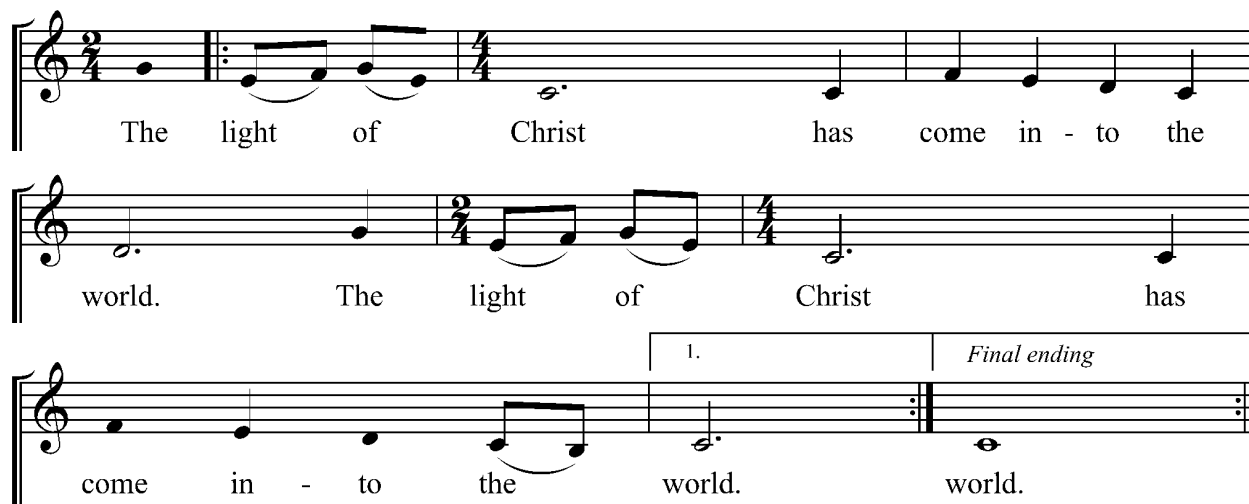
Reader           The Word of the Lord.

People           *Thanks be to God.*

*Silence may follow.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *The light of Christ (My Heart Sings Out 80)*

*All stand.*



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## GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

*All stand.*

Deacon        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
People        *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Deacon        The Gospel of the Lord.  
People        *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## THE HOMILY

## THE 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:  
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.

## El Credo Niceno

Creemos en un solo Dios, Padre todopoderoso,  
Creador de cielo y tierra,  
de todo lo visible e invisible.

Creemos en un solo Señor, Jesucristo,  
Hijo único de Dios,  
nacido del Padre antes de todos los siglos: Dios de  
Dios, Luz de Luz,  
Dios verdadero de Dios verdadero, engendrado, no  
creado,  
de la misma naturaleza que el Padre,  
por quien todo fue hecho;  
que por nosotros y por nuestra salvación  
bajó del cielo:  
por obra del Espíritu Santo  
se encarnó de María, la Virgen, y se hizo hombre.

Por nuestra causa fue crucificado  
en tiempos de Poncio Pilato:  
padeció y fue sepultado.  
Resucitó al tercer día, según las Escrituras, subió al  
cielo

y está sentado a la derecha del Padre. De nuevo  
vendrá con gloria  
para juzgar a vivos y muertos,  
y su reino no tendrá fin.

Creemos en el Espíritu Santo,  
Señor y dador de vida,  
que procede del Padre y del Hijo,  
que con el Padre y el Hijo  
recibe una misma adoración y gloria,  
y que habló por los profetas.

Creemos en la Iglesia,  
que es una, santa, católica y apostólica.  
Reconocemos un solo Bautismo  
para el perdón de los pecados. Esperamos la  
resurrección de los muertos y la vida del mundo  
futuro. Amén.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*All remain standing.*

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

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*The Presider and the People say together*

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen



## CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Deacon or Presider says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

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.

*The Priest stands and says*

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

## THE PEACE

*All stand.*

<i>Presider</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one  
another in the name of the Lord.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES** *Please refer to back page*

## LA CONFESIÓN DE PECADO

*El diácono, o quien preside, dice:*

Confesemos nuestros pecados contra Dios y  
nuestro prójimo.

*Se puede guardar un período de silencio.*

Dios de misericordia,  
confesamos que hemos pecado contra ti  
de pensamiento, palabra y obra,  
por lo que hemos hecho  
y por lo que hemos dejado sin hacer.  
No te hemos amado de todo corazón;  
no hemos amado al prójimo como a nosotros  
mismos. Sincera y humildemente nos arrepentimos.  
Por tu Hijo Jesucristo,  
ten piedad de nosotros y perdónanos;  
así tu voluntad será nuestra alegría  
y caminaremos en tus sendas  
para gloria de tu nombre. Amén.

*Quien preside declara:*

Dios Todopoderoso tenga misericordia de ustedes,  
perdone todos sus pecados por Jesucristo nuestro  
Señor, los fortalezca en toda bondad y por el poder  
del Espíritu Santo los guarde en la vida eterna.  
Amén

## LA PAZ

*De pie.*

Preside	La paz del Señor sea siempre con ustedes.
Pueblo	<i>Y también contigo.</i>

*El pueblo puede saludarse en nombre del Señor.*

# The Holy Communion

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*The Presider says*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

## OFFERTORY HYMN *Lord, make us servants of your peace ( Dickinson College) (Hymn 593)*



1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is  
2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is  
3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -  
4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to  
5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark



1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -  
2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow  
3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing  
4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -  
5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your



1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.  
2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.  
3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.  
4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.  
5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

## The Great Thanksgiving

*The People remain standing.*

Presider The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The Presider proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son 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:

*Holy, holy, holy (Proulx) (S 125)*

*Presider and People*

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.

*The People stand or kneel.*

*The Presider continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

### *Presider and People*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

### *The Presider continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with James and John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. *AMEN.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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 forever. Amen.

Oremos como nuestro Salvador Cristo nos enseñó.

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,  
santificado sea tu Nombre,  
venga tu reino,  
hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra  
como en el cielo.  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.  
Perdona nuestras ofensas,  
como también nosotros perdonamos  
a los que nos ofenden.  
No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder,  
y tuya es la gloria,  
ahora y por siempre. Amén

## The Breaking of the Bread

### *Christ our Passover (Hurd) (S 154)*

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### *The Presider says*


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.

### *The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. *Amen.*

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. *Amen.*

## COMMUNION HYMN *Blest are the pure in heart (Franconia)* (Hymn 656)



1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the  
2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to  
3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and  
4 Lord, we thy pres - ence seek; may ours this bless - ing be; give

se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.  
dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;  
for his dwell - ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.  
us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Presider says*

Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

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.

## BLESSING

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

**CLOSING HYMN** *Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord (Birmingham)* (Hymn 437)



1 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord!  
 2 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his Name!  
 3 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his might!  
 4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;  
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
 Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.  
 Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;  
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;  
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,  
 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.  
 his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.  
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.  
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

**DISMISSAL**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

<i>Ministers of the Liturgy</i>	
Presider	The Rev. Richard Rollefson
Deacon	The Rev. Jim Arnold
Eucharistic Minister	Mark Plants
Lector	Liz Hastings
Spanish Gospeler	Mark Plants
Ushers	Dennis & Betsy Breckow
Musician	Josh Tarica
Tech	Newlin Hastings
Vestry on Duty	Chuck Barton
Altar Guild	Team C
Coffee Hour	Marilyn Gerber & Laura Learned
Counters	Chuck & Kathy Barton

### ***Birthdays***

Watch over your child, O Lord, as *her* days increase; bless and guide *her* wherever *she* may be. Strengthen *her* when *she* stands; comfort *her* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *her* up when *she* falls; and in *her* heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *her* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

### ***Anniversaries***

O God, you have called us into faithful friendship with you and each other: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen*

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