

St. Gregory's Episcopal Church
The First Sunday in Lent
March 9th, 2025

PRELUDE.....Ann Klein, Music Director

THE ANGELUS

The Angelus is a traditional Christian devotion offered before Holy Eucharist and Morning and Evening Prayer in honor of the Incarnation. It is usually accompanied by the ringing of the church bell (in three sets of three for each versicle, response, and Hail Mary, followed by one set of nine for the concluding prayer). You may pray it as the bell rings, or use the silence to prepare for worship in your own way.

The first three bells



V. The angel of the Lord announced unto Mary,
R. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God
pray for us sinners, now,
and at the hour of our death.

The second three bells

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it unto me according to your word.

Hail Mary, full of grace...

The third three bells

V. And the Word was made flesh.
R. And dwelled among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace...

The nine bells





V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.



Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE GREAT LITANY


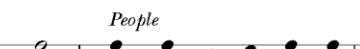
The Officiant at the Litany may be a lay cantor.

Officiant  *People* 



O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant  *People* 


O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant  *People* 

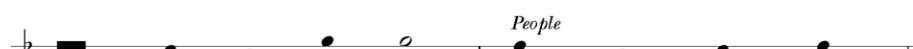
O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faith - ful, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant  *People* 


O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant 


Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forebears; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare your people, whom you have redeemed with your most precious blood, and by your mercy


People 

preserve us for ev - er. Spare us, good Lord.

Officiant 

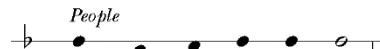
From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the

 devil; and from everlast - ing dam - na - tion,

People 


Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

People 


Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

By the mystery of your holy Incarnation; by your holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by your Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

People 


Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

By your Agony and Bloody Sweat; by your Cross and Passion; by your precious Death and Burial; by your glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit,

People 

Good Lord, de - liv - er us.


In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

People 

Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

We sinners do beseech you to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please you to rule and govern your holy Church Universal in the right way,


People



We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to bless and keep | *all* your people,


People



We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to send forth laborers into your harvest, and to draw all humankind in|*to* your kingdom,


People



We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive your Word, and to bring forth the fruits | *of* the Spirit,


People



We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and | *are* deceived,


People



We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to give us a heart to love and serve you, and diligently to live after | *your* commandments,


People



We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom *upon* all peoples,


People



We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to show your pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate | *and* oppressed,

People



We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all | *may* enjoy them,

People
[Musical staff with a solid black bar for the first measure and three notes in the second measure.]
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which you have given us to do with singleness of heart and for the | *common* good,

People
[Musical staff with a solid black bar for the first measure and three notes in the second measure.]
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to have mercy upon all | *humankind*,

People
[Musical staff with a solid black bar for the first measure and three notes in the second measure.]
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your | *holy* Word,

People
[Musical staff with a solid black bar for the first measure and three notes in the second measure.]
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to | *turn* their hearts,

People
[Musical staff with a solid black bar for the first measure and three notes in the second measure.]
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to grant to all the faithful departed eternal | *life* and peace,

People
[Musical staff with a solid black bar for the first measure and three notes in the second measure.]
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to grant that, in the fellowship of Blessed Mary the God-Bearer, Blessed Gregory our Patron, and all the saints, we may attain to your hea|*venly* kingdom,

People
[Musical staff with a solid black bar for the first measure and three notes in the second measure.]
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

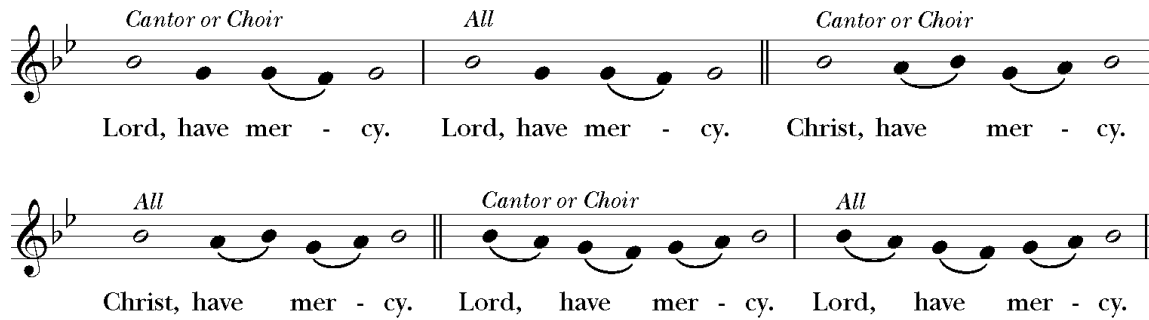
[Musical staff with notes and rests.]
Officiant Son of God, we beseech you to hear us.
People Son of God, we beseech you to hear us.

Officiant [Musical staff with a solid black bar for the first measure and notes in the second measure.]
People [Musical staff with notes and rests.]
O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.
O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.

Officiant [Musical staff with a solid black bar for the first measure and notes in the second measure.]
People [Musical staff with notes and rests.]
O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, Grant us your peace.

Officiant [Musical staff with notes and rests.]
People [Musical staff with notes and rests.]
O Christ, hear us. O Christ, hear us.

KYRIE ELEISON



The musical notation is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two lines of music. The first line has three measures: the first measure is marked 'Cantor or Choir' and contains the notes G4, A4, Bb4, A4, G4; the second measure is marked 'All' and contains the notes G4, A4, Bb4, A4, G4; the third measure is marked 'Cantor or Choir' and contains the notes G4, A4, Bb4, A4, G4. The second line has three measures: the first measure is marked 'All' and contains the notes G4, A4, Bb4, A4, G4; the second measure is marked 'Cantor or Choir' and contains the notes G4, A4, Bb4, A4, G4; the third measure is marked 'All' and contains the notes G4, A4, Bb4, A4, G4. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.'

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND CONFESSION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A brief silence is 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 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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST READING.....Genesis 9:8-17

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.”

When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.” You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE (chanted in unison)Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

- 1 They who dwell in the shelter of the Most | **High**, *
abide under the shadow of the Al**mighty**.

- 2 They shall say to the Lord,
“You are my refuge and my | **stronghold**, *
my God in whom I put my | **trust**.”

- 9 Because you have made the Lord your | **refuge**, *
and the Most High your habi|**tation**,
- 10 There shall no evil | **happen to you**, *
neither shall any plague come near your | **dwelling**.
- 11 For God shall give angels charge | **over you**, *
to keep you in all your | **ways**.
- 12 They shall bear you in their | **hands**, *
lest you dash your foot against a | **stone**.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and | **adder**; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your | **feet**.
- 14 Because you are bound to me in love,
therefore will I de|**liver you**; *
I will protect you, because you know my | **Name**.
- 15 You shall call upon me, and I will | **answer you**; *
I am with you in trouble;
I will rescue you and bring you to | **honor**.
- 16 With long life will I | **satisfy you**, *
and show you my sal|**vation**.

THE EPISTLE.....*Romans 10:8b-13*

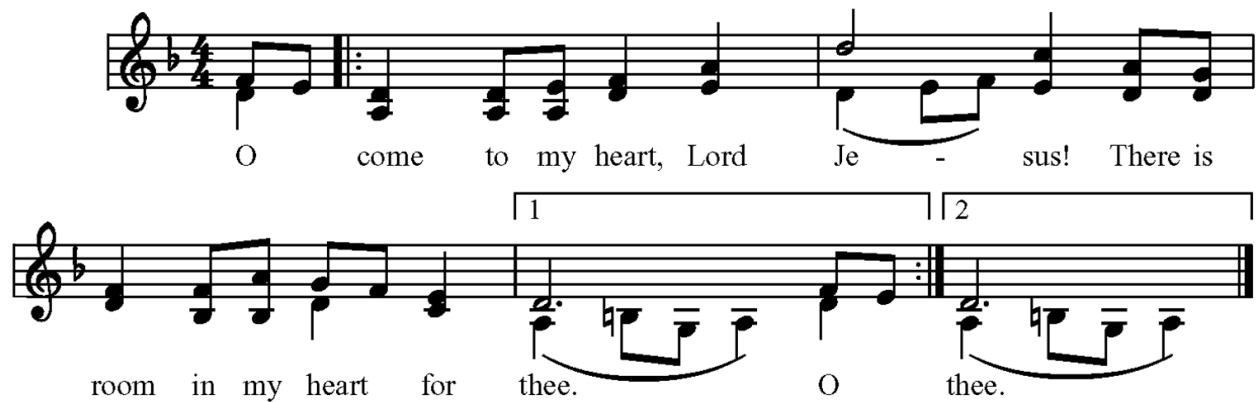
A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

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People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Words: Emily Elizabeth Steele Elliott
Music: William Bradley Roberts



THE GOSPEL.....*Luke 4:1-13*

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

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only God.’”

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, ‘God will command the angels concerning you, to protect you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

THE SERMON.....The Rev. Matthew Wright

THE NICENE CREED

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 respond to each petition, “Hear our prayer.”

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days and grew closer to you in the wilderness: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

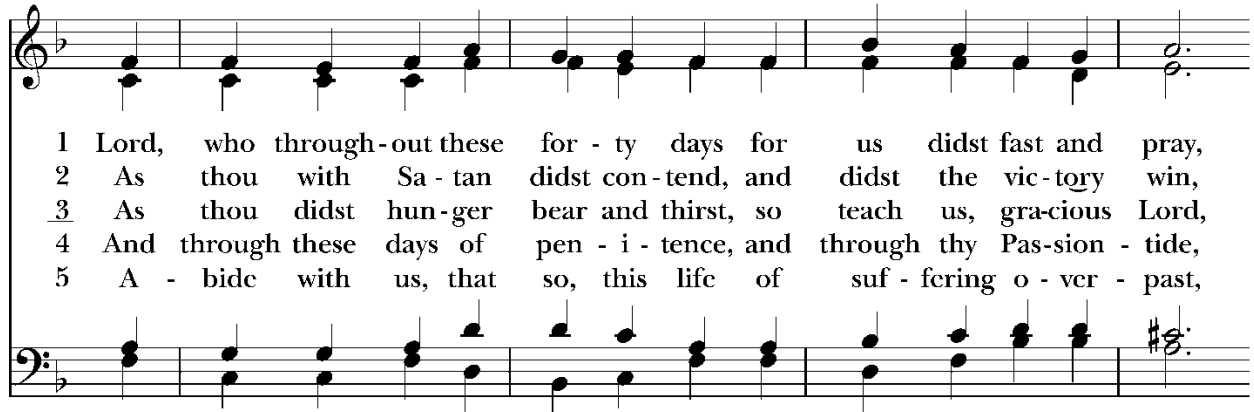
THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

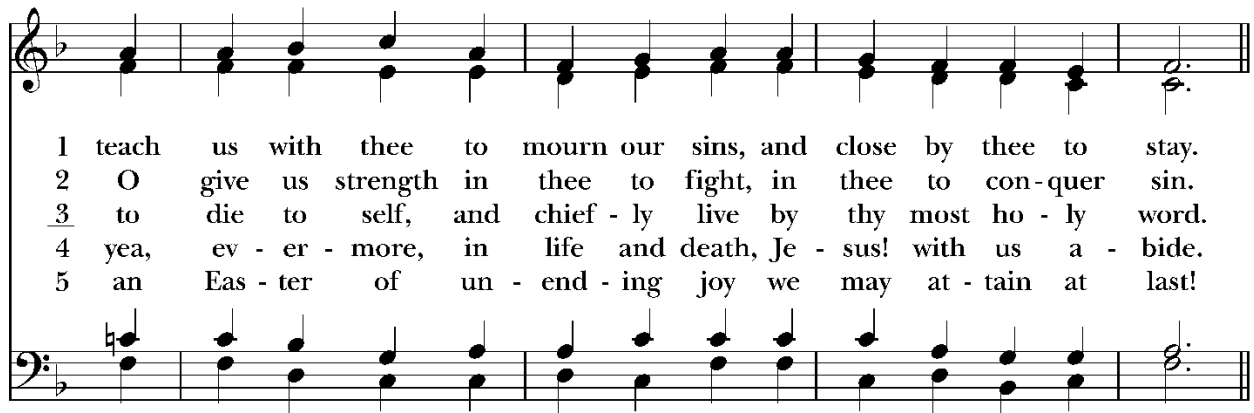
The people greet one another with a sign of Christ’s peace. Parish announcements may be made.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (*sung by choir*)

OFFERTORY HYMN (*sung by all, standing in body or spirit*)



1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,
2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, and didst the vic - tory win,
3 As thou didst hun - ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra - cious Lord,
4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas - sion - tide,
5 A - bidc with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,



1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con - quer sin.
3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.
4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bidc.
5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

Words: Claudia Frances Hemaman (1838-1898). Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt, and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
power and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic prayer.

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. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A brief silence follows. All then joining in singing

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

If you are unable to physically participate in Communion, you may offer a Prayer of Spiritual Communion during this time.

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you, and, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you, and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God,
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
 of the most precious Body and Blood
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
 that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
 And now, Father, send us out

to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -
4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full
* 5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to



1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength - en
5 thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold



1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.
5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

Words: Latin, 6th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell (1862-1947), alt. By permission of Oxford University Press. Music: *Erhalt uns, Herr*, melody from *Geistliche Leier*, 1543; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**