



**A Celebration of New Ministry
with the Institution of
The Reverend Megan Carr Holding
at Church of Our Redeemer, Lexington**

**The Right Reverend Alan M. Gates,
Bishop of Massachusetts, Presiding**

Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 7:00 PM

Welcome to Church of Our Redeemer! We are so glad you are here!

Welcome to Our Worship

Please join our service however is most comfortable for you. We welcome you to sit, stand, or kneel as you feel called. At the time of Communion, everyone is welcome to come forward to receive the bread and wine or, if you prefer, to receive a blessing. Everyone is welcome at this table. If you have any questions about the service, the bulletin or any of our practices, please ask a neighbor or greeter, or ask a clergy member after the service. We are happy to worship with you.

Welcome to Our Space

It is important to us to provide a comfortable place for all. The last two pews on the lectern side are for people wearing masks; masks are available in the narthex. Our soft space with toys, books, and games for kids is in the back on the pulpit side; families with children are welcome to sit there or anywhere else in the sanctuary that works for them. Anyone who needs a break from the service is welcome to use our Library in the hallway. Since this service will be livestreamed, both audio and video will be recorded. If you prefer not to be on video, please sit in the area of the church under the balcony or upstairs in the balcony.



Prelude **Hymn Tune: *SLANE*** **arr. David Paxton; Traditional Irish**

Welcome

Introit

Love is Little

**arr. Kevin Siegfried; Shaker Song
(Kentucky, 1834)**

Soloist: Ian Fox, Tenor

Love is little, love is low
Love will make my spirit grow.
Grow in peace, grow in light,
Love will do the thing that's right.

Love is little, love is low,
Love will make our spirit grow,
Grow in peace, grow in light,
Love will do the thing that's right.

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Opening Hymn God of Grace and God of Glory

BH 594

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
days, for the liv - ing of these days.
goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

The Presentation

Please remain standing.

The Rev. Megan Holding, and Wardens Bethany Friesner and Kathleen Mirani stand before the Bishop and say:

Bishop Gates, on behalf of the people of Church of Our Redeemer, we present ourselves to you and the gathered church to receive God's blessing as we begin our new ministry together.

Bishop: Dear Megan and people of Church of Our Redeemer, do you commit yourselves to lively proclamation of the Gospel through the work of this congregation and the larger church, working together in love and harmony and in mutual respect for the ministries of all the baptized?

All: **We do.**

Bishop: Let us then offer our prayers to God for all God's people, for the people of Church of Our Redeemer, and for Megan their Rector.

Litany for the Mission of the Church

Litanist: Holy God, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being,

People: **Have mercy upon us.**

Litanist: Jesus the Christ, through whom the world is reconciled to the Father,

People: **Have mercy upon us.**

Litanist: Holy Spirit, whose glory fills the world and searches the depths of God,

People: **Have mercy upon us.**

Litanist: Blessed Trinity, source of both unity and diversity,

People: **Have mercy upon us.**

Litanist: From hardened hearts and petty spirits, which refuse to see the need of all humankind for your love,

People: **Savior, deliver us.**

Litanist: From pride, self-sufficiency, and the unwillingness to admit our own need of your compassion,
People: **Savior, deliver us.**

Litanist: From discouragement in the face of pain and disappointment, and from lack of persistence and endurance,
People: **Savior, deliver us.**

Litanist: From ignorance, apathy, and complacency that prevent us from spreading the Gospel,
People: **Savior, deliver us.**

Litanist: O God, we pray for the gifts of ministry. Inspire our minds with a vision of your Kingdom in this time and place,
People: **Receive our prayer, O Christ.**

Litanist: Touch our eyes, that we may see your glory in all creation,
People: **Hear us, O Christ.**

Litanist: Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment,
People: **Hear us, O Christ.**

Litanist: Touch our lips, that we may tell in every tongue and dialect the wonderful works of God,
People: **Hear us, O Christ.**

Litanist: Touch our hearts, that we may discern the mission to which you call us,
People: **Hear us, O Christ.**

Litanist: Touch our feet, that we may take your Good News into our neighborhoods, communities, and all parts of the world,
People: **Hear us, O Christ.**

Litanist: Touch our hands, that we may each accomplish the work you give us to do,
People: **Hear us, O Christ.**

Litanist: Strengthen and encourage all who minister in your name in lonely, dangerous, and unresponsive places,

People: **Hear us, O Christ.**

Litanist: Open the hearts and hands of many to support your Church in this and every place,

People: **Hear us, O Christ.**

The Collect

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Everliving God, strengthen and sustain the ministers of this congregation, lay and ordained, that they may faithfully follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, proclaiming in word and deed the good news of the kingdom; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Isaiah 55:6-11

Reader: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 133

Please pray the Psalm in unison.

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when kindred live together in unity!
It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

The Second Reading

Ephesians 4:7,11-13, 15-16

Reader: A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn

All creatures of our God and King, vv. 1, 3, 5, 7

BH 400



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
*6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -

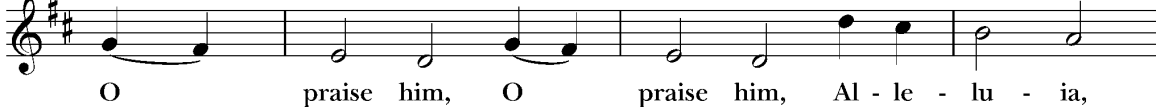


1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

John 13:34-35

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to John.

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

[Jesus said,] "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Reader: The Gospel of our Savior.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey W. Mello

Hymn

Come thou fount of every blessing

BH 686

1 Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my
2 Here I find my great-est trea-sure; hith-er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer-cy nev-er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con-strained to be! Let thy good-ness, like a
ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
plea-sure, safe-ly to ar-rive at home.
fet-ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee:
Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net, sung by
Je-sus sought me when a stran-ger wan-dering
prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel it, prone to
flam-ing tongues a-bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res-cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and
on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love.
dan-ger, in-ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
seal it, seal it for thy courts a-bove.

The Covenant of Mutual Ministry

Parishioners of Church of Our Redeemer stand in body or in spirit as the Rector and Wardens gather facing the Bishop, who reads a charge to the parish.

Bishop: Good people of Church of Our Redeemer, through Baptism you have been adopted into the community of faith, God's holy fellowship, the Body of Christ, the Church. Together with your rector, you have been called to share in the Church's mission to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

As your bishop, I remind you that in Baptism, you are fully empowered and authorized to exercise ministry in Christ's name, with mutual affection and respect, within this parish, in the Diocese of Massachusetts, and in the wider community. Having covenanted in Baptism to do this work, remember that each of you has resources and gifts for ministry. Join your rector, in prayer, in discerning a vision for this parish, and in calling forth the leadership, resources, and talents to carry out that vision.

As you love and serve God's people, remember to love, support, and nourish your rector, her family, and the members of the staff who serve you here.

Do you commit yourselves to this task?

People: **We do, by the grace of God.**

Bishop: May the One who has given you the will to do these things, give you the grace and power to perform them.

Megan, Presbyter of the Church of God, you have been called to work together with your Bishop and fellow Presbyters as a pastor, priest, and teacher, and to take your share in the councils of the Church. Now, in accordance with the Canons, you have been called to serve God in Christ at Church of Our Redeemer, in the town of Lexington, in the Diocese of Massachusetts. This letter is a sign that you are fully empowered and authorized to exercise this ministry, accepting its privileges and responsibilities as a priest of this Diocese, in communion with your Bishop. Having committed yourself to this work, do not forget the trust of those who have chosen you. Care alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. By your words and in your life, proclaim the Gospel. Love and serve

Christ's people. Nourish them, empower them for ministry, and strengthen them to glorify God in this life and in the life to come.

Bishop: Do you commit yourself to this trust and responsibility?

Rector: I do, by the grace of God.

Bishop: May the One who has given you the will to do these things, give you the grace and power to perform them.

Parishioners of Church of Our Redeemer are seated.

Diocesan clergy, members of neighboring congregations, and members of the local community stand in body or in spirit.

Bishop: Will you members of the local community and the wider church, who witness this new beginning, support, and uphold the priest and people of this congregation in their ministry together?

People: **We will, by the grace of God.**

The Exchange of Gifts

Bishop: Holy Scripture records that when God and God's people enter into a covenant with each other, God establishes a sign to mark the new relationship. When a priest and people enter into a new covenant with one another, the exchange of symbolic gifts is an appropriate way to mark the occasion.

The Bishop presents the new Rector with a vessel of water, saying:

Megan, receive this water and help me baptize in obedience to our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

The Rector and Wardens present a lighted candle to the Bishop, saying:

Bishop Gates, receive this candle as a sign of our commitment to work with the rest of our diocese in spreading the light of Christ to all people.

People: **Amen.**

Worship leaders, representing the Acolytes, Altar Guild, Choir, Liturgy Team, and Tech Team present Rev. Megan with a red stole, bread, and wine saying:

Megan, receive this stole, bread, and wine and be among us as a pastor and priest.

People: **Amen.**

Rev. Megan presents the worship leaders with a Book of Common Prayer and a Hymnal, saying:

Receive this Book of Common Prayer and Hymnal as a sign of our shared commitment to shape and lead worship that, through music, word, and ritual, opens the word of God to those gathered and brings them to a greater awareness of God's presence in their lives and in our world.

People: **Amen.**

Members of the Atrium and Youth Group present Rev. Megan with a Youth Group Sweatshirt, saying:

Megan, receive this sweatshirt and be among us as a companion, teacher, and mentor.

People: **Amen.**

Rev. Megan presents a Bible and other books to representatives of Redeemer's Bible study and Adult Formation, saying:

On behalf of all the learners in this community, receive this Bible and these books as a sign of our shared commitment to help each other study, learn, and explore throughout our lives so that we might understand more fully who God is and how God moves in our world, and draw ever closer to God.

People: **Amen.**

Members of the Pastoral Care Team present Rev. Megan with a prayer shawl made by the Redeeming Knitters, saying:

Megan, receive this prayer shawl, and join us in our ministry of caring for those who suffer from loneliness, illness, grief, or trouble.

People: **Amen.**

Rev. Megan presents a home communion set to a member of the Pastoral Care Team, saying:

Receive this home communion set and help us extend the sacrament of the altar to those who cannot be physically present here.

People: **Amen.**

Members of the Social Action Committee present Rev. Megan with work gloves, saying:

Receive these gloves and join in our ministry of serving God's people and God's creation.

People: **Amen.**

Rev. Megan presents representatives of the Social Action Committee with a basket of food, saying:

Receive this basket of food as a symbol of our commitment to share with those whom God has called us to serve, both in this community and beyond.

People: **Amen.**

Representatives of the Property, Finance, and Stewardship Committees present Megan with a copy of the Gantt chart and budgeting materials, saying:

Receive these worksheets and join us in the stewardship of resources entrusted to this community for the aid and support of all our ministries.

People: **Amen.**

Rev. Megan presents representatives of the Property, Finance, and Stewardship Committees with a toolbox saying:

Receive this toolbox as a sign of our shared commitment to tend to the resources of our parish that they may facilitate all we do in the name of Jesus.

People: **Amen.**

The Regional Canon for the Central Region and the Dean of Alewife Deanery present the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Massachusetts to Rev. Megan saying:

Megan, obey these Canons and be among us to share in the councils of this Diocese.

People: **Amen.**

Rev. Megan presents representatives of the Clericus of the Diocese of Massachusetts with Anglican prayer beads, saying:

Receive these Anglican prayer beads as a sign of my commitment to be in relationship with my fellow clergy and to support each other and the broader ministry of the church through prayer, presence, counsel, and encouragement.

People: **Amen.**

The Wardens present Rev. Megan with keys to the church, saying:

Receive these keys and let the doors of this place be open to all of God's people.

People: **Amen.**

Rev. Megan presents a representation of an icon to the Wardens, saying:

On behalf of Church of Our Redeemer, receive this image of The Trinity In Community as a symbol of an icon to be commissioned and written for Church of Our Redeemer. May it be for us a reminder that all we do in and through and within and beyond this community, we do in the name of our Triune God who continually calls us into community with each other, and with God.

People: **Amen.**

Bishop: Let all these things be a sign of the ministry in this place.

People: **Amen.**

The congregation remains seated as the new rector prays:

Holy and loving God, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; yet you have called your servant to stand in your house, and to serve at your altar. To you and to your service I devote myself, body, soul, and spirit. Fill my memory with the record of your mighty works; enlighten my understanding with the light of your Holy Spirit; and may all the desires of my heart and will center in what you would have me do. Make me an instrument of your salvation for the people entrusted to my care, and grant that I may faithfully administer your holy Sacraments, and by my life and teaching set forth your true and living Word. Be always with me in carrying out the duties of my ministry. In prayer, quicken my devotion; in praises, heighten my love and gratitude; in preaching, give me readiness of thought and expression; and grant that, by the clearness and brightness of your holy Word, all the world may be drawn into your blessed kingdom. All this I ask for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Peace

Rector: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The rector gives the invitation to Communion. The presider invites the people to offer themselves and their gifts to God. This evening's offering will support the clergy discretionary fund.

Offertory Anthem

If ye love me, keep my commandments

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
And I will pray the father,
And he shall give you another comforter,
That he may abide with you forever,
E'en the spirit of truth.
That he may abide with you forever,
E'en the spirit of truth.

Text: John 14:15-17
Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)

Doxology

BH 380, v. 3

Please stand in body or in spirit.

As we sing, all children are invited to come forward and stand at the sides of the Table as we pray over the bread and wine. Children will return to the pews to receive Communion with their families.

People: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer 1)

EOW

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 our thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you

have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus

BH S130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life. On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given

thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.**

Presider: Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

All:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Fraction Anthem

Jesus, Lamb of God

BH S164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

The first line of the Fraction Anthem consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves have a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us."

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

The second line of the Fraction Anthem consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves have a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us."

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

The third line of the Fraction Anthem consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves have a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:"

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The fourth line of the Fraction Anthem consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves have a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "give us your peace, give us your peace."

Presider: 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 Holy Communion

All who come seeking God are welcome to receive Communion. If you have difficulty coming forward, please tell a greeter that you would like Communion brought to your seat.

Ushers will direct the congregation to the nearest Communion station. Communion will be brought to those sitting in the balcony and Great Hall. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, simply let the priest know. Both bread and wine are offered, but we affirm the long tradition of the church that to receive one element alone is to receive the sacrament fully. Intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is not permitted in accordance with diocesan guidelines. If you prefer to receive a blessing rather than the bread and wine, please come forward, cross your arms across your chest and the clergy will gladly offer a blessing.

If you are worshiping at home and not able to come to church for Communion, you are invited to offer this prayer:

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is able to be celebrated, and especially with all those in this Diocese and in the Redeemer community who, for the sake of health and wholeness, cannot gather at this time, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Hymn

Alleluia alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord

BH 178

Descant

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

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4 *Final Ending*
 Praise to his Name. Name.
 Praise to his Name. Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

Repeat Refrain
 He is the King of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -
 Now we shall live for ev - er.
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.

Communion Anthem
My Shepherd will supply my need

Text: Isaac Watts
Hymn Tune: RESIGNATION
arr. Virgil Thomson; Southern Harmony

1. My Shepherd will supply my need;
 Jehovah is His Name;
 In pastures fresh He makes me feed
 Beside the living stream.
 He brings my wand'ring spirit back
 When I forsake His ways,
 And leads me, for His mercy's sake,
 In paths of truth and grace.

Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,
 Doth still my table spread;
 My cup with blessings overflows;
 Thine oil anoints my head.

2. When I walk thru
 the shades of death,
 Thy presence is my stay;
 A word of Thy supporting breath
 Drives all my fears away.

3. The sure provisions of my God
 Attend me all my days;
 O may Thy house be mine abode,
 And all my work be praise!
 There would I find a settled rest
 (While others go and come),
 No more a stranger or a guest,
 But like a child at home.

Communion Hymn
Lord, you give the great commission

WLP 780

1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the
 2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my
 3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my
 4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther,
 5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing; "I am

sick and preach the word." Lest the church ne -
 name bap - tize and teach." That the world may
 bod - y, this my blood." Let us all, for
 what they do, for - give." Yet we hoard as
 with you to the end." Faith and hope and

glect its mis - sion, and the gos - pel go un -
 trust your prom - ise, life a - bun - dant meant for
 earth's true glo - ry, dai - ly lift life heav - en -
 pri - vate trea - sure all that you so free - ly
 love re - stor - ing, may we serve as you in -

heard, help us wit - ness to your pur - pose
 each, give us all new fer - vor, draw us
 ward, ask - ing that the world a - round us
 give. May your care and mer - cy lead us
 tend and, a - mid the cares that claim us,

Refrain

with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty.)
 clos - er in com - mun - i - ty.)
 share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty.) With the Spir - it's
 to a just so - ci - e - ty.)
 hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty.)

gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

Post-Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.

All: Holy and loving God, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of your Word and Sacraments. We pray that Megan and the people of Church of Our Redeemer may be an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that all of us together may serve you now, and always rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Post-Communion Hymn

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, vv. 1-2

WLP 752

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. The first system is an instrumental introduction for piano, written in G major and 4/4 time. It features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The second system includes a vocal line with three verses of lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 1. There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I; (2. There are) bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you; (3. If you) say he saved you from your sin, now you're. The piano accompaniment continues with the same melody and bass line as the first system.

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord. There are
 know him in his full - ness, and be - lieve. You're the
 weak, you're bound, and can - not en - ter in, you can

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
 one to pro - fit when you say, "I am
 make it right if you will yield; you'll en -

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
 going to walk with Je - sus all the way."
 joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that we feel.

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet Heav - en - ly Dove,

Stay right here with us, fill-ing us with your love.

And for these bless-ings we lift our hearts in

praise; with-out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place. 1. 2. There are
3. If you place.

Bishop Gates will offer the final blessing.

Acknowledgements and Announcements

Closing Hymn
Amazing Grace

BH 671

Amazing grace!
how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught
my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

Through many dangers,
toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought
me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten
thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days
to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott
(A mighty fortress is our God)

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)



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