# HOLY EUCHARIST

during the SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION of the EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF THE GREAT LAKES

Saturday, October 25, 2025 | 10 a.m.

The Rt. Rev. Anne Hodges-Copple, Presiding Assisting Bishop for the Episcopal Diocese of the Great Lakes

The Most Rev. Sean W. Rowe, Preaching The 28th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church

Mr. Greg Gwaltney & Dr. Kevin Simons *Music Directors* 

Celebrated at First Presbyterian Church, 121 S. Harrison Street, Saginaw, MI 48602



# welcome

#### Here, the pattern of our worship embodies the pattern of our life together.

For its first several hundred years, the Church was located in cities. The bishop of that city presided at the liturgy, and the deacons served the liturgy. The presbyters (priests) were present in prayerful support of the bishop and people. And for the first three centuries at least, a presbyter's job was supportive prayer, spiritual direction, and teaching. At this year's Convention Eucharist, we wish to enact this full engagement of clergy and laity with their bishops. We are planning to have our own Assisting Bishop, Anne Hodges-Copple, presiding and our Presiding Bishop, Sean Rowe, preaching. Further, we are seating everyone in the following symbolic pattern.

First, we have asked all clergy, be they deacons or priests, working or retired, to vest. The goal of having all our clergy vested is not because they are special or more important than the laity. After all, liturgical vestments really exist to adorn the message, not the minister. So the impact of vested clergy is to make clear, in a compelling visual way, that we are gathered together to break open both Word and Sacrament, thereby revealing the saving presence of Jesus Christ in our midst.

When our clergy process into the nave, they will not be seated in the front, with the laity in the rear. Visually, this communicates hierarchy more than the pastoral nature of the Eucharist-making assembly. Instead, the deacons, as the servers of the liturgy, will peel off and sit, one each, on the end of the pews along the center aisle. The priests will process to the front of the nave, peel off, and sit on the outside edges of the nave. The laity, as ministers of the gospel, will sit between (equal with) the clergy who support them. In this way, the deacons are in the center, ready to move up and down the aisle in liturgical service, enacting for us the truth that the liturgy flows in and out of our liturgical gathering to the world around us. The priests, by sitting on the outer edges of the nave, will bodily encase the assembly, enacting the prayerful support of the laity and deacons in their ministry. At the front, in the sanctuary, will be our bishops, the acolytes, and ecumenical hierarchs. In this way, we will have the laity, surrounded and supported by priests and served by their deacons as our bishops lead us in worship. We hope you will be encouraged in your individual ministries by the way we thus symbolize the connection, support, and service which is built into our diocesan community.

Ever grateful for the people of our diocese,

The Diocesan Liturgy Team

## the HOLY EUCHARIST

Before the liturgy, blessed water is placed in the diocesan baptismal bowl.

### The Word of God

Voluntary

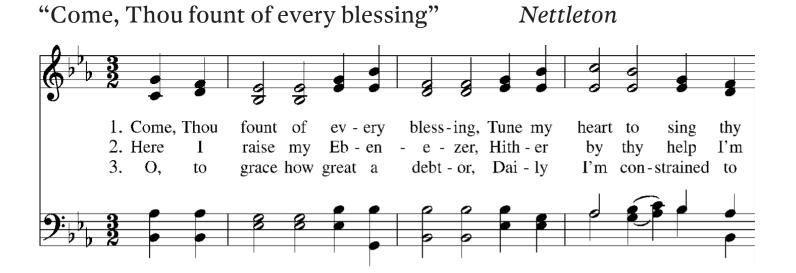
Antiphon V: How Fair and How Pleasant art Thou

Marcel Dupeé (1886-1971)

Mr. Sander Owen, All Saints' Episcopal Church, Saugatuck, MI

Fanfare William Mathias (1934-1992) Dr. Thomas Heidenreich, First Presbyterian Church, Saginaw, MI

Hymn Please stand.





#### **Opening Acclamations**

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Let us pray.

Holy and living God, you reign in majesty, yet draw near in mercy; inspiring trembling awe as you call prophets, anoint apostles, and speak to your people across the generations. We thank you for gifting your Church with leaders to build up the body of Christ. Send your Spirit into our midst to stir our hearts in discernment, unite us in bonds of peace, and guide us in calling a shepherd after your own heart. Grant that with our new bishop we will be strengthened in love, rooted in truth, and equipped to serve with grace and compassion; Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

People Amen.

#### The Lessons

The First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

Reader A reading from The Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said,

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said, "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

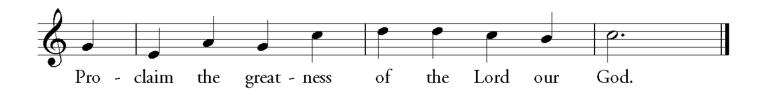
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

#### People Thanks be to God.

A Portion of the Psalter

Psalm 99

Antiphon First time, Choir. Then all.

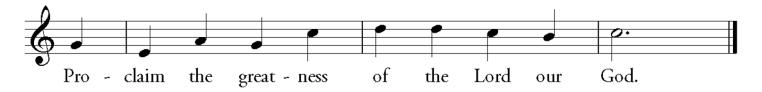


The Lord is King; let the people tremble; \* he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion; \* he is high above all peoples.

Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \* he is the Holy One.

"O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; \* you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."



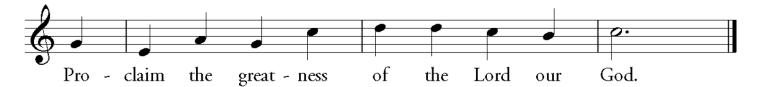
Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; \* he is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \* they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \* they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

"O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; \* you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds."

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; \* for the Lord our God is the Holy One.



Reader A reading from The Letter to the Ephesians.

I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. He himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, 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. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming; 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.

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

People Thanks be to God.

#### "Crashing waters at creation"

#### Restoration



Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them Deacon authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily Please be seated.
The Most Rev. Sean W. Rowe

#### The Renewal of Baptismal Vows All stand.

Bishop Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism.

#### The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? I believe in the Holy Spirit, People the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? I will, with God's help. People Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? I will, with God's help. People Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of Bishop God in Christ? I will, with God's help. People Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? I will, with God's help. People Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and Bishop

respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

People

Bishop O God, you have united diverse peoples in the confession of your name: Grant that all who have been born again in the font of baptism may also be united in mission, faith, and love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People Amen.

The Asperges

Music during the asperges by the Choir of Sudanese Grace Episcopal Church.

#### The Prayers of the People

Adapted from Canticle D: A Song in the Wilderness

Bishop Having renewed our commitment to Christ through our Baptismal Covenant, let us pray for the Church and for the World.

Deacon The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
It shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

Isaiah 35:1-2

Intercessor We pray for the welfare of the world,
the earth, its peoples, its creatures,
and the beautiful environment we share.
May we all be good stewards of God's creative work.

People We shall plant and water, for you, O God, give the growth. I Cor. 3:6

Deacon They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. *Isaiah 35:2*  Intercessor We pray for the Universal Church,
its members, and its mission;
especially Sean, Our Presiding Bishop,
and Anne, our Assisting Bishop.
We also pray for our diocese,
and the work of discerning whom you, O God,
are calling to be our first bishop diocesan.

People Help us be living stones built into a spiritual house, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

I Peter 2:5

Deacon Strengthen the weary hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to the anxious, "Be strong, do not fear! here is your God, coming with judgment to save you."

Isaiah 35:3-4

Intercessor We pray for those who are suffering, for those who are sick or addicted, those who struggle financially, and those who have no place to lay their heads. We pray especially for those whom we now name.

The people may name their own concerns, either silently or aloud.

Intercessor Bring also to our attention, O God, those whom it would be easy for us to forget.

People Remind us, O God, that your divine power has given us everything needed for life and godliness. 2 Peter 1:3 Deacon Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

Then shall the lame leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

Isaiah 35:5-6a

Intercessor Bless, O loving God, the people of our land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death, as their constant companions.

Inspire Donald our President, our Representatives, Senators, and courts, to work with us for equal protection under the law and equal opportunities for all.

People May we do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than ourselves, tending to the needs of all.

Philippians 2:3-4

Deacon For waters shall break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert;

The burning sand shall become a pool and the thirsty ground, springs of water. Isaiah 35:6b-7

Intercessor We pray for all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone.

We raise in heart and mind especially those whom we now name.

The people may name their own departed, either silently or aloud.

Intercessor The ransomed of God shall return with singing, with everlasting joy upon their heads.

Isaiah 35: 10a,b

People Joy and gladness shall be theirs, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. Isaiah 35:10c

Bishop O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

#### The Exchange of Peace

Bishop The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

The People may greet one another.

#### The Holy Communion

#### **Offertory Sentence**

Bishop The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail.

Isaiah 58:11

In our Organizing Principle, we proclaim that "we are called to embody the love of Jesus Christ with grace, hope, and joy," and that "we live out this calling by collaborating creatively" toward ministry priorities, including our shared commitment to "honor and care for creation." In that same spirit of collaboration, this year's Convention offering will support the Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative (GLSI)—a Michigan-based nonprofit that helps "develop knowledgeable and active stewards of the Great Lakes region through place-based education and community engagement." Learn more at greatlakesstewardship.org.

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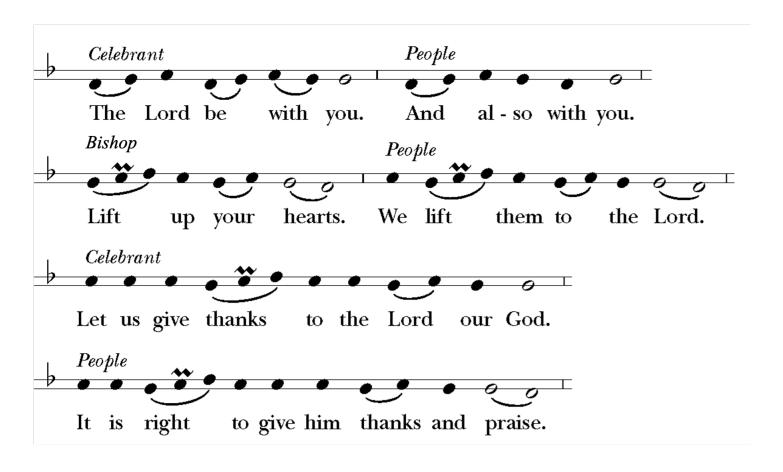


Motet This my Church Shall Be Carol Muehlig (b. 1947)

Dr. Kevin Simons, Conductor

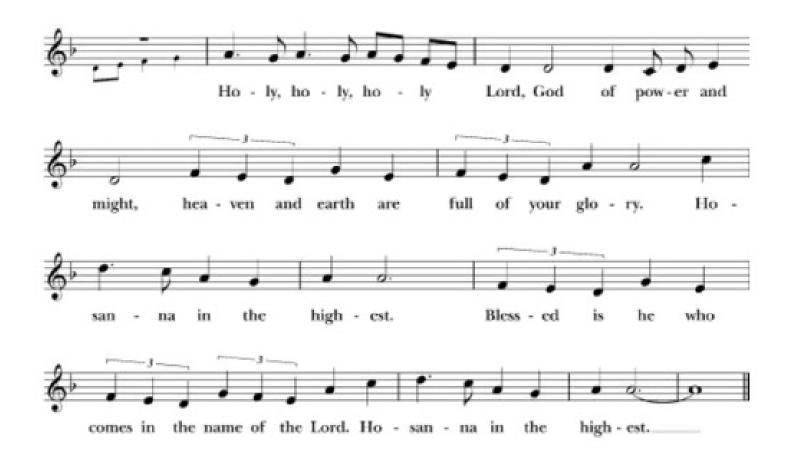
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Eucharistic Prayer D Please stand. Expansive Language Version



The Bishop continues, giving voice to this prayer which we are all praying in our hearts and minds.

Bishop It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you, thanks; for you alone, our God, living in true, dwelling in light and accessible from before time and forever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless thrones of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,



Bishop We acclaim, you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy, you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again, and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the profits you taught us to hope for salvation.

Holy God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor, he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the

sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose Jesus gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who died and rose for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for Jesus to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus 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 the forgiveness of sin. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection, and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

People We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord, our God.

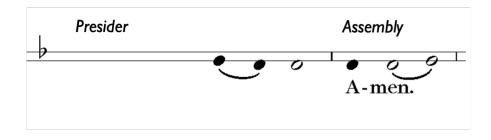
Bishop God our Creator, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that all this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy Catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal his unity, guarded faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the Saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

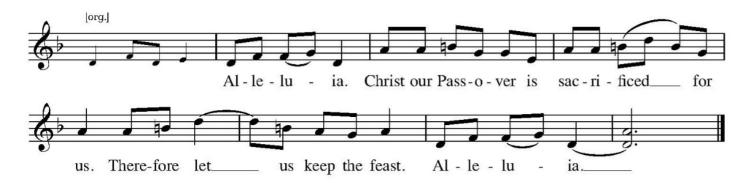


#### The Lord's Prayer

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

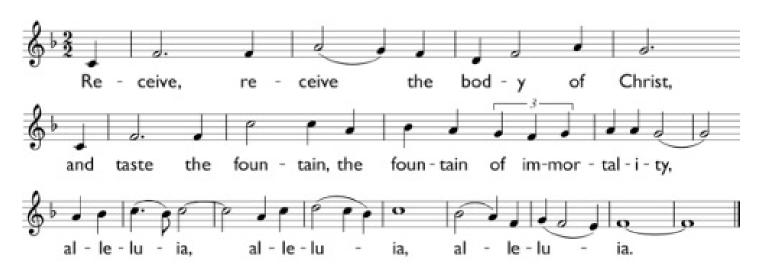


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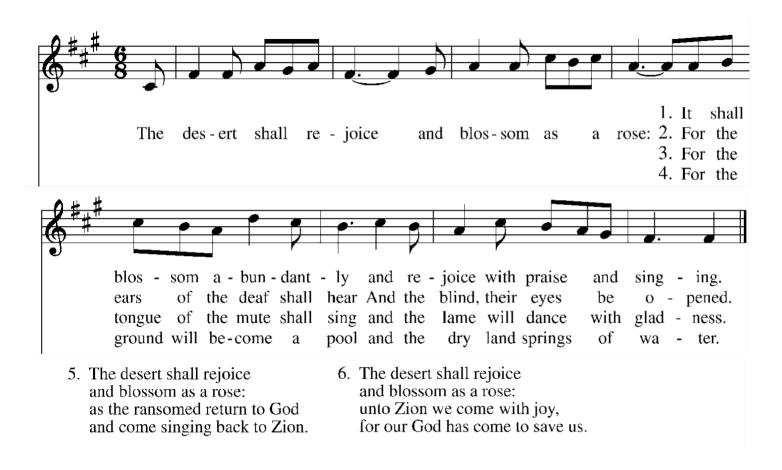
#### Invitation to Holy Communion

#### Bishop The Gifts of God for the people of God.



"The desert shall rejoice"

Sterling



A Hymn by the Choir of Sudanese Grace Episcopal Church.



The Prayer after Holy Communion

Bishop Let us pray.

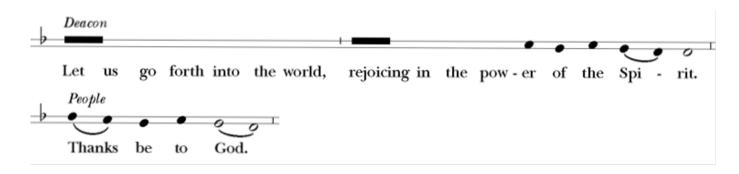
People Loving God, we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior.
Amen.

**The Episcopal Blessing** Please stand as you are able.



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

#### **The Dismissal**





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