Christ Church Christiana Hundred

WELCOME!

We are glad you are with us today as we worship God and receive Christ's presence given to us in the sacrament of bread and wine. This service is offered by livestream to those who cannot assemble with us. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 15, 2026
10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Voluntary Prelude on *Adoro te Devote* Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand, as able, and sing

Entrance Hymn 423 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* (blue) Hymnal 1982

The Opening Acclamation

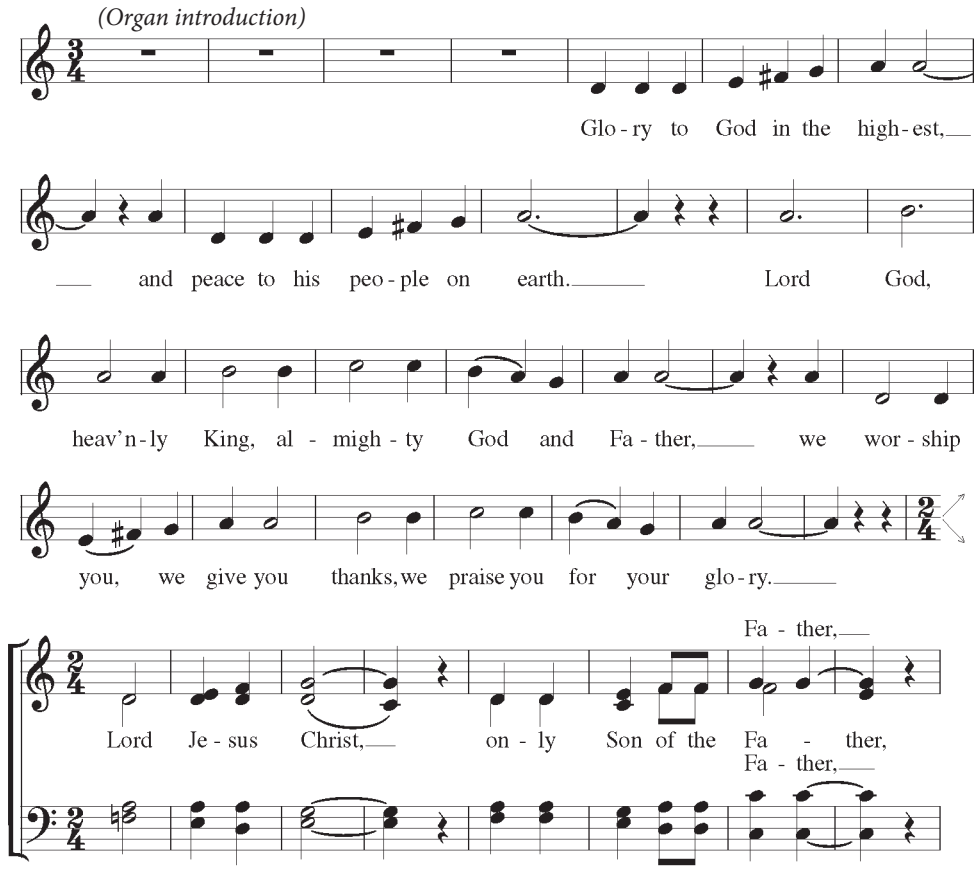
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

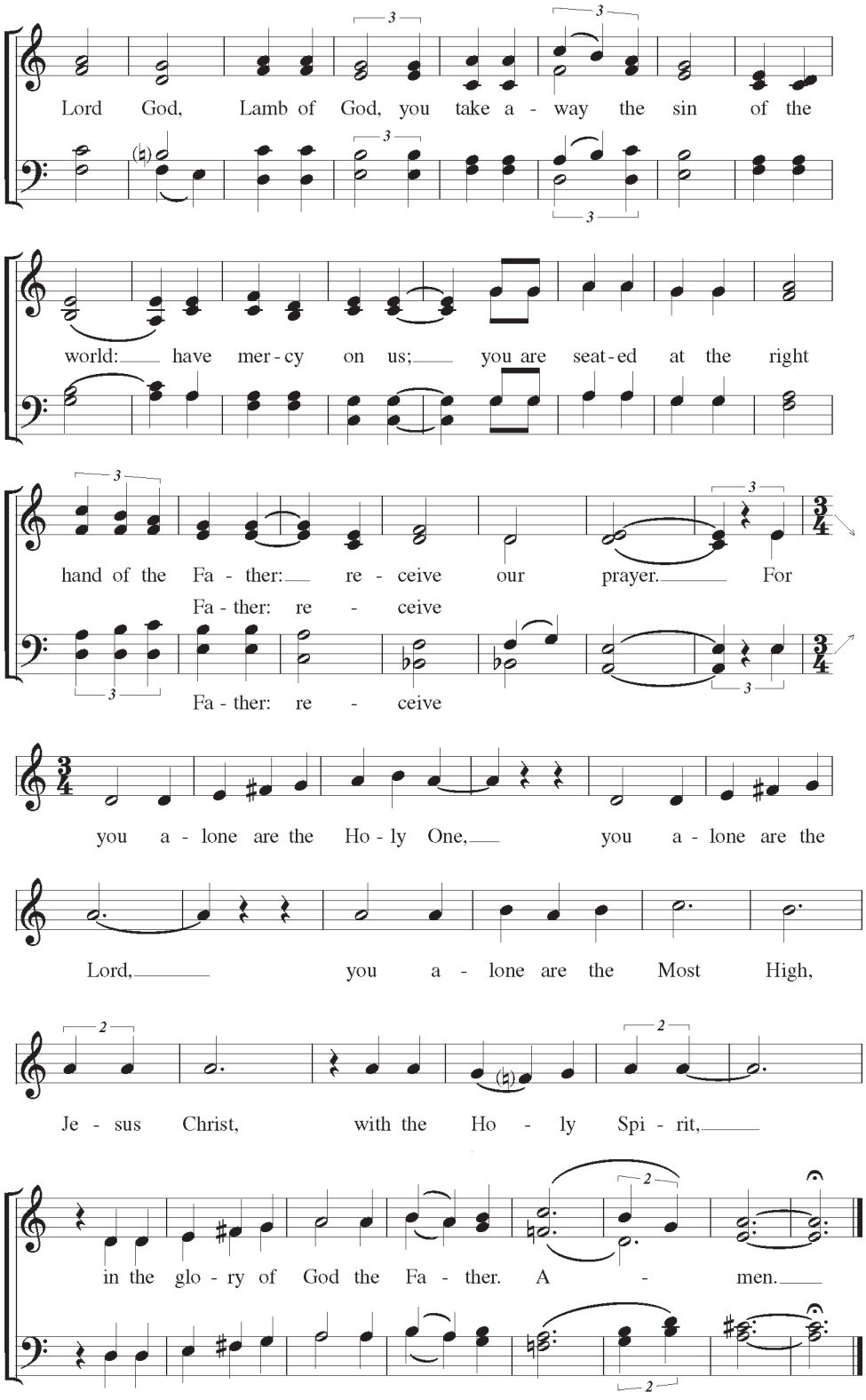
People ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

Celebrant 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.***

All sing

Gloria in Excelsis





Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray. Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Please be seated for

The First Reading *Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18*

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

At the conclusion the People respond, ***"Thanks be to God."***

The Choir sings

Psalm 90:1-8 *Domine, refugium* Chant: Charles Hylton Stewart (1884-1932)

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.
You turn us back to the dust and say, "Go back, O child of earth."
For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night.
You sweep us away like a dream; we fade away suddenly like the grass.
In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.
For we consume away in your displeasure; we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

The Second Reading *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

At the conclusion the People respond, ***"Thanks be to God."***

Please stand and sing

Gradual Hymn 615 *"Thy Kingdom Come!" on Bended Knee* Hymnal 1982

The Gospel is carried to the congregation so that we remember it is our Good News to hear and to share.

The Gospel Reading *Matthew 25:14-30*

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

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Once the Book of Gospels has returned to its place of honor, the People may be seated at the invitation of the preacher.

The Homily Thomas Word Peters

Please stand for

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us declare our faith in God:

People
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.

A member of the parish leads

The Prayers of the People

Gracious God, fountain of all wisdom, we pray for all Christian people; for Sean, our presiding bishop, and Kevin, our bishop; for our parish clergy, staff, and preschool, and for all who teach and nurture faith. We give thanks for our parish ministry, especially *N.*, and for our companions in the Dominican Republic. May the word of Christ dwell in our hearts and knit us together in the bond of your love. Hear our prayer. ***Hear us, good Lord.***

We pray for the world and for the nations, especially those in crisis, war, or conflict; for diplomats and those who use their influence for the welfare of all people. Lord God, guide every nation and people to turn their swords into plowshares for a harvest of peace. Hear our prayer. ***Hear us, good Lord.***

We pray for this nation, that in unity we may hold fast to the way of freedom and peace. We pray for our president Donald, and for those elected to public service. Give them the gift of your wisdom, and a right discernment in all things. Hear our prayer. ***Hear us, good Lord.***

We pray for this community, for those who live, work, and visit here, and for all in our schools and universities. We pray for our outreach partners, especially *N.,* and all who seek the common good. Lead us to share what you have given and serve one another as Christ has served us. Hear our prayer. ***Hear us, good Lord.***

We pray for those who do not believe and those broken in faith or without hope. Through our ministry, open their ears to hear your voice, and open their hearts to receive you as savior and friend. Hear our prayer. ***Hear us, good Lord.***

We pray for those bowed down with grief or fear, those caught by addiction or anxiety, for the sick who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, and for those who have asked our prayers, especially *N.,* and those we remember now…that they may be comforted and healed in the name of Christ Jesus. Hear our prayer. ***Hear us, good Lord.***

We remember all who have died in the faith of Christ and those whose faith is known to you alone, especially *N.,* and those we remember now…we rejoice with all your saints, trusting in the promise of your word fulfilled. Hear our prayer. ***Hear us, good Lord.***

Celebrant O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life in your kingdom: redeem all our days by this victory and make us bold to praise you and to do your will; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 Celebrant declares the absolution.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Please be seated as those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month stand to be recognized; then all say

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

Please stand for

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory and Preparation of the Table

Being seated, we begin with a time of offering. Giving money is a sign that our life serves God's purposes and expresses our gratitude for God's many blessings. The ushers will receive the offering and present it on our behalf. Also, you may give online using Apple or Google Pay, PayPal, Venmo, a credit/debit card, ACH, or text a contribution to (302) 244-5368. For those who give electronically, a card is available in the pews to participate in the act of offering. Newcomers and guests may place the welcome card in the offering plate.

Anthem Howard Helvey (b. 1968)

O lux beatissima, reple cordis intima	O light most blessed, fill the hearts' depths
tuorum fidelium.	of all your faithful.
Sine tuo nomine, nihil est homine,	Without your grace, nothing is in us,
nihil est innoxium.	nothing that is not harmful.

Please stand and sing

Presentation Hymn 424, v. 1 *For the Fruit of All Creation* Hymnal 1982

The Great Thanksgiving (red) Book of Common Prayer 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

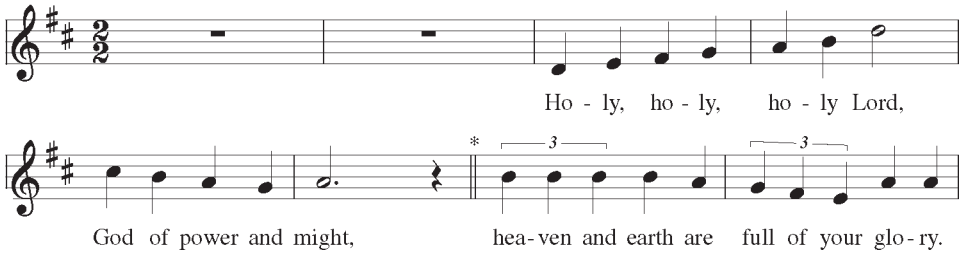
People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

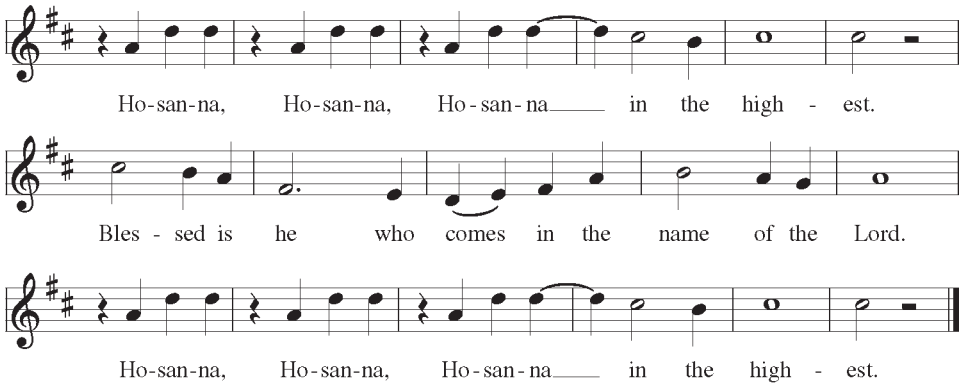
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Celebrant continues the prayer, inviting our praise in the ancient song of the Sanctus.

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:





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The Celebrant continues the prayer, inviting our acclamation of Christ's sacrificial death and triumphant resurrection, saying

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues the prayer, concluding

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.***

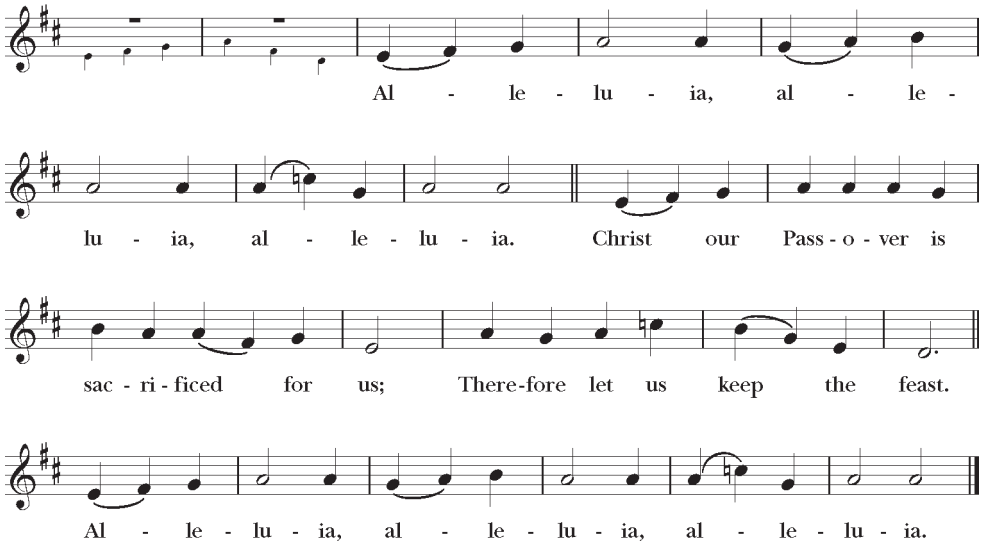
The Celebrant invites the People to say the prayer Jesus taught his first disciples.

The Lord's Prayer

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

We sing the anthem at the breaking of the bread, which is Christ's Body, broken for us. Please be seated after the sacrament is presented.



Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Christ or a blessing. Come up the center aisle and take your place along the altar rail, kneeling or standing. If you desire a blessing, cross your arms over your chest to indicate your intent. Receive the host in open hands. Gluten-free host is available; let the clergy know your need when they approach you. When you are presented with the cup, drink from it or dip the bread carefully into the cup and consume in both kinds together. If you do not wish to receive the cup, please cross your arms to indicate your intent, but wait for the minister to pass you before you leave the rail. Please use the side aisle to return to your pew. If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher to let the clergy know, and communion will be brought to you.

Communion Anthem Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Tantum ergo Sacramentum	Down in adoration falling,
veneremur cernui;	lo! the Sacred Host we hail;
et antiquum documentum	lo! o'er ancient forms departing,
novo cedat ritui;	newer rites of grace prevail;
præstet fides supplementum	faith for all defects supplying,
sensuum defectui.	where the feeble senses fail.
Genitori, Genitoque	To the everlasting Father,
laus et jubilatio,	and the Son who reigns on high,
salus, honor, virtus quoque	with the Holy Ghost proceeding
sit et benedictio,	forth from Each eternally,
procedenti ab utroque	be salvation, honor, blessing,
compar sit laudation. Amen.	might, and endless majesty. Amen.

Communion Hymn 314 *Humbly I Adore Thee* Hymnal 1982

Please stand for

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant In thanksgiving, let us pray.

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.***

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People.

People ***Amen.***

All sing

Hymn 559 *Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us* Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Voluntary *Praeludium in G minor* Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Please take your bulletin with you or return it to the table in the narthex as you leave.

We are sent forth to be Christ's blessing in the world. Our prayer is that today's worship has encouraged you in love, strengthened you for service, and filled you with joy. We look forward to your presence again in worship, in service to others, in learning and fellowship.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, Christ Church welcomes you into a loving and joyful community that serves others and seeks to grow deeper in relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

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