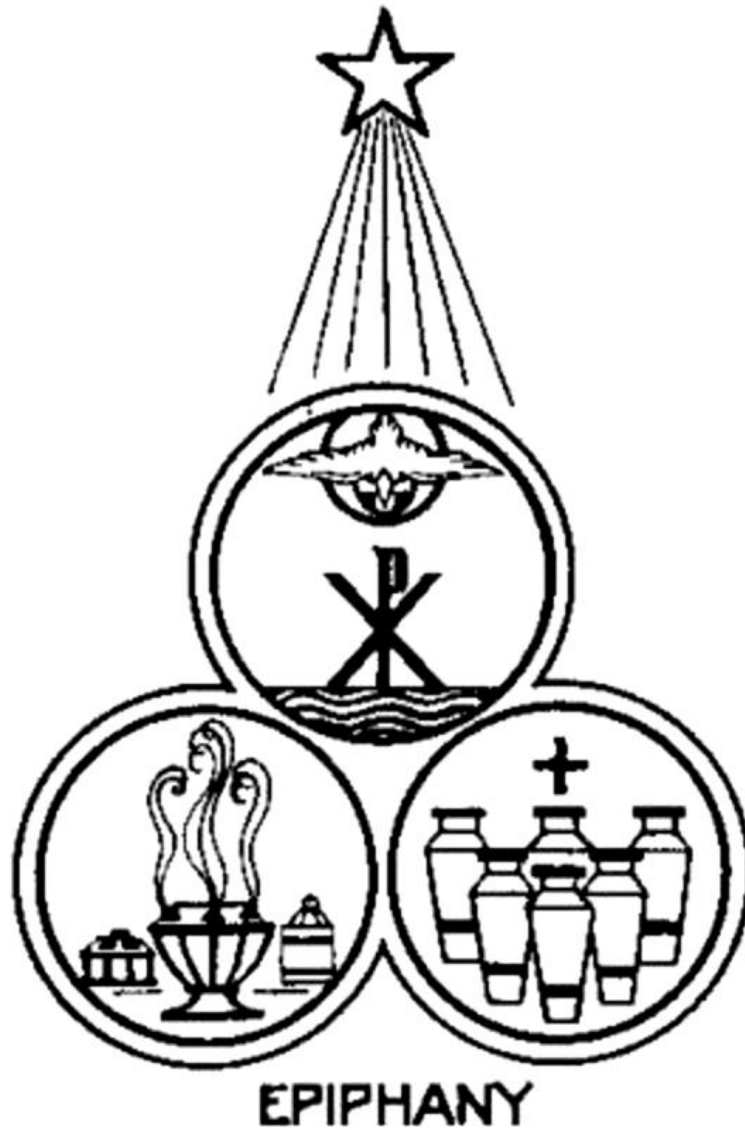


The Third Sunday After The Epiphany
St. Andrew's Church
January 26, 2025



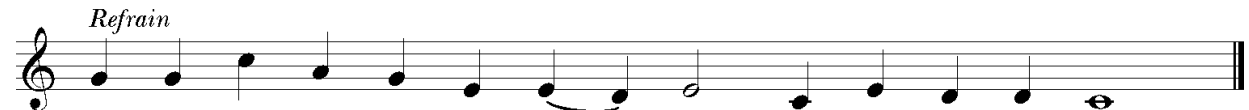
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All stand.

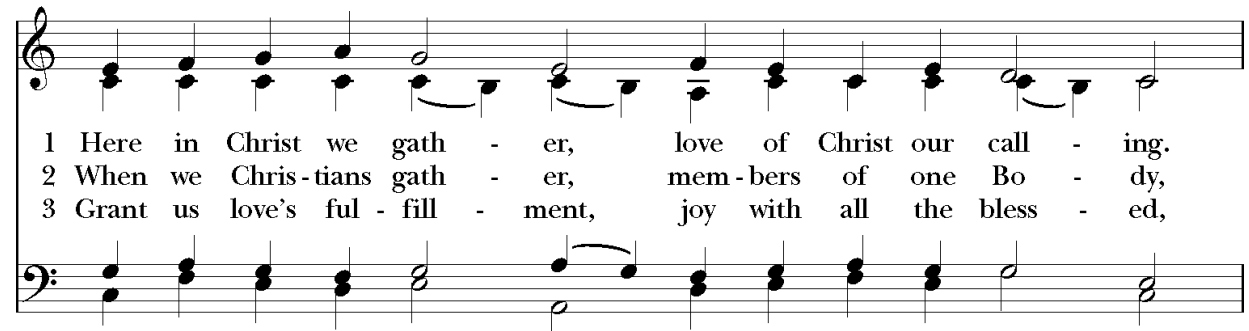
Opening Hymn #577

God is Love

Refrain



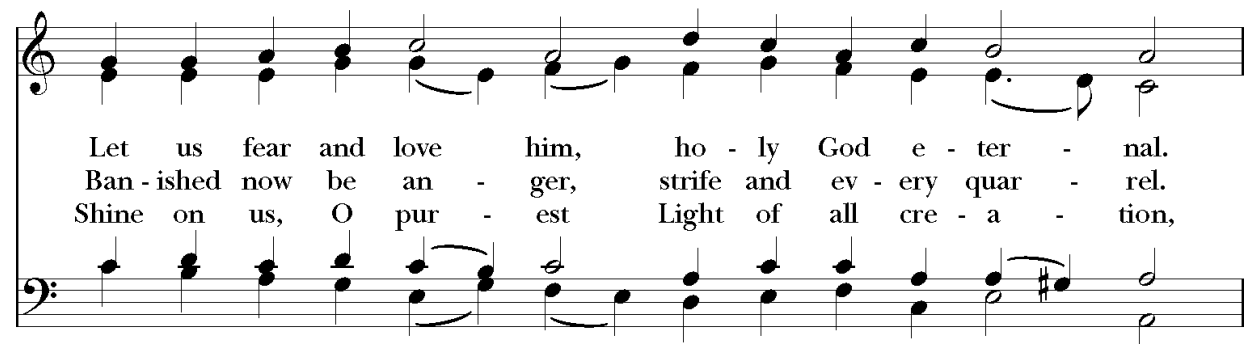
God is love, and where true love is God him - self is there.



1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.
2 When we Chris - tians gath - er, mem - bers of one Bo - dy,
3 Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,

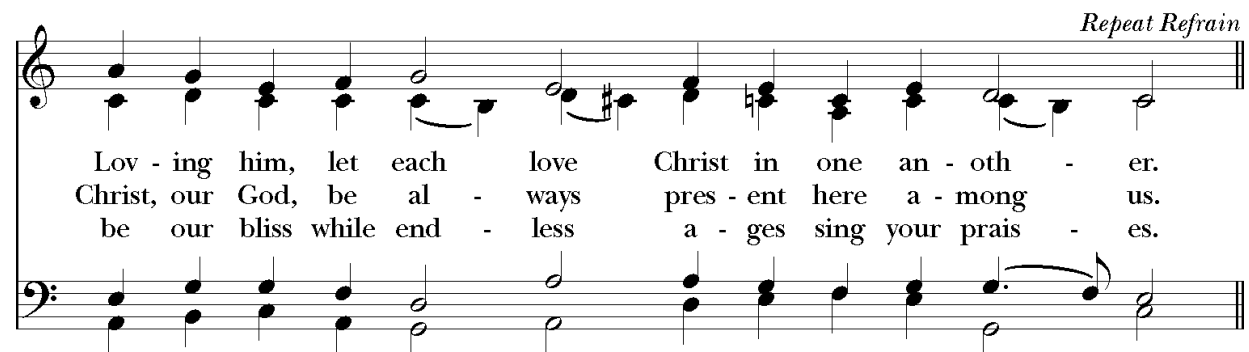


Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.
let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.
when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.



Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.
Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.
Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,

Repeat Refrain



Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.
Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.
be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.

Opening Sentence

Celebrant: How priceless is your love, O God! Your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

All: For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.

Collect for Purity

All: 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.

Gloria (S-278)

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

LEM

A Reading from the Book of Nehemiah

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go

your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

LECTOR

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 19

Led by Lector and read responsively, by half verse.

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

LECTOR

A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn #513

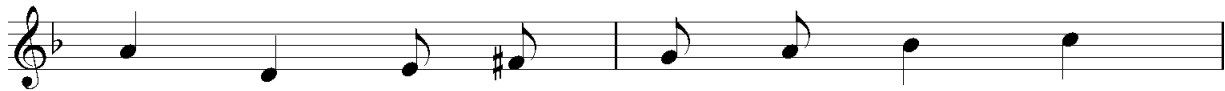
Like the murmur of the dove's song



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the
2 To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the



chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the
branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as -
cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and



wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger
sem - bled, to her midst as gift and
wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -



might: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
sign: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
pare: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

Phrase 1 of each stanza may be sung by one group, with a contrasted group singing phrase 2, and all joining for the final phrase.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 4:14-21

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Celebrant: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Please stand and face the cross.

**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,
he was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

**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,
who with the Father and the Son is
worshipped and glorified,
who 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.**

LEM

The Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel.

The people are encouraged to add their own petitions.

LEM: God of light and life our prayers rise before you this day in hope and faith.

LEM: We pray for the Lenape, Munsee, and Esopus peoples, on whose land we now worship,

***All:* Source of enlightenment, inspire us with curiosity for our history in this place and imagination and persistence to repair broken relationships.**

LEM: We pray for your church, for our diocese, for New Paltz United Methodist Church and Redeemer Lutheran, for Episcopal churches in Ulster County, all clergy and people.

***All:* Flame of abundant love, be our joy in proclaiming your Good News to the world.**

LEM: We pray for all who are coming to faith, all who wonder about faith, and all who are struggling with faith.

***All:* Light of all creation, guide us to lead, teach and nurture your disciples.**

LEM: We pray for the world, especially where there is trouble and suffering, far away or nearby.

***All:* Ember of steadfast care, fuel our passion to challenge injustice and violence and to pursue peace and reconciliation.**

LEM: We pray for the land on which we stand, the peoples, creatures, plant life and waters around us...

All: Star blaze of glory, lead us to care for this fragile earth, our island home, and to heal the circle of creation.

LEM: We pray for those in need of food, shelter, clothing, and of God's healing touch, especially those for whom our prayers are especially desired ...: **Charles, Helen, Sheila, Louise, DuSean, Mary, Edna, Oriana, Gabriel, Joan, Sara, Joe, Janet, Charles, Sandra, Vicky, Anita and Rich, Beverly, Nancy, Patricia, Diane, Martha, Bill, Sally, Kappa, Ola** and those we now name (*pause*). We pray,

All: Comforter of the suffering, warm our hands to loving service.

LEM: We pray for those who have died, and those we now name (*pause*) and for all who mourn.

All: Light that shines in the darkness, welcome them into everlasting light, and grace us with glimmers of your presence.

LEM: We pray for those who celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and other accomplishments that we now name, silently or aloud, (*pause*). We pray,

All: Bright beam of your grace and truth, strengthen their trust in your goodness.

LEM: We offer thanksgiving for answered prayers and for ways we have known God to be moving in our lives (*PLEASE share some of these aloud!*).

All: God of sun and stars, thank you for the joys and wonders of daily life.

LEM: God of radiant light, your love illumines our hopes before we know them, and our needs before we ask. Kindle your flame within us, that in our prayers and service, we may know your transforming presence at work in the world around us.
All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbors, and ourselves.

Silence.

**All: Merciful God,
we have sinned
in what we have thought and said,
in the wrong we have done
and in the good we have not done.
We have sinned in ignorance:
we have sinned in weakness:**

**we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry.
We repent and turn to you.
Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake,
and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

The Peace

Remain standing.

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

The Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Jesus said, "Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use in giving, it will be measured back to you. (Luke 6:38)

Offertory Hymn #321

My God, thy table now is spread

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with
 2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished
 3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in coun - tless
 4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the

love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren
 well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -
 num - bers let them come and gath - er from their
 world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall

thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.
 va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.
 Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.
 all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is the joy of our salvation, God of the universe,
to give you thanks through Jesus Christ.
You said, "Let there be light;" there was light.
Your light shines in our darkness.
For you the earth has brought forth life in all its forms.

**All: You have created us to hear your Word,
To do your will and to be fulfilled in your love.
It is right to thank you.**

Celebrant: You sent your Son to be for us
The way we need to follow and the truth we need to know.
In him the light which shines for all has come into the world,
And he has become one with us that we may become one with you.

**All: You send your Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide,
to warn and to revive your Church.**

Celebrant: Therefore, with all your witnesses
who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars,
we praise you for our creation and our calling,
with loving and joyful hearts, singing

Holy Holy Holy (S-128)

The musical score is written on five staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven 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.

Celebrant: On that night before Jesus died he took bread and gave you thanks.
He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
“Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; Do this to remember me”.

After supper he took the cup, and gave you thanks. He gave it to them and said,
“Drink this. It is my Blood of the new Covenant,
shed for you, shed for all, to forgive sin; do this to remember me.”

Therefore with this bread and wine we recall your goodness to us.

All: **God of the past and present,
we your people remember your Son.
We thank you for his cross and rising again,
we take courage from his ascension;
we look for his coming in glory and in him we give ourselves to you.**

Celebrant: Send your Holy Spirit, that we who receive Christ’s body
may indeed be the body of Christ, and we who share his cup
draw strength from the one true vine.

All: Called to follow Christ, help us to reconcile and unite.
For you, the heavenly one, make all things new;
You are the beginning and the end, the last and the first.
Praise, glory and love be yours, this and every day
From us and all people, here and everywhere. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Be known to us Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread..

All: One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.

Please be seated.

Bread is gluten free. If you would like to sip from the cup, go to the left of the altar; if you would like the priest to dip the host for you, go to the right.

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Spirit of energy and change, in whose power Jesus was anointed to be the hope of the nations: be poured out also upon us without reserve or distinction, that through these gifts of your Body and Blood we may have confidence and strength to plant your justice on the earth. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant: May God give you the grace never to sell yourself short;
Grace to risk something big for something good; and
Grace to remember the world is now
too dangerous for anything but the truth and
too small for anything but love.
And may the blessing of the One God
who makes us, who loves us, and who frees us to love
be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Announcements

Closing Hymn #537

Christ for the world we sing!

1 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
 2 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
 3 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
 4 Christ for the world we sing! The world to

Christ we bring with lov - ing zeal; the poor, and
 Christ we bring with fer - vent prayer; the way - ward
 Christ we bring with one ac - cord; with us the
 Christ we bring with joy - ful song; the new - born

them that mourn, the faint and o - ver - borne,
 and the lost, by rest - less pas - sions tossed,
 work to share, with us re - proach to dare,
 souls, whose days, re - claimed from er - ror's ways,

sin - sick and sor - row - worn, whom Christ doth heal.
 re - deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.
 with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
 in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR TODAY

Celebrant: Rev. Susan Copley

LEM: Brenda Hush

Lector: Jen Cutter

Acolyte: Abby Brown

Usher: Annette Johnson

Altar Guild: Jennifer McPherson

Organist: Janet Frommer

Coffee Hour: Luba Brown

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