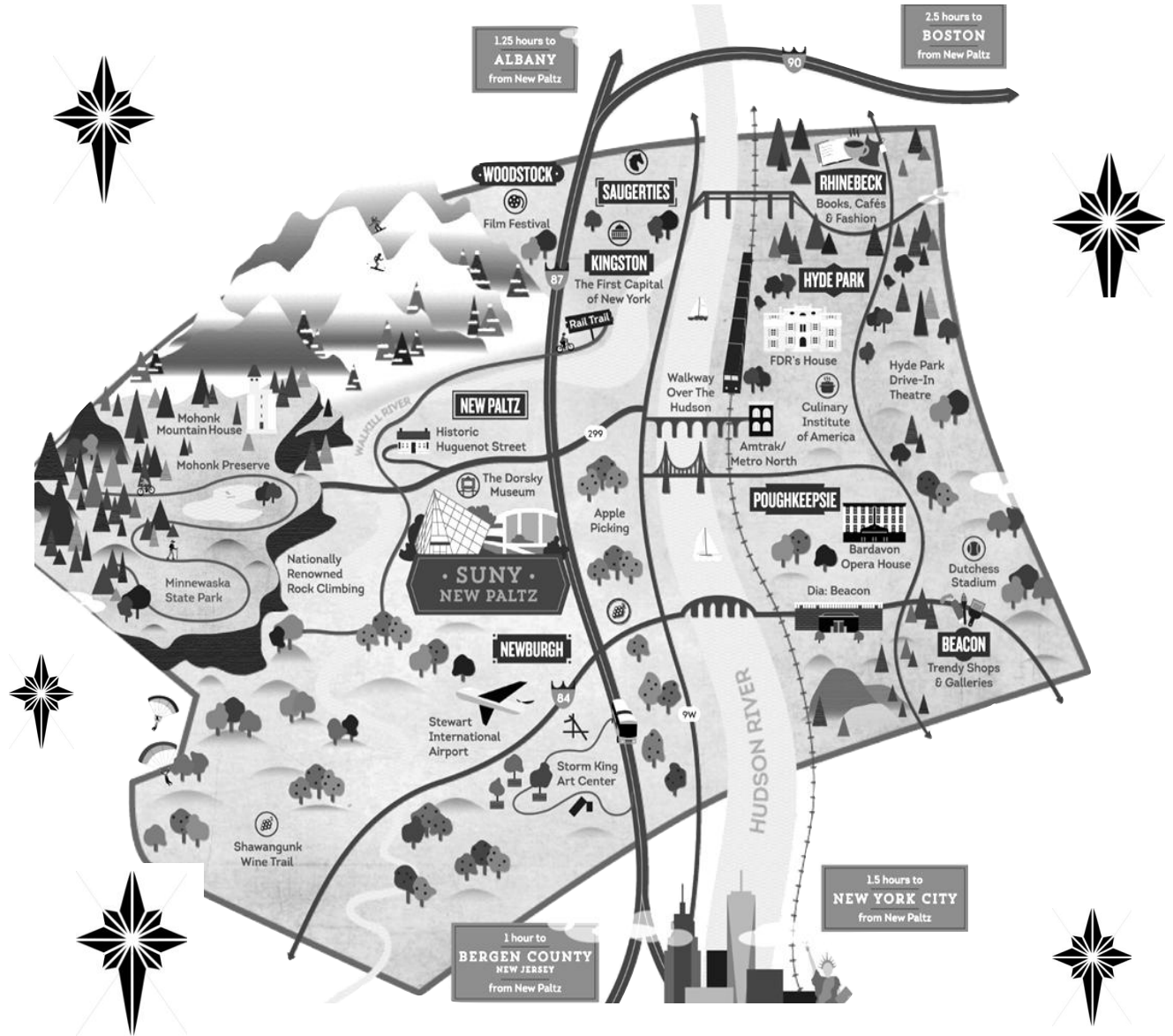


**Last Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**St. Andrew's Church**  
February 11, 2024



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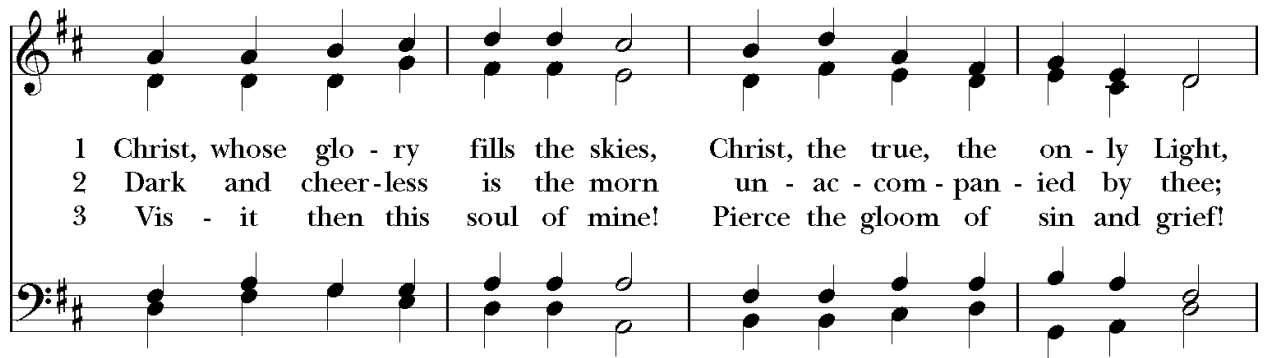
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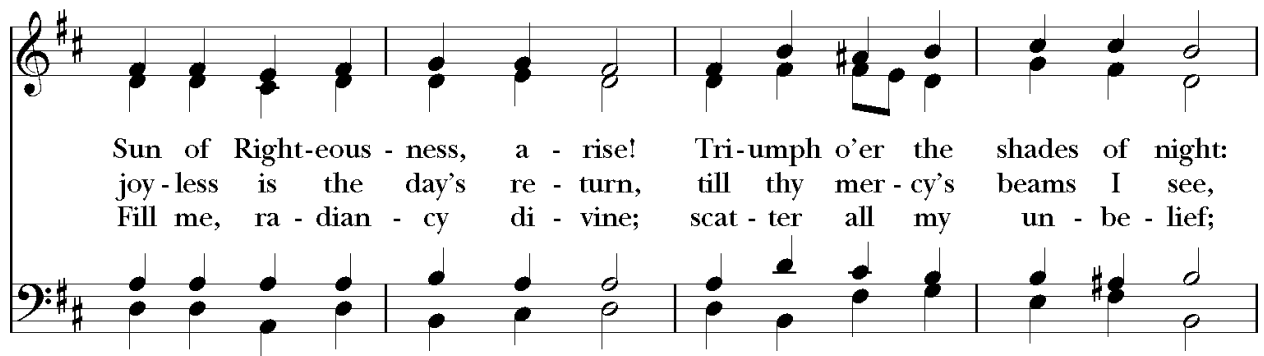
All stand.

## Opening Hymn #7

## Christ, whose glory fills the skies



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,  
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;  
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!



Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:  
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,  
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

## Opening Sentence

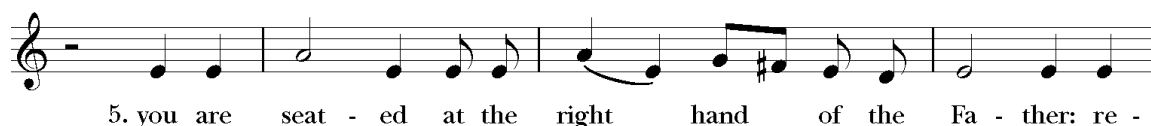
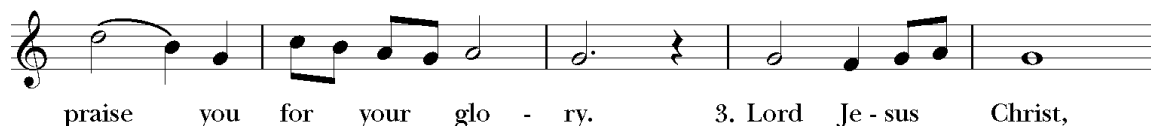
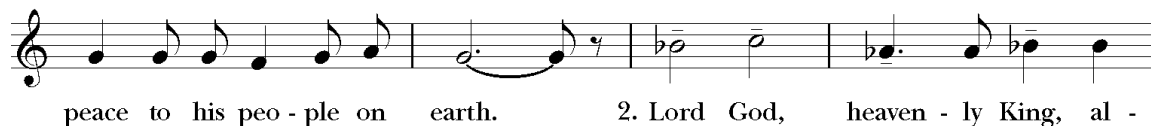
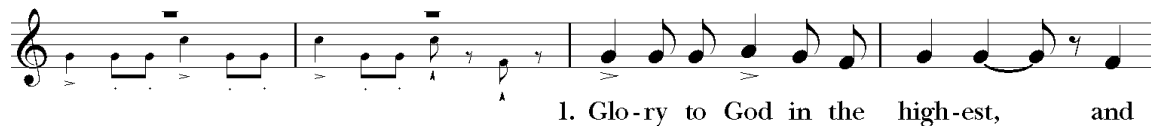
Celebrant: How priceless is your love, O God! Your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

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

## Collect for Purity

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: *Gloria* (S-278)



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:* **O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*LEM*

### A Reading from the Second Book of Kings

**2 Kings 2:1-12**

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.”

Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

*LECTOR*

**Psalm of the Day**

**Psalm 50:1-6**

*Led by Lector and read responsively, by half verse.*

- 1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; \*  
**he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.**
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*  
**God reveals himself in glory.**
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
**before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.**
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
**to witness the judgment of his people.**
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
**those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."**
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  
**for God himself is judge.**

*LECTOR*

**A Reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians**

**2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim

Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

*All:* Thanks be to God.

**Gradual Hymn LEVAS #58**

**The Lord is my light**

The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion, the Lord is my

light and my sal - va - tion, the Lord is my light and

my sal - va - tion; whom shall I fear?

Whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life;

whom shall I fear? In the time of trou-ble,

He shall hide me, O in the time of trou-ble,

He shall hide me, in the time of trou-ble,

He shall hide me; whom shall I fear?

**The Holy Gospel**

**Mark 9:2-9**

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

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three

dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

*Celebrant:* This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

**Iona Community**

**We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life,  
of sun and moon, of water and earth, of all humanity.**

**We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh,  
born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree.  
A man of sorrows, he died forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death.  
On the third day he rose from the tomb.  
He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present, and His kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the  
Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and of eternal life. 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 ...: **E.J., George, Charles, Helen, Robert, Sheila, Louise, DuSean, Mary, Caroline, Edna, Oriana, Gabriel, Joan, Michael, Sara, Joe, Linda, Sandra, Jack, Bill, Anne and Noa and Family, Charles and Janet and Family, Linda, Hannah, Vicky, Anita and Rich, Bill and Sally, Beverly,** 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, especially 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, *especially Charles, MaryAnn, and Emily on their birthdays,* (*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 #427

When morning gilds the skies

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart, a - wak - ing, cries,  
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:  
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heaven is known  
 4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, in this your con - cord find:  
 5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,

1 may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning sha - dows fall,  
 2 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer  
 3 than, Je - sus Christ be praised! There to the e - ter - nal Word  
 4 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round  
 5 sing, Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,

1 this rings my cur - few call, may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 2 hath none that can com - pare with: Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 3 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 4 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 5 both now and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

## 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

**All:**      *Holy Holy Holy (S-128)*

The musical score is written on five staves of a single treble clef. 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.**

## **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 #460

Alleluia! sing to Jesus

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the  
 \*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the  
 \*5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the

1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the  
 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is  
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the  
 4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of  
 5 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the  
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the  
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -  
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -  
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the



1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a  
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty  
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,  
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our  
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

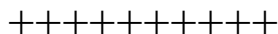
1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery  
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his  
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the  
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and  
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.  
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

**The Dismissal**

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

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**



## **MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR TODAY**

Celebrant: Rev. Allison Moore  
LEM: Jen Cutter  
Acolyte: Abby Brown  
Lector: Wendy Bower  
Usher: David Slingerland  
Altar Guild: Susan Piowaty  
Music: Janet Frommer  
Coffee Hour: Luba Brown

## **Sources of Liturgy**

Book of Common Prayer

Prayers of the People: Epiphany Season, Anglican Church of Canada, found at

<https://www.anglican.ca/wp-content/uploads/Prayers-of-the-People-Epiphany-Season.pdf>

Affirmation of Faith found at <https://modernliturgist.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/SH-Paper-Alternative-Creeds-in-Liturgical-Worship.pdf>

Confession, Absolution, and Eucharistic Prayer: New Zealand Prayer Book, Eucharist of Praise and Thanksgiving, pp. 485-488

Post Communion Prayer: Janet Morley, All Desires Known, Expanded Edition, p. 7

Blessing: William Sloane Coffin, at <https://gracebrunswick.org/blessings.html>