

**March 1, 2026  
10:00 AM**

**The Second Sunday  
in Lent**

## **Holy Eucharist**



### ***St. Stephen's in-the-Field Episcopal Church***

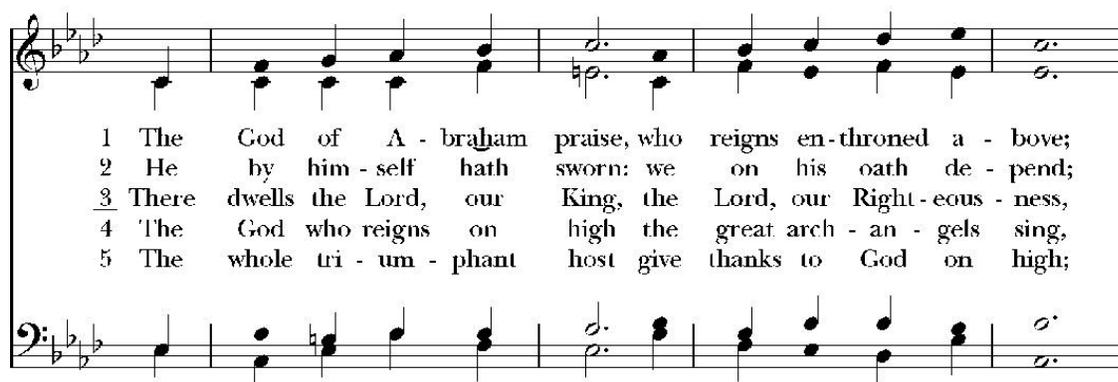
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**We the people of Saint Stephen's in-the-Field  
seek to know Christ, to share Christ, and to serve Christ,  
recognizing his presence in all people,  
and reaching out in love to each other and to the world around us.**

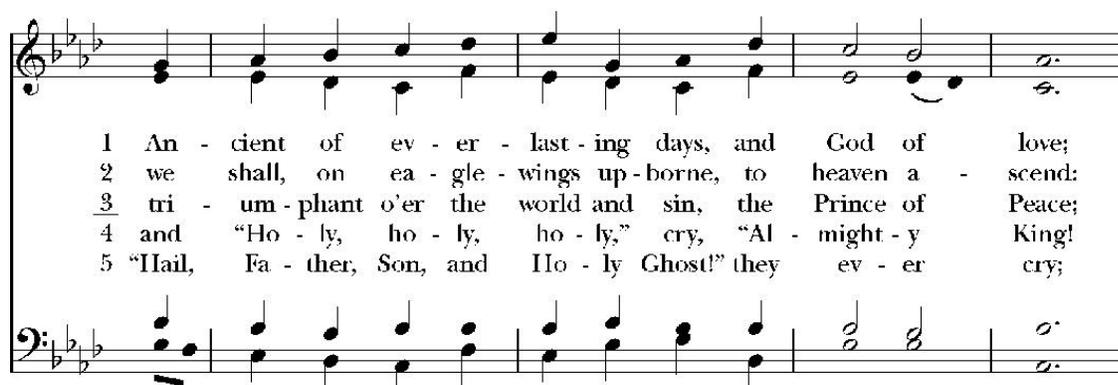
# The Liturgy of the Word

Processional *The God of Abraham Praise*

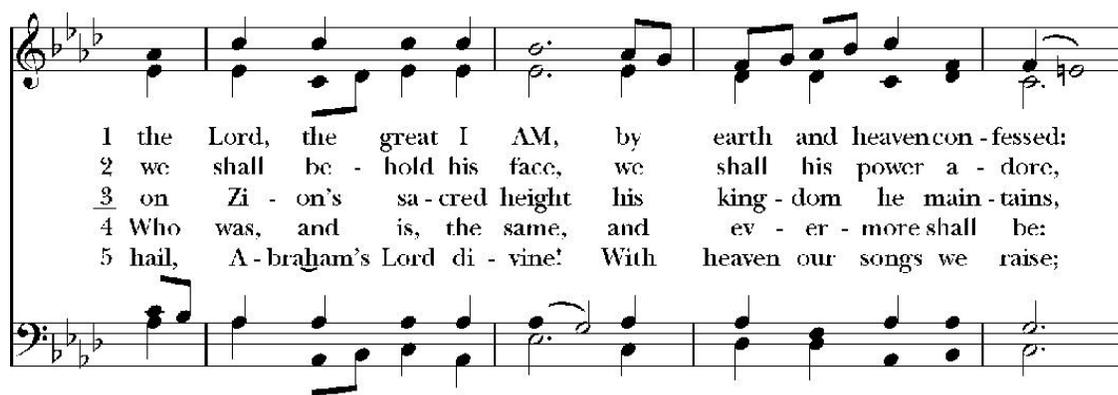
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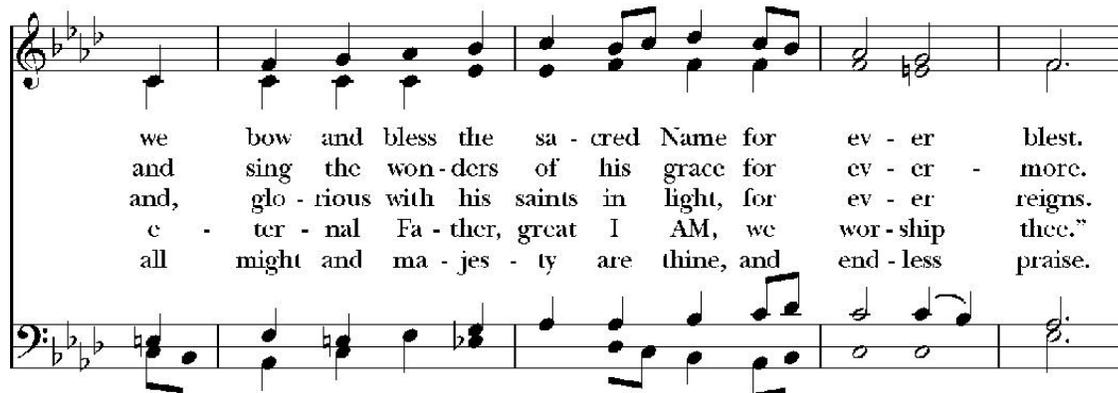
1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;  
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,  
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,  
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;



1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;  
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:  
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;  
4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!  
5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;



1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed;  
2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,  
3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,  
4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:  
5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;



we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.  
and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.  
and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.  
c - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."  
all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

*The people standing, the Presider says,*

*Presider* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

### **The Decalogue:**

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Honor your father and your mother.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit murder.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit adultery.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not steal.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not be a false witness.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Presider* Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The

second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.” (Mark 12:29-31)

*The Priest says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and 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 Priest says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

**Kyrie: S95, sung a cappella**

*Cantor or Choir*      *All*      *Cantor or Choir*

Lord, have mer - cy.    Lord, have mer - cy.    Christ, have mer - cy.

*All*      *Cantor or Choir*      *All*

Christ, have mer - cy.    Lord, have mer - cy.    Lord, have mer - cy.

*Presider*      The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Presider*      Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## ***The Lessons***

### ***First Reading***

***Genesis 12:1-4a***

The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### ***Psalm:***

***Psalm 121***

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

***Second Reading***

***Romans 4:1-5, 13-17***

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

***Gospel Gradual:***      *Thy Word*

Amy Grant, Michael W. Smith

**Chorus: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path**

**Verse 1 When I feel afraid,  
and I think I've lost my way  
still You're there right beside me  
Nothing will I fear as long as You are near  
Please be near me to the end      (Chorus)**

Verse 2: **I will not forget Your love for me and yet  
my heart forever is wandering  
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side  
I will love You to the end**

Outro: **Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path  
and a light unto my path  
and a light unto my path**

### *Gospel Reading*

**John 3:1-17**

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*All:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Sermon*

*The Rev. Ken Wratten*

*Nicene Creed*

**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.**

***Prayers of the People: Form V***

*Leader:* In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy".

*Leader:* For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming.

In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for monasteries and monastics:  
Community of Divine Love, San Luis Obispo. We pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Lucinda our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For those in positions of public trust that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

*People:* **To you, O Lord our God.**

*Celebrant:* For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*Exchange peace.*

## Offertory Sentence

*Celebrant:* Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

### Offertory:

### *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

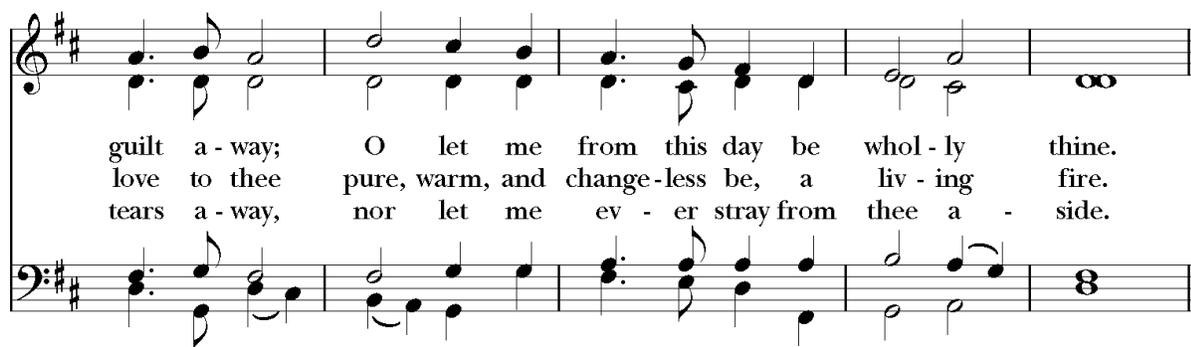
*H691 v1,2*



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,



Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my  
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's



guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.  
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire.  
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

## *Doxology (Old 100<sup>th</sup>):*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## *The Liturgy of the Eucharist: Prayer A*

*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 our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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:

**Sanctus: S125**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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 he 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 for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

*Celebrant*

There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

*People and Celebrant*

**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

*Celebrant:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. (no Alleluias in Lent...)

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

*Celebrant:* 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.

### Communion Music:

*In His Time*

YSB 22

### In His 'time

Diane Ball

1. In His time, in His time. He makes  
2. In Your time, in in Your time. You make

6 all things beau-ti-ful in His time. Lord, please  
all things beau-ti-ful in Your time. Lord, my

10 show me ev-ry day as You're teach-ing me Your way, that You  
life to You I bring, as may each song I have to sing, be to

14 do You just a love-ly thing in in Your Your time.

### Post Communion Prayer

*Please stand*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,**

**and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## ***Announcements***

### ***Birthday and Anniversary Blessings***

**Birthday Blessing:** Watch over your birthday *children*, O Lord; as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Anniversary Blessing:** O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### ***The Blessing***

**Mission Song:**

**Lift High the Cross**

**H473**

*Descant*  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

*Refrain*  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied  
O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Repeat Refrain*  
the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.  
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.  
as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

**The Dismissal**

**Celebrant:** Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## Mark your calendar

- Wednesday Book Group at St. John's, 10:00 am
- Today, March 1st –  
11:30 Lenten Potluck and Bible Study: *The Final Days*
- Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> – Holy Eucharist 10:00 am, Fr. Ken presiding  
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- Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> – Holy Eucharist 10:00 am, Fr. Ken presiding  
11:30 Lenten Potluck and Bible Study: *The Final Days*
- Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Holy Eucharist 10:00 am, Fr. Ken presiding  
11:30 Lenten Potluck and Bible Study: *The Final Days*
- Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> – Holy Eucharist 10:00 am, Fr. Ken presiding

## Vestry Members

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