

**August 30, 2026
10:00 AM**

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 17**



***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 Hymn:

Take Up Your Cross

Charles William Everest (1814-1877)

H #675

BOURBON

attr. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859)

1. Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if you would my
2. Take up your cross, let not its weight fill your weak spi -

dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your

will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
spi - rit up, and brace you heart, and nerve your arm.

Opening Acclamation

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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: S280



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.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons

First Reading

Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of

Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.

The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

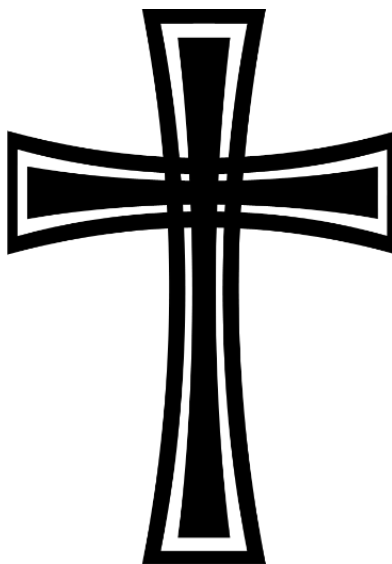
- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 23 Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
- 24 The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful; *
he made them stronger than their enemies;
- 25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, *
and dealt unjustly with his servants.
- 26 He sent Moses his servant, *
and Aaron whom he had chosen.
- 45 Hallelujah!

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

All: The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.



Please stand

Gospel Gradual:

The Way of Life Takes Unexpected Turns

Songs for the Cycle, p. 108

Michael Hudson, 2004

SURSUM CORDA

Alfred Morton Smith (1879-1971)

$\text{♩} = 52$

1. The way to Life takes un - ex - spect - ed turns, con - tra - ry to what
2. We meet the warm, trans - form - ing love of God, em - brace and praise it,
3. Our peace in piec - es lies be - fore our eyes - one piece runs with and

one an - ti - ci - pates. Who plots a path through hell's un - ea - sy streets
yet mis - un - der - stand that love, to reach and warm a wi - der world,
one a - gainst the grain. These meet and point to heav - en when we bind

to reach the peace of heav - en's stur - dy gates.
flows of - ten cross - wise to the ways we've planned.
God's great love in us to the world's great pain.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 52. The score consists of four systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (grand staff). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system includes three numbered verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system continues the lyrics. The fourth system concludes the piece with a double bar line.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:21-28

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

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Peggy Bryan

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 III)

Lector: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: **That we all may be one.**

Lector: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Lector: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Lector: For those living with food insecurity, for all our food pantries and meal ministries. For those in recovery: AA, NA, ALANON and all recovery ministries hosted in our congregations (9/1).

People: **That your presence may accompany them always.**

Lector: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Lector: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People: **That our works may find favor in your sight.**
Lector: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People: **That they may be delivered from their distress.**
Lector: Give to the departed eternal rest;
People: **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**
Lector: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People: **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**
Lector: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
The People may add their own petitions:
Presider Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do
your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

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**

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

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Exchange peace.

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn:

Our God, You Called to Moses

LLANGLOFFEN

fr. *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth*
yr Eglwys yng Nghymru, 1865

Carolyn Winfrey, 2000

Songs of Grace #5

1. Our God, you called to Mo - ses to set your peo - ple free. What
2. And yet, O Lord, you told him to trust in what you said. Your
3. You call each con - gre - ga - tion to serve the lost and poor. We

wrong - ly some sup - pose is: He an - swered ea - si - ly.
strength would sure - ly hold him through ev - ery day a - head.
doubt our own vo - ca - tion; we ask, "Lord, are you sure?"

"I'm not the one you're seek - ing!" he seemed in - stead to say.
Though ma - ny would op - pose him, by your own name he'd know:
Yet you give gifts for shar - ing, you show us what to say.

"My strength is not in speak - ing; God, find an - oth - er way!"
You were the one who chose him to help your peo - ple go.
Your spi - rit gives us dar - ing to serve Christ ev - ery day.

Doxology (Old 100th):

**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 B

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

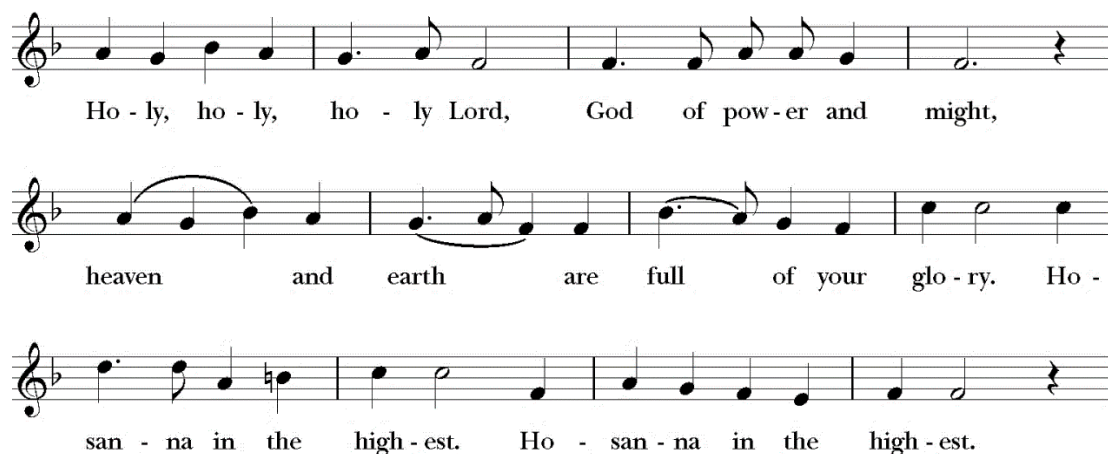
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him 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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

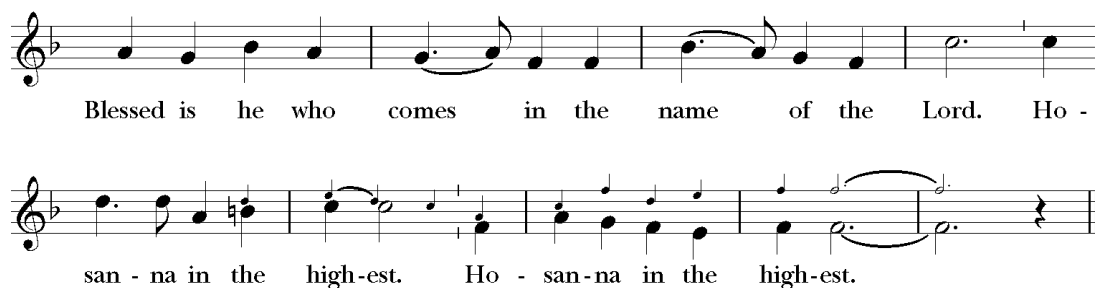
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: S125



The musical notation for Sanctus S125 is presented in three staves. The first staff contains the lyrics "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,". The second staff contains the lyrics "heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -". The third staff contains the lyrics "san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.".

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.



The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Stephen and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 say,

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.**

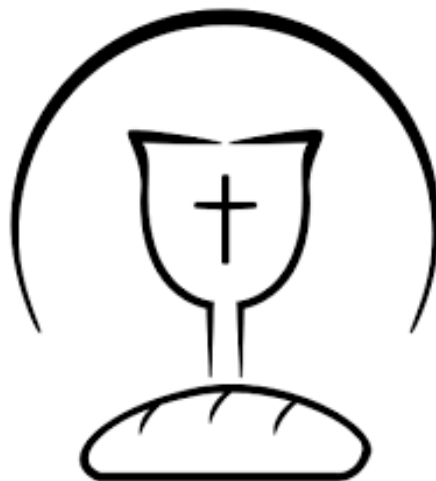
**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

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 Hymn:

New Every Morning is the Love

John Keble, 1882

The Hymnal 1940 #155

MELCOMBE

Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)

$\text{♩} = 96$

1. New ev - ery morn - ing is the love our wake - ning and up - ri - sing prove;
2. New mer - cies, each re - turn - ing day, a - round us hov - er while we pray;
3. If on our dai - ly course our mind be set to hal - low all we find,
4. Old friends, old scenes, will love - lier be, as more of heaven in each we see;
6. On - ly, O Lord, in thy dear love, fit us for per - fect rest a - bove;

through sleep and dark - ness safe - ly brought, re - stored to life and power and thought.
new per - ils past, new sins for - giv'n, new thoughts of God, new hopes of heav'n.
new trea - sures still, of count - less price, God will pro - vide for sac - ri - fice.
some soft - ening gleam of love and prayer shall down on ev - ery cross and care.
and help us, this and ev - ery day, to live more near - ly as we pray.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 96. The score consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first six verses of the hymn. The second system contains the concluding lines of the hymn. The piano accompaniment is written in the bass clef and provides a harmonic foundation for the vocal parts.

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and 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.**

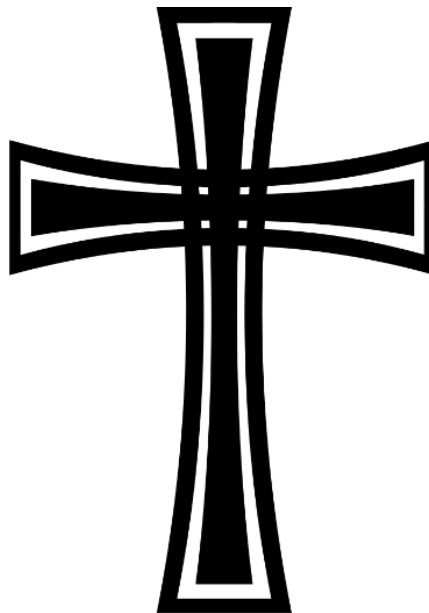
Announcements

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:

Community of Christ

Shirley Erena Murray

Worship & Rejoice! #615

LEONI
Hebrew melody

$\text{♩} = 48$

1. Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, who make the cross your own,
3. Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, through whom the world must sound -

live out your creed and risk your life for God a lone:
cry out for jus - tice and for peace the whole world round:

the God who wears your face, to whom all worlds be - long,
dis - arm the powers of war and all that can des - troy,

whose child - ren are of ev - ery race and ev - ery song.
turn bombs to bread, and tears of an - guish in - to joy.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Mark Your Calendar

- Wednesday Book Group at St. John's, 10:00 am
- Sunday, September 6th – New Creation Church
- Sunday, September 13th – Morning Prayer, 10:00 am
- Sunday, September 20th – Holy Eucharist, 10:00 am, Rev. Peggy Bryan Presiding
- Sunday, September 27th – Morning Prayer, 10:00 am

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